

SECAC MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 25, 2019 10:00 PM – 12:00 PM

Jackson, Mississippi

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Takisha Bishop, Margaret Chapman, Johnny Franklin, Andrea Mayfield, April May, Nita Norphlet-Thompson, Mimmo Parisi, Sandra Parks, Holly Spivey, and via phone Margaret Davenport, Brittany Herrington, Eloise McClinton, Diana Mikula, Laurie Smith, and Bonlitha Windham.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jacob Black (for John Davis), Kristi McHale, Micca Knox, Jill Dent, Carol Burnett, Matt Williams, Roberta Avila, Yumeka Rushing, Jim Miller, Austin Smith, Todd Klunk, MCCB-ECA representatives, Anna Wolfe, Megan Campbell, Mallory Hancock.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

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

Approval of Minutes

The Chair, Dr. Mimmo Parisi, opened discussion with a review of January 2019 minutes. April May requested her name to be added to council members present. Sandra Parks motioned to approve minutes with May's name added. The Council unanimously approved the motion with the correction.

SECAC Updates

Chair Parisi set up today's meeting with status updates for PDG B-5, MDHS state plan, and ECA.

Dr. Mayfield started by stating that the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB) is leading the PDG B-5 effort. She introduced all the team members working on this grant.

Ms. Yumeka Rushing, the PDG B5 Consultant through MCCB, provided an update on the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five initiative and thanked the council members for their support. Jacob Black, the Deputy Executive Director for MDHS and the Chair of the Technical Implementation Committee (TIC) for PDG B5, mentioned that TIC will target centers with an interest in becoming a Comprehensive center, but the data analysis process is not complete. Black specified that the selection process will also be for centers that are currently going through the Standard designation.

Next, Ms. Kristi McHale provided an update of the CCDF State Plan, and she stated that the

deadline to receive the Standard designation is October 1, 2019.

Dr. Laurie Smith provided the legislative update that included information on the literacy-based bill for children who enter school, early childhood funds for pre-K Collaboratives, additional funds for teachers to receive national certification, and STEM education and workforce training through the Nuclear High School Academy.

Dr. Micca Knox provided an update for the Early Childhood Academy (ECA) that included a report that they are fully staffed with coaches, resource and referral associates, ECA liaisons, family engagement specialists, and business advisors. They are also partnering with Families First. The ECA is working towards having all community colleges house an Early Childhood Academy.

At that point, the Chair requested an update about TIC. Mr. Black informed the council that TIC is a collaboration of all grant partners. He said that there is representation among others from Dept. of Health, Head Start, Dept. of Education, SECAC, MCCB, and one parent. Mr. Black mentioned that there will be requirements gathering as part of the second implementation committee.

All major updates concluded at this point at which the Chair opened the floor for public comments.

Public/Additional Comments

Ms. Carol Burnett asked questions about the PDG B5 upcoming grant process. Dr. Parisi assured her that MCCB would include all stakeholders to be involved in the grant writing process.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.
