

**CBEC State Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2016 from 10:00-3:00**

<b>Members Present:</b>	
Roseann Bentley, Green County Commissioner	JoAnne Ralston, Dept. of Elementary and Secondary (DESE)
Emily Koenig, Dept. of Mental Health (DMH)	Shirley Patterson, Consultant in Early Language & Literacy
Carol Scott, Child Care Aware® of Missouri	Brenda Shields, Past President, United Way of Missouri
Stacey Wright, MO Head Start	Paula Knight, St. Louis Public School District
Jeanne Serra, Dept. of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)	Judge J. Dale Youngs, Judiciary Representative
Valeri Lane, Zero to Three	
<b>Members Present by Phone:</b>	
<b>Members Absent:</b>	
Cindy Burks, Dept. of Social Services (DSS)	
<b>Guests Present:</b>	
Julie Allen, Project Launch	(phone) Sue Porting (DHSS)
Cindy Reese (DHSS)	(phone) Diane Carter, Military Child Care Liaison
Lisa Driskel Hawxby, OPEN	(phone) Sara Schlemper, Univ. of MO MIECHV Evaluation Team
Rebecca Bax, Missouri Developmental Disability Council	(phone) Josh Chittum, LINC
Linda Rallo, Raise Your Hands for Kids	(phone) Jovanna Rohs, UMKC Institute for Human Development
<b>Staff Present:</b>	
Linda Sommers, Dept. of Social Services (DSS)	Justin Logan, Dept. of Social Services (DSS)

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Follow-up
<b>Call to Order and approval of the agenda</b>	<p>Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Roseann Bentley.</p> <p>The agenda for January 5, 2016 was reviewed. Motion to approve agenda as revised by Shirley Patterson. Motion seconded by Brenda Shields.</p>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
<b>Report of the Secretary</b>	<p>Minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting were presented. Motion was made by Carol Scott to approve the minutes with minor changes. Motion was seconded by Shirley Patterson.</p>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
<b>Budget Report and Request</b>	<p>Justin Logan presented the budget report. As the detailed report of expenses for the first part of FY16 had not yet been sent to him, he will send out the spreadsheet version when it is available.</p> <p>Although the Board has requested that workgroup budgets be submitted by January, leeway will be given for FY17, and the workgroups will have until the April 5 CBEC meeting to submit. In the future, budget requests will need to be in by the January annual meeting.</p>	
<b>Discussion/Action Items</b>	<p><b><u>Home Visiting Workgroup</u></b></p> <p>Valeri Lane stated that the World Café was energizing. The objective was to look at the area outlined in the Zero-to-Three assessment tool to consider what the home visiting landscape would look like in “your community”. One of the things that came out of the report on Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs in Missouri: A Qualitative Assessment of the State System completed by OSEDA was to define eight recommendations for the state to consider in developing a state system for home visiting. One recommendation was to “outline what a coordinated state system for early childhood home visiting would look like in Missouri.” To get input from a broad array of stakeholders, the CBEC Home Visiting Workgroup held a World Café in September. The World Café included a broad spectrum of stakeholders from around the state; it was divided into eight topic areas with each table having 20 minutes to discuss each topic with a facilitator and a note taker. The workgroup will be meeting January 26 to analyze the data taken at the World Café and bring it back in summary form to CBEC. The workgroup will also look into what actions other states are taking to accomplish this goal.</p>	

**Early Care and Education Workgroup**

Carol Scott reported that the ECE workgroup was looking into using a “strength-based” approach to examine what content areas and levels of workforce development for early care and education personnel are already covered by professional development providers in the state. We are collecting information on the assets that the state has developed; and plan to recommend how we can use those assets optimally to meet the growing demand for higher quality PD. Because we know that “spray and pray” one-shot training, which is our predominant form of professional development for this workforce, doesn’t change behavior. The workgroup will be working on this for the next six months so that it can bring it to the board, we hope at the July meeting. One major change we anticipate is that PD to help change the business model of child care and early education will need to be developed and elevated in importance.

**Early Mental Health Workgroup**

Emily Koenig reported that the Early Childhood Mental Health workgroup has developed a curriculum, training and 6-month learning collaborative aimed at enhancing the capacity of mental health professionals to serve the social and emotional needs of young children. Two cohorts of mental health professionals have been funded to take part in the collaborative; the first was funded by Project LAUNCH and the second by Missouri DHSS and the MO Coalition of Community Behavioral Healthcare. In October, CBEC approved funding the Early Childhood Mental Health workgroup to conduct a third training. The third training would bring together both cohorts in the morning for training on mindfulness and secondary trauma. The afternoon will feature a presentation by Dr. Martin Moldonado, from UMKC, on infant-early childhood mental health, and be open to not only the two cohorts of mental health professionals, but any professional interested in advancing their understanding of infant mental health. The training is tentatively scheduled for May 2016.

**Inclusion Policy**

Stacey Wright reminded all workgroups to look at the Inclusion Policy that was put out by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Dept. of Education Office of Special Education. This policy statement on the inclusion of children in early childhood programs was released in September 2015. At the October 2015 meeting, the Coordinating Board agreed that the workgroup chairs would bring that document to their workgroups for discussion (as inclusion cuts across all areas of State Plan) and bring back to the Board their

thoughts/comments. Stacey suggested that they start with the definition of “Inclusion” as outlined in the Policy Statement and currently is in the Missouri State Plan. Workgroup members could be encouraged to discuss this definition of inclusion to determine if there is consensus, and if not, where are the areas of concern? It was also acknowledged that it will be important to collaborate with existing advisory bodies, councils and organizations that have expertise within this area. Examples include SICCC, MO Council on Disabilities, and others. The next step may include each workgroup identifying how they may work to advance inclusion within their particular portion of the State Plan and where the passion of the workgroup lies with that policy. The CBEC can then work to ensure the State Plan promotes a vision and strategies that are reflective of a culture of inclusion. Emily Koenig stated that the Early Mental Health workgroup was already cognizant of the need for inclusion and is working on some of the strategies that were recommended in the statement to ensure that programs were more inclusive.

