

**CBEC State Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2015 from 10:00-3:00**

Members Present:	
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 Representative)	
Members Present by Phone:	
Valeri Lane, Zero to Three	Cindy Burks, Dept. of Social Services (DSS)
Members Absent:	
Judge J. Dale Youngs, Judiciary Representative	
Guests Present:	
Julie Allen, Project Launch	Linda Rallo, Raise Your Hands for Kids
Cindy Reese (DHSS)	(phone) Diane Carter, Military Child Care Liaison
Staff Present:	
Linda Sommers, Dept. of Social Services (DSS)	Justin Logan, Dept. of Social Services (DSS)

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Follow-up
Call to Order and approval of the agenda	<p>Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Roseann Bentley.</p> <p>The agenda for October 6, 2015 was reviewed. There were two addendums to the agenda, which included setting the dates for 2016 Board meetings, and discussing the vacancies on the Board. Motion to approve agenda as revised by Shirley Patterson. Motions seconded by Carol Scott.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
Report of the Secretary	<p>Minutes of the July 7, 2015 meeting were presented. Motion was made by Carol Scott to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Shirley Patterson.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
Action to set Dates	<p>Dates for the Coordinating Board for Early Childhood meetings were set as the following Tuesdays in 2016: January 5, April 5, July 12, and October 4.</p>	
Budget Report and Request	<p>Justin Logan presented the budget report. Dept. of Social Services has allocated \$20,000 and Dept. of Health and Senior Services and the Dept. of Elementary and Secondary have each allocated \$10,000 if needed. YTD amount spent is \$737.13 for July and August. Amount for September is not yet available. Brenda Shields requested a more detailed report for the expenses in the future.</p> <p>The Home Visitation Workgroup spent approximate \$2000 on the World Café in September, which included mileage and lunch for 48 participants. The invoice for that lunch has not yet been received.</p> <p>Emily Koenig placed a budget request for the Early Childhood Mental Health Workgroup. The 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. The Workgroup requests up to \$5,500 to conduct a third training which would seek to grow the number of mental health providers with training and understanding of early childhood development. Motion was made by Emily Koenig to approve the funding of this request. Motion seconded by Carol Scott.</p>	MOTION CARRIED

<p>Discussion/Action Items</p>	<p><u>New Members of the CBEC Board</u> As there are now five vacant slots on the CBEC Board, discussion was held as to how to proceed with getting these slots filled. As there is a process to getting on the Board which includes being appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate, it was decided to hold further requests to the Governor's Office until after the 2016 election. If, however, there was an interest by any individual in serving on the Board, there would be a request forwarded to the Governor's office staff for consideration.</p> <p><u>Update on the State Plan</u> Cindy Burks reported that the State Plan is in the process of having all the pieces put together. Since April, several groups that deal with child care have met, and in August three provider focus groups were held in three different locations. The biggest area of discussion surrounded training, with "Four or Less" providers concerned about inspections. On October 9, there will be a meeting to identify any holes in the plan and groups that still need to meet. The plan will then go to Children's Division Director Tim Decker with the goal for it to be posted on the internet by November 1 in preparation for public hearings. The next goal is to hold public hearings the first week of December in Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield and Columbia, with Columbia being a video conference to outlying areas. There will also be a daytime webinar for those not available in the evenings. Once the public hearings and comments are reviewed, it will go to the Department of Social Services for review in January, to the Governor's office for review in February, and be ready for the Federal review on March 1.</p> <p><u>Strategic Plan</u> Justin Logan has updated the Strategic Plan with formatting so that changes could be made without a complicated process. Only minor changes were made in the content. Stacey Wright made a motion to accept the updated version with a second by Shirley Patterson. Carol Scott made the request to the motion that the document will have an added notation "Under review during state FY16" and removing the 2015 date. The amended motion was accepted.</p> <p>Cindy Reese made a request to the CBEC Board to print and distribute copies of the Strategic Plan to child care providers. The cost for printing is approximately \$1500 for 5000 copies, and there would be additional cost for mailing. 69% of licensed providers do have e-mail and the Plan could be sent to those providers in that way. Cindy Reese would also write a "blurb" for social media.</p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>
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As the request is to mail out the Plan to providers without e-mail, and to avoid an outdated document, Brenda Shields made a motion to remove all verbiage regarding a date on the Strategic Plan. Carol Scott seconded.

