

**CBEC State Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
July 7, 2015 from 10:00-3:00**

<b>Members Present:</b>	
Roseann Bentley , Green County Commissioner	Jim Caccamo, Metropolitan Council on Early Learning
Emily Koenig, Department of Mental Health (DMH)	JoAnne Ralston, Dept. of Elementary and Secondary (DESE)
Cindy Burks, Department of Social Services (DSS)	Shirley Patterson, Consultant in Early Language & Literacy
Stacey Wright, MO Head Start	Brenda Shields, Past President, United Way of Missouri
Sue Porting, Dept. of Health and Senior Services (DHSS Representative)	
<b>Members Present by Phone:</b>	
Valeri Lane, Zero to Three	Carol Scott, Child Care Aware® of Missouri
<b>Members Absent:</b>	
Judge J. Dale Youngs, Judiciary Representative	Paula Knight, St. Louis Public School District
<b>Guests Present:</b>	
Pamela Speer, MO Accreditation	Pamela Lucas, MO Head Start
Cindy Reese (DHSS)	(phone) Diane Carter, Military Child Care Liaison
Julie Allen, Project Launch	(phone) Erin Brower, Raise Your Hands for Kids
<b>Staff Present:</b>	
Linda Sommers, Department of Social Services (DSS)	Justin Logan, Department of Social Services (DSS)

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Follow-up
<b>Call to Order and approval of the agenda</b>	Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Roseann Bentley The agenda for July 7, 2015 was reviewed. Motion to approve agenda by Carol Scott. Motion seconded by Shirley Patterson.	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
<b>Report of the Secretary</b>	Minutes of the April 7, 2015 meeting and the special May 20, 2015 meeting were presented. With spelling corrections on the May 20 minutes, motion was made by Carol Scott to approve the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Stacy Wright	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
<b>Budget Report</b>	Cindy Burks reported that lapsed dollars from FY15 will not be carried over. This amounts to approximately \$16,000. The FY16 budget was presented, with a total of \$40,000, which includes \$10,000 for CBEC workgroups, \$2000 for Exec Team, \$3000 for CBEC meetings, and \$5000 for other expenses, contracts and MOUs. The unallocated dollars are to be used as needed. Workgroups may project how they wish to utilize the dollars budgeted for their use. Workgroups will need to get their budget requests in by September 15, 2015 in order to be approved by October 6, 2015 meeting. Shirley Patterson made the motion to approve this with the addendum of stating how those proposals connect with the Strategic Plan. Cindy Burks seconded the motion.	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
<b>Discussion/Action Items</b>	<b><u>Update on the State Plan</u></b> Cindy Burks related that the State Plan is still in the drafting phase. Staff had met with community groups in St. Louis and Kansas City with more meetings to come. The plan is to have Focus Groups for parents and Focus Groups for providers. The pilot program is set to have meetings in St. Louis on three Tuesdays in .August for parents to inform them of upcoming changes in subsidy and listening to their concerns. On the following Wednesdays we will give an overview of the subsidy changes providers and getting their feedback. The next step will be a full day meeting in Kansas City, working with Operation Breakthrough and the coordinator of the program for the homeless population. After getting feedback from this visit, we hope to spread out to other communities.  The first internal draft is due August 15 and there will be a draft for review for the October 6 meeting. At that meeting, an hour will be needed for discussion and the draft will then be posted on the CBEC website for feedback. It will be posted for twenty days and then hold public hearings.	

**Strategic Plan**

Justin Logan presented the slightly updated draft of Missouri's Early Childhood Strategic Plan. As there is no set process for updating the Plan should it be needed, it was decided that a small committee consisting of Valerie Lane and Stacey Wright from CBEC, along with Cindy Reese and another person from ECCS, should come up with such a process should changes be needed. It will be discussed at the October meeting and voted on at the annual meeting in January. After the process is in place, any changes to the Plan will be discussed.

