

SECAC MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 2018, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Jackson, Mississippi

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Jacob Black, Ricky Boggan, Margarette Davenport, Johnny Franklin, Ed Langton, April May, Nita Norphlet-Thompson, Melissa Parker, Mimmo Parisi, Tina Routh, Laurie Smith, Holly Spivey, Carolyn Willis

OTHERS PRESENT

Tate Gould, Dana Kidd, Micca Knox, Kathi Gillespie, Bonnie Windham

MEETING OBJECTIVES

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

Approval of Minutes

Chair Ricky Boggan said discussion on the minutes for the December 2017 SECAC meeting would be tabled until the next SECAC meeting.

SECAC Updates

Dr. Micca Knox gave an update on the Early Childhood Academies. In regard to health and safety training, she said 484 providers have enrolled and taken the online training, and face-to-face training will be available every Saturday in March.

Dr. Mimmo Parisi said NSPARC has been working with the Mississippi Department of Education and Head Start to integrate data. More than 95 percent of the data has been transferred. Parisi also said the state won a \$6 million grant to connect Head Start kids to MDE kids.

Dr. Laurie Smith said the University of Mississippi Medical Center received a \$10 million grant for early childhood developmental screenings. Dr. Susan Buttross will lead this effort for the state.

Dr. Tate Gould gave an update about the Child Care and Development Block Grant. He said Congress passed a two-year budget deal that included an increase in funding for the block grant.

Smith said the Education Commission of the States has developed policy briefs for the country, and two of them are related to early childhood. One brief involves funding for early childhood, while the other involves aligning early child care with K-3 policies.

Dana Kidd of MDHS gave a presentation on the Child Care Payment Program. She said MDHS has been working on getting programs up to speed.

Gould gave an update on the Health, Mental Health, and Nutrition Committee.

Nita Norphlet-Thompson gave an update on the Family Support Committee.

Carolyn Willis gave an update on the Early Care and Learning Committee. She said the committee has been working with Knox to prioritize goals for supporting ECAs

Public/Additional Comments

Langton inquired about CCPP market rates. Black said MDHS is still getting data together for the rates, so the process isn't done yet.

Chair Boggan adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.
