

## SECAC MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 2016, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Jackson, Mississippi

### COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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Vickey Berryman, Ricky Boggan, John Davis, Johnny Franklin, Tamara Garner (representative for David Chandler), Brittany Herrington (phone), Rochelle Johnson (phone), Ed Langton, April May, Andrea Mayfield (phone), Lora Mederos, Diane Mikula, Mimmo Parisi, Robin Parker, Sandra Parks, Tina Routh, Laurie Smith, Holly Spivey, Nita Thompson, Carolyn Willis (phone)

### OTHERS PRESENT

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Eileen Beazley, Gov. Phil Bryant, Lesia Daniel, Debbie Ellis, Latasha Hadley, Ariel Jacobs, Delores Suel, Cathy Sykes

### MEETING OBJECTIVES

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1. Approval of Minutes
  2. SECAC Updates
  3. Public/Additional Comments
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### MINUTES

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#### Approval of Minutes

Chair Ricky Boggan opened discussion on the minutes from the September 22 SECAC meeting. Johnny Franklin motioned to accept the minutes. Nita Thompson seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved the motion.

#### SECAC Updates

Dr. Laurie Smith thanked Gov. Phil Bryant for his support of SECAC. Gov. Bryant then thanked SECAC for its work.

Gov. Bryant said the early childhood system report produced by SECAC is remarkable. He said the state will have child level data that will help in making decisions about investments in early childhood education. Gov. Bryant said it is very important that this system is family based. He said a lot of good things that policies want to do don't necessarily work because they don't keep the family in mind. Bryant said the way people are working together is better than he has ever seen in the state. He thanked the Council and the Agency Directors for the work on this state plan for early childhood education.

Smith conducted the presentation of the report, "A Family-Based Unified and Integrated Early Childhood System." She said the guidance of SECAC throughout the year has led to this plan.

John Davis said he appreciates the opportunity to work with agencies and individuals who are concerned about the young children of Mississippi. He thanked everyone for their input and said MDHS wants to continue having an open dialogue.

Mark Henry said MDES is already working on common case management for the workforce system. He said he hopes the early childhood system will be an improvement

and expansion of the WIOA system.

Cathy Sykes gave the update on Child Care and Development Fund activities.

Ariel Jacobs referred to the website flyer. She said the Innovative Communications Subcommittee developed this idea. She said the state needs help disseminating these documents across counties. She asked, on behalf of the council, the public to help distribute the flyers.

Davis gave the update for the Family Support Committee. He thanked everyone in the committee and the technical assistance team. He went over the many accomplishments of the committee over the year via PowerPoint.

Dr. Candice Pittman gave the update for the Health, Mental Health, and Nutrition Committee. She thanked the committee for its hard work on behalf of committee chair Carolyn Willis.

Langton gave the update for the Early Care and Learning Committee. He covered the accomplishments of the committee via PowerPoint. He stressed the committee's commitment to getting input from the public on the definition of early care and learning. He said providers and directors provided substantial input for the standard and comprehensive models.

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### Public/Additional Comments

Carol Burnett asked if the coaches would come from the community college early childhood programs. Smith stated that new employees would be hired at the colleges as coaches. The coaches would not be the existing community college faculty. Burnett asked if there would be a coordinated teacher wage for scholarships and stipends to invest in supporting the wages for centers (so centers don't have to bear the load). Davis stated that MDHS would be working on those details, none of which have been decided upon at this time. Burnett asked if there is a plan to integrate the strategy laid out today with the workforce development system. Davis said workforce development is a huge piece of what MDHS is doing. He said MDHS wants to find ways for employers to find training for workers. He said MDHS intends to build everything around the workforce piece from the federal level.

Delores Suel commended SECAC for listening to providers. She said she complains about a lot of things, but she can see the council is listening.

Eileen Beazley echoed what Suel said. She said Excel by 5 will be all for disseminating the flyers. In regard to the plan, she asked what is the plan to inform the public. Davis said the idea was to give the broad view of the plan; he said the plan is still under development until July 1. He said the public will have the opportunity to give input as the details come.

Latasha Hadley asked if rates will be different for standard vs. comprehensive centers. Davis stated yes. Hadley then asked what will happen with professional development until this transition period happens (July 1). She said what about getting professional development hours now that the Early Years Network is going away? Debbie Ellis said MSU extension should still be serving. Vickey Berryman said MSDH will still be offering licensure training. She said there is an approved list of trainers.

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Lesia Daniel asked who I contact for questions. Davis said you can contact MDHS through the number on the website or a form online.

Ellis thanked SECAC for giving private providers who serve low-income families an opportunity to give high quality without being stigmatized. She said she has read articles that implied providers didn't want to achieve quality. She said that's not true. She thanked SECAC for its support. She said providers haven't gotten any new children to replace those going to Head Start and elsewhere. She asked if any providers will be receiving new children between January and July. Otherwise, some providers would have to close its doors. Davis said there will be children added, but he said he can't give an exact number.

Chair Boggan adjourned the meeting at 11:52.

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