**Dr. Gale Hairston, Director, Education Preparation**

Dr. Gail Hairston led an interesting discussion on changes in the preparation and certification of PreK - 12 teachers. These include:

- MO General Education Assessment (MoGEA) - replaced the CBASE
- MO Educator Profile (MEP) - helps develop educator work habits
- MO Content Assessments – exit exams that replaced the Praxis
- MO Standards-Based Performance Assessments - measures student teacher performance
- Grade Point Averages – as of Dec. 2016 cumulative must be 2.75.

**Children's Service Commission**

Emily Koenig reported that Rep. Sue Meredith (D), new chair of the Children's Service Commission, had requested that CBEC, as one of the three entities under the CSC, give a short presentation on the mission of CBEC and opportunities for collaboration. Carol Scott plans to attend the August 3 CSC meeting and will give the presentation.

**Head Start Program Performance Standards**

Stacey Wright presented on Head Start "revamp" of its Program Performance Standards (PPS). This updates and simplifies them while maintaining rigorous expectations health and safety of children, as well as family engagement. She pointed out that the current PPS has over 1400 requirements in 11 sections that have been amended in a piecemeal fashion over the past 40 years. This has brought about redundancies and requirements that impede partnerships. The update would also include full day, or 6 hours minimum, and full year. In addition, Outcomes Framework would be incorporated into the proposed rules, and would include ages birth to five.

**Raise Your Hands For Kids**

Erin Brower discussed with the Board the “Raise Your Hands for Kids” ballot initiative for the 2016 election. The initiative is in the midst of a campaign to increase the tobacco tax by 50 cents over five years to bring in an additional \$250 million a year for various existing and new screening programs, home visits and child care for children from birth through age five. It would also move CBEC from DSS to DESE, set term limits for members, and give CBEC the responsibility of disbursing the funds.

Stacey Wright voiced the concern that the initiative needs to make sure changes in CBEC are in compliance with the Head Start Act and able to accept federal monies that may come down.

**Home Visitation Workgroup**

The Board was given a handout on the finalized “Home Visiting: A Critical Component of Missouri’s Early Childhood System” which explains how home visiting supports the CBEC Strategic Plan.

The second point of discussion from the workgroup is to address the recommendation of the OSEDA report by bringing together a group of 48 stakeholders from across state offices, local programs and geographic representation. To accomplish this, the workgroup has planned a “World Café” for September 16, 2015. A request was made for approval from the Board to spend up to \$5000 from the FY16 budget for this event. Brenda Shields made the motion that the money, not to exceed \$5000, for the program, be approved. Jim Caccamo seconded the motion.

**Child Care Aware**

Carol Scott pointed out that the child care fact sheet for Missouri that was distributed to the Board was also available for every county in Missouri on the Child Care Aware of Missouri website.

Carol also informed the Board that the T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI scholarship and retention program had been funded by DESE contract for FY16.

**MOTION CARRIED**

	<p><b><u>Child Care Subsidy</u></b>  Cindy Burks explained that there is a Workforce Investment Boards Pilot program being implemented August 3. Ten of the local WIBs will be trained in taking child care applications for WIB participants. The goal is to expedite the completion of child care applications so that participants are not delayed in work search activities. Additional outreach has taken place in the past few months. Early Childhood staff has trained case managers, social workers, etc. on how to help families navigate the application process. This training will aid in understanding the process and what documentation a parent needs to apply for child care, along with what is available. It will also train how to help families get employment and assistance.</p> <p>Cindy also reported that in Kansas City, the child care processing center now has a 16 day turn-around. The goal is 15 days or less. There is now a high mark of 37,000 children receiving child care subsidy, which is up from the 31,000.</p> <p><b><u>Raising of America Video</u></b>  Anyone wishing to watch the Raising of America Video which had been planned for showing can contact Justin Logan. The one hour documentary shows the impact of poverty on children in America.</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	At 2:10 p.m., Shirley Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting; Cindy Burks seconded.	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	October 6, 2015 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm; Governor’s Office Building Room 470	