

**CBEC State Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2014 from 10:00-3:00**

Members Present:	
Jim Caccamo, Metropolitan Council on Early Learning	Jeanne Serra, Dept of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)
Patsy Carter, Department of Mental Health (DMH)	Kathy Quick, DHSS Representative
Cindy Burks, Department of Social Services (DSS) Representative	Shirley Patterson, Consultant in Early Language & Literacy
Valeri Lane, Zero to Three	Carol Scott, Child Care Aware of Missouri
Roseann Bentley , Green County Commissioner	Brenda Shields, Past President, United Way of Missouri
Members Present by Phone:	
Stacey Owsley-Wright, MO Head Start	
Members Absent:	
Judge J. Dale Youngs, Judiciary Representative	
Paula Knight, St. Louis Public School District	
Guests Present:	
Judy Dungan, MO Children's Leadership Council	Erin Brower, MO Children's Leadership Council
Cindy Reese, Dept of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)	
Staff Present:	
Nicole Kliegel, Department of Social Services (DSS)	Justin Logan, Dept of Social Services

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Follow-up
Call to Order and approval of the agenda	Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jim Caccamo. The agenda from July 1, 2014 was reviewed. Motion to approve agenda. Motion seconded.	MOTION CARRIED
Report of the Secretary	Minutes were not available from the April 15, 2014 meeting	
Budget Report	Some of the dollars that were allocated from other departments were not utilized. We will be looking at our FY'15 budget to remain the same with the exception of DHSS as previously discussed. Motion to accept as presented. Motion seconded.	MOTION CARRIED
Discussion/Action Items	<p><u>Update on the Legislative 2014 Session</u></p> <p>Judy Dungan and Erin Brower of Missouri Children's Leadership Council presented legislation that passed/failed.</p> <p>Legislation passed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHP waiting period for ACA eliminated. • Children's Division Career Ladder including technology dollars • CAC (Child Advocacy Center) received \$500,000 increase • Increase from 30 to 45 days to complete abuse and neglect investigations • Office of Child Advocates new language to "allow" appointment of a guardian ad litem (was "required") • Minors in legal custody of Children's Division can purchase automobile insurance • Child care providers must show licensure status to parents seeking child care <p>Legislation vetoed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New money for internet program to track foster children's medical care, • Budget Items Restricted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rate increase for license and exempt providers 2. Increased eligibility for child care • Future funding for bringing state pediatrician Medicare rates to federal rate • Asthma care services for children • Rate increases for adolescent sites including new funding for autism center 	

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	<p><u>Dissolution of MOA among DSS, CBEC and DHSS</u> Cindy Reese reported that there will be no change in the work that is done for the federal ECCS grant, but CBEC won't have a staff person representing CBEC person going with Cindy in the work with local communities.</p> <p><u>Legislation (SB 869 and HB 1831)</u> Cindy Burks reported that although not yet signed at time of meeting, legislation requires DSS to bring together a group of stakeholders – parents, providers, advocates, and others to discuss and outline a system of indicators for child care provider quality. There have already been some requests to participate. Proposed federal regulations are still pending. Recent bill passed in Missouri cannot be implemented prior to 6 months after the final promulgation at the federal level. Suggestion would be that the indicators will be reviewed every 3 to 5 years for updates.. Motion was made to join with DSS to help develop indicators to meet the requirements of federal regulation for new child care rules. Motion was seconded.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p>

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	<p><u>Early Care and Education Programs Workgroup</u> <u>Carol Scott, Workgroup Chair, reported on the group's recommendations:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child care fee assistance. The recommendation of the work group is that child care assistance rate be increased by 3% per year, as it was last year, until reimbursement rates are sufficient for parents to have access to child care services at the 75th percentile of the market rate, and that the Office of Administration be charged with completing a projection on when that goal will be reached using this strategy. After the goal is achieved reimbursement rates should be continued to be updated annually or as needed to maintain families' access to the 75th percentile of the market. This strategy will also help programs with a high percentage of assistance to improve in quality. 2. When these new rules are promulgated or CCDBG is reauthorized, the workgroup recommends that some of the increased percentage of quality set-aside funds be used to provide a sustaining level of annual funding to the T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI program, and to provide funding to professional development programs that integrate training and coaching as quality improvement strategies for our state. <p>This memo is a motion from this workgroup to move these recommendations forward to the Governor's office. Motion seconded.</p> <p><u>Website Updates</u> Cindy Burks reported that Justin Logan will be correcting the website. There is a need to go through and update workgroups. Cindy would also like to have the ECCS website linked to the CBEC website. Recommendation is that as Cindy Reese identifies things that would be valuable on the website, it be brought to the Executive Committee or the full Board. (No motion needed)</p> <p><u>Market Rate Survey</u> DSS is in the process of doing its every 2-year market rate survey working with providers. This is the mechanism for studying Missouri's child care rates for the subsidy program.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION CARRIED</p>

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	<p><u>Restructuring of Child Care Providers Unit</u> Upcoming federal rules will require site visits and verification of trainings completed. The decision has been made to move the processing of payments to the Division of Finance and Administrative Services. This will take place September 1, 2014 and DSS is working to “uncouple” positions.</p> <p><u>Child Care Portal</u> Jeanne Serra shared a report prepared by Kathy Quick on the “child care portal”. Inspections are on the online portal, which is getting 5000 to 7000 hits per month, so it is a success. The governor’s office has told OA to make it an app so that it can be used on ipad, phone, etc. Kathy’s hard work has been much appreciated, as she retires on September 1.</p> <p><u>Head Start Website</u> Stacey Wright would like the Board to visit the MO Head Start website and view webinars. The Child Safety and Supervision webinar looks at state licensing regulations and HS Performance Standards and is aimed at expanding staff knowledge/strategies within the areas of safety and well-being of children. Another looks at the impact of homelessness on young children’s school readiness.</p>	
Additional Reports/Documents		
Adjournment	Motion made and seconded to adjourn.	MOTION CARRIED
Next Meeting	October 7, 2014 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm; Governor’s Office Building Room 470	