**DHSS Update**

Cindy Reese gave an update on projects. Patsy Carter is continuing to give Trauma Response training; work is in progress on a pilot CQI initiative in Joplin through MIECHV; quarterly webinars are being held for stakeholders; a Parent Café was held for six different areas throughout the state, including one in the Moberly area which focused on fathers. There will be a summit in the spring that is for parent leaders that will also be a kickoff event for a possible Missouri Parent Advisory Council.

Sue Porting gave a report on the emergency rule regarding the Safe Sleep Policy which came about in the 2015 MO General Assembly SB 341, in which the main impact on licensed child care providers for children less than one year requires them to implement a written safe sleep policy and have safe sleep training every three years. It also requires DHSS to promulgate rules to enforce those requirements. The emergency rules went into effect on November 20, 2015. There is a FAQ on the website and it has gone to providers. There has not been much reaction other than “What do I need to do to be in compliance?”

**Pam Thomas – Coordinator for the First Steps Program**

Pam Thomas gave an insight report to the Coordinating Board on the First Steps Program in Missouri. First Steps offers coordinated services and assistance to young children with special needs and their families. First Steps is designed for

children birth to age 3 who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions that are associated with developmental disabilities. Pam represents the State Interagency Coordinating Council that advises the Dept. of Education on the First Steps Program. Over the last five years, First Steps has been working to improve the program in response to capacity issue. They have gone from serving 1.65% of the population to 2.42%, and from 6000 referrals to 12,000 referrals per year; it is suspected that the majority of this increase is because of the economy and advances in medical technologies/diagnostics. Because dollars have not doubled to compensate, Early Intervention Teams were formed so that families are assigned to a team that geographically serves the area. Once a child is eligible, there are 19 possible services for the family to receive; representatives of 5 of those services are represented on every team, with the remaining available if needed. The SICC was instrumental in selecting a model and in sharing resources.

Pam shared pamphlets and an overview of First Steps by-laws and a description of the advisory council whose members are appointed by the governor.

**State Plan**

Justin Logan gave an update on the State Plan, noting that it needs to be ready for federal review on March 1. There were several face-to-face hearings around the state and a webinar from Jefferson City, which was such a success that a phone number had to be added to accept more people. Carol Scott commented that that one concern was that the way it was written, pre-K children could be included in school age program before and after school; because many of those programs are not licensed there are no group size limits or adult/child ratios.

**Every Student Succeeds**

JoAnne Ralston reported on the “Every Student Succeeds” Act (formerly “No child Left Behind”) which was passed and signed by the President on December 10. DESE is reviewing the law, which has 1061 pages. Carol Scott commented that one thing CBEC will want to look at is that school boards will be encouraged to partner with community based child care for their pre-K programs, which was one of the recommendations from CBEC’s own Pre-K panel in 2009.

Brenda Shields pointed out that Kansas City is considering trying to pass a tax for universal pre-school, much like what Denver has implemented. She will forward to the Board the article in the Kansas City Star on this project. Lack of a Quality Rating System that will work is a major drawback.

**Legislative Priorities**

	<p>Stacey Wright brought up the legislative priorities that will be forthcoming. One of these is the Quality Rating System. The priorities for 2017 session should be ready by July and discussed at the fall meeting. As the board shares concerns with the Missouri Children's Leadership Council, Carol Scott suggested Judy Dungan, lobbyist for Missouri Children's Leadership Council, be invited to attend the April meeting and give a legislative update.</p> <p><b><u>Raise Your Hands For Kids</u></b> Linda Rallo gave an update on the "Raise Your Hands for Kids" initiative petition for the 2016 election to increase the tobacco tax over five years. The updated language in the petition is a sixty cent increase over four years at fifteen cents per year. Also included is a sixty-seven cent equity fee on tobacco companies that do not pay into the settlement and will increase the price in "off brand" cigarettes. The petition was changed from the original goal of a statutory change to a constitutional amendment, which makes sure the money goes to where it is supposed to go. The funds will be allocated by a separate entity which will be a commission.</p> <p><b><u>Round Table Discussion on Homelessness</u></b> Stacey Wright informed the board that the Head Start Collaboration office would be hosting a roundtable discussion on homelessness on February 11. CBEC is invited to send a representative to be a part of the discussion. Paula Knight accepted the task of attending to represent CBEC.</p> <p><b><u>Missouri Preschool Program</u></b> JoAnne Ralston reported that bids for the Missouri Preschool Program Start-UP Grants are due on February 22. New or expanding programs can apply for these grants and awardees will be announced the first week of March.</p> <p><b><u>Missouri Developmental Disability Council</u></b> Rebecca Bax of the Missouri Developmental Disability Council gave a report on the work of the Council. At this time, the Council is particularly looking at inclusion in the child care and early education fields.</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	At 2:45 p.m., Valeri Lane moved to adjourn the meeting. Carol Scott seconded.	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Quarterly Meeting on April 5, 2016 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm; Governor's Office Building Room 316	