Motion Passed

Carol Scott made a motion to allocate up to \$3000 for printing and mailing the Strategic Plan to licensed and registered providers. Shirley Patterson seconded.

Motion Passed

Inclusion Policy

Stacey Wright reported that in September the Executive Committee had met regarding a site visit in the Kansas City area by federal officials that included a representative from the Administration for Children and Families and the Dept. of Education Office of Special Education. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan released a statement on inclusion, and there was a roundtable discussion relating to inclusion. These were part of the “Back-to-School Bus Tour”. The CBEC Executive Committee agreed that they would endeavor to advance application of inclusion in Missouri. The federal policy outlines what states can do to move forward with inclusion; it has a definition of inclusion referencing; and explains how to create a culture of inclusion in communities. Rather than start from scratch, it was suggested that the Board look at what other entities such as SpecialQuest have already done, including working on professional development.

JoAnne Ralston added that Missouri reviewed the federal inclusion policy and found that Missouri was going to have some challenges in supporting the entire policy.

The Board made the request that workgroups become familiar and address the issue of inclusion, and become familiar with the federal policy. It will also be a goal of the Board to make inclusion more defined in the CBEC Strategic Plan.

Raise Your Hands For Kids

Linda Rallo discussed with the Board the “Raise Your Hands for Kids” initiative petition for the 2016 election to increase the tobacco tax over five years. Erin Brower had discussed this at the April CBEC meeting. RYH4K is working to raise the tobacco tax by at least 50 (up to 83) cents per pack to raise dollars for early childhood development. Under the initiative, CBEC would be reorganized and would oversee the distribution of funds statewide. CBEC would move to DESE from DSS, be reduced from 17 members to 13, and would be limited to administration cost of 8%. The funds should begin to be available by FY18. The main issue now is the fundraising for the collection of signatures. RYH4K is looking for members for a steering committee.

Early Care and Education Workgroup

Carol Scott reported that the ECE Workgroup is aspiring to come up with a clear plan on how to use the existing resources in the state without asking for resources from CBEC.

Child Care Aware

Child Care Aware of Missouri is waiting for dollars from Express Scrips to do more work in the Ferguson area. The Federal Government has just issued award contracts for six new national and technical assistance centers for child care and Head Start. Child Care Aware of America is in partnerships to deliver services from five of these centers.

Upcoming - *Raising of America* screenings are scheduled around the state.

Home Visiting Workgroup

Justin Logan reported on the World Café held on September 16 sponsored by the Home Visiting Workgroup. It was a huge success with stakeholders taking part from across the state, who felt like their opinions would make a difference. It included everyone from interns to directors.

Early Mental Health Workgroup

Emily Koenig reported that the ECMH Workgroup had discussed the desire to establish ECMH Core Competencies. Michigan has developed Core Competencies for working with children with social and developmental health issues. Twenty-two other states have been licensed to use Michigan's Competencies, but CBEC had previously decided that Missouri should develop their own plan. There is currently a collaborative of individuals and organizations working on forming an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Association, which would be responsible for training and development opportunities, and public awareness. Emily stated that a state government agency cannot buy the license for the Competencies, but an independent association can. The ECMH workgroup decided that at this time they would table the discussion around developing core competencies, in light of a new emerging organization that could potentially buy Michigan's Core Competencies. The ECMH workgroup does not want to set up a system in the state where there are two tracks toward competency. The focus of the workgroup discussions will now center on the how core competencies could be implemented throughout the state.

Adjournment	At 2:45 p.m., Carol Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Paula Knight seconded.	MOTION CARRIED
Next Meeting	Annual Meeting on January 5 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm; Governor's Office Building Room 470	