



SECAC MEETING MINUTES – September 2, 2010

Council Attendees: Ricky Berry, Susan Boone, Nadine Coleman, Margarette Davenport, Louise Davis, Sam Dawkins, Jill Dent, Johnny Franklin, Cathy Grace, Lora Mederos, Fiona Qualls, Steve Renfroe, Festus Simkins, Holly Spivey, Nita Thompson, Rhea Williams-Bishop

Public Attendees: Kim Esco Collins, Sue Russell, and Kathy Young

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to be Taken
Call the Meeting to Order	Grace called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.	
Approval of the Minutes from 7/12/2010	Copies of the minutes from the July 12, 2010, meeting were distributed to the Council. Renfroe made a motion and Coleman seconded to accept the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.	
Introductions of Council & Guests	Grace asked the attendees to introduce themselves and name the entities they represented.	
Updates from the Chair	Grace thanked Coleman for her year of service as interim chair.	
Workforce- TEACH	<p>Presentation of TEACH and WAGES by Sue Russell (power point presentation attached).</p> <p>Next Steps: Discussion with Russell about how the Council should proceed in regards to TEACH and WAGES. Davis stated the license costs \$3,000 for 3 years. However, the state has to pay for the monitoring costs. There was discussion on startup costs and whether or not to implement the program state-wide. There was also discussion concerning just beginning with TEACH and adding WAGES later.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dent stated the sub-committee should meet and discuss next steps. • Davis stated there is money in the proposal as well as the supplementary application for this.
SECAC Grant Proposal	Dent stated the Council grant had been submitted, and the award letter should arrive around the third week of September. Council was awarded \$165,000 in supplementary funds and Kellogg will pay the match for the funds. Bishop stated that because the Race to the Top, I3, and Leadership grants were not funded, Kellogg was able to provide a match for the supplementary funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This additional money will be added to workforce development.
Funding Opportunities: Jill Dent	<p>Teen Parenting Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dent stated that DHS is waiting to hear from Health and Human Services about the award 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS partnered with the Health Department and MDE for the grant. • Online parenting modules will be created for parenting teens and young women. <p><u>ACA Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dent stated grant was awarded. • Social Science Research Center is writing the needs assessment which is due September 20, 2010. • A conference call is scheduled for September 9 to discuss the grant. 	
<p>Updates: Nadine Coleman</p>	<p><u>Children’s Defense Fund – Data Driven Decisions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coleman reported on team trip to Haley Farm in Clinton, TN. • Coleman presented the Council with a list of end users and asked for Council input. General stakeholder meetings will be held September 29, October 6, and October 7. Dr. Grace will facilitate the meetings with larger agencies (Health Dept., MDE, etc...). • A discussion on data collection followed – what questions do you want answered before you collect the data? • Grace asked for approval of Coleman’s list. Renfroe made the motion and Bishop seconded the motion. Grace stated that all edits are due by September 8. <p><u>National League of Cities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coleman discussed the Community Conversation: Connecting Early Childhood to K-12 Education held in Petal. • Petal was selected as one of four cities by the National League of Cities and will be part of a peer learning group with other cities across the country. • Joan Lombardi attended the meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spivey and Laura Dickson will work on questions from the CDF proposal and group them as sub-questions from the Data Quality Campaign questions. • Kathy Glazer is the coach that will be working with Mississippi.
<p>Public Comments</p>	<p>Collins discussed a call for a special textbook adoption for pre-k 3 and 4 year olds. Nine companies submitted textbooks that were rated over the summer. The recommendations go before the board on September 16.</p>	
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Dent stated the Office of Children and Youth would change to the Division of Early Childhood Care and Development.</p> <p>Discussion on the hiring of an Executive Director. The entire process should take 60 days. A sub-committee will interview candidates for the position.</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.</p>	