

**Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
Minutes of January 11, 2007 Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Governor's Office Building, Room 460**

Attendance:

Present: Roseanne Bentley, Sue Stepleton, Stacey Owsley, Kathy Thornburg, Valeri Lane, Tom Frawley, Brenda Shields, Monica Haaf, Joe Ulveling, Patricia Carter, Deborah Scott, and Karen Bartz.

Absent: Nancie McAnaug, Mary Beth Luna-Wolf, Theresa Mayberry-Dunn, Kent King, and Sharon Rohrbach.

Others Present: Carrie Shapton, Emily Smith, Jo Anne Ralston, Hillary Elliott, Paula Nickelson, Sarah Ledgerwood, Sharon Aldrich, Heather Eisterhold, and Anne Clouse.

Proceedings:

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair, Karen Bartz, at 10:04 am.

Quorum: A quorum was present at the beginning of the meeting and for each vote.

Chairman's Report:

Karen handed out her Chairman Report and discussed it.

Minutes:

December minutes were presented for approval.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Coordinating Board for Early Childhood's 2007 annual report was shared with the Governor and with the Children's Service Commission. The next step is how we share with more legislators. Karen shared the press release from the Governor's office on the plan to enhance opportunity for youngest Missourians.

Reports

ECCS Steering Committee

The ECCS Update was handed out. The committee will meet next on January 15, 2008 to review Goal # 1: Missouri's children have their basic needs met. Board Members provided feedback on Goal #3 to ECCS.

CBEC Involvement in Advocacy and Lobbying Proposed Practice

The CBEC Involvement in Advocacy and Lobbying Proposed Practice document was reviewed and discussed. It was decided to make the following changes:

Second number 1: remove sentence - Such information will be shared with the board for its consideration in developing its own recommendations.

Second number 3: change to - Board recommendations that are agreed to by the governor will be shared with the public as the position of the board on such issues.

Number 4: Change "In" on second sentence to "If"

Motion: A motion was made to adopt the changes as discussed in the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Handouts:

After the presentation in November a document was handed out with additional information on YMCA.

Other handouts included:

Common Vision, Different Paths a Five States' Journey toward Comprehensive Prenatal to Five Systems; Zero to Three and Pre[K]Now

Status of Early Learning in Greater Kansas City- Jim Caccamo's group

Taking Stock: Assessing and Improving Early Childhood Learning and Program Quality

Child Care Bulletin

Update on QRS

Kathy Thornburg handed out SB726 and brief facts along with the handouts on the Missouri's Quality Rating System PowerPoint presentation.

Report from Committee on TA and professional development for Early Childhood Programs

Kathy Thornburg disseminated information and discussed "What is a Professional Development System" document and Child link function detail. Key components were identified on the matrix with ratings on where Missouri stood in each area. It was discussed that information was needed on the impact of different modes of professional development (didactic training, mentoring etc). Two recommendations were made by the committee. The first recommendation was 1) To hire a consultant to analyze the ChildLink model and make recommendations to the CBEC about the feasibility of the model as well as the entire model. The model would need to be reviewed in the context of the current state environment. The second recommendation was 2) to hire a

consultant to review governmental structures for all of the early childhood supports and programs, including children from birth to kindergarten entry and recommend how the school age (before and after school programs) fit into the structure. Discussion ensued around the recommendations. It was agreed that the outcomes expected from the consultant regarding the first recommendation would need to be done.

Motion: A motion was made to flesh out specifics on number 1, to seek a consultant and give exec team authorization to take action and not to exceed \$15,000. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

After discussion it was determined that the second recommendation went beyond the Professional Development committee's scope and should be addressed by a committee on state infrastructure. Further discussion of the infrastructure committee will be placed on the agenda for the February meeting.

Pre-K Committee

A handout was given out for the Pre-K Subcommittee. It was suggested that we remove Sub and just make it PreK committee. The charge for this committee was recommended to be 1) identify key policies that will guide and impact the growth and development of the Pre-K programs in Missouri; 2) To develop a plan for the creation and implementation of a "blue ribbon" task force that will address these policy issues and make recommendations for future implementation, including potential members, meeting schedule and process for reaching consