

**Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
Executive Committee Meeting Conference Call
February 19, 2013 from 8:30am-10:00am
Access number: 877-820-7831 Pin#: 93348999#**

CBEC Mission

To ensure that Missouri's early childhood programs and services are comprehensive, coordinated, accessible, adequately funded and of the highest quality to meet the needs and to promote the well-being of all young children and their families. This can be accomplished by (a) developing key partnerships, (b) building collaborative strategies and (c) ensuring equal access to necessary resources, resulting in the implementation of an effective and sustainable early childhood system.

On call: Daryl Rothman, Shirley Patterson, Jim Caccamo, Carol Scott, Patsy Carter, Candy Shively

MINUTES

Jim Called to order at 8:33a.m.

➤ **America's Edge**

-Must decide "policy ask."

The committee decided Pre-K may be the right topic but stressed that any "ask" would need to be coupled with building strength of quality child care, and will have to be staggered over some time to have the resources, preparation and quality. It was also stressed that we should make sure we have consistent messaging with the priorities of the legislators who will be there March 5 for the roll-out of the report.

Daryl was asked to research model wording for poetical Pre-K ask, from other states and from PEW's "Pre-K Now" report.

➤ **CBEC Funding/Sustainability**

-See attached list of potential donors. Researched donors that have given to or are described to have early childhood and/or education as focal areas of their philanthropy. Now that strategic plan is revised, policy priorities established, and several concrete projects approved, I would like permission and guidance to start soliciting donors. I am mocking up budget, but I am suggesting a goal of \$500,000 for a year's budget post-Aug 31: this would allow for salary, meetings, and some projects that work groups may propose (and possibly a

little money to perpetuate Public Awareness Campaign), and modest overhead, etc.

The committee agreed funding must be pursued but stressed that we must first confirm with Mayme Young statutory language governing solicitation of funds, and if permissible, possibly work on establishment of a fund (as permitted by statute). It was also suggested that any solicitations must be strategic and consider conveying what CBEC has accomplished, how these accomplishments tie to future goals and work, CBEC's mission, and be targeted to specific goals/interest areas of each organization being approached.

➤ **Updates on Funded Projects**

-See attached update.

➤ **CBEC policy priorities**

- National Registry --Fingerprint/Background Screening
- Increase Access to Training
- Social/Emotional Development—*The committee agrees that any potential early childhood legislation must consider language supporting this area.*
- Voluntary Pre-K

*What *actions* do we wish to possibly take with these? How might they be affected by both the Governor's and President's budget plans?

➤ **The Opportunity before Us:** some ideas for capitalizing on and coordinating some of the EC momentum building at both the state and federal level.

- Engaging Business Community—*it was agreed that in addition to asking business leaders to support quality early learning, that support for Medicaid expansion be asked as well. Candy reminded the group that there is a nice PowerPoint on the OA website.*
- WOYC—*the committee supported CBEC asking the G.O. for a proclamation in support of this week.*
- Governor's and President's Budgets/Priorities
- Public Awareness Campaign

➤ **Miscellaneous**

Meeting adjourned 9:30a.m.

NEXT CBEC MEETING

April 30, 2013
GOB, Room 470, Jefferson City, MO
526-5808/866-630-9351

CBEC GROUP NORMS

- Start and end meetings promptly
- Respect all views
- Establish context/background for discussions
- Avoid side conversations
- Agenda construction shall include required actions (information sharing, discussion or decision) & process for decision making
- Questions are always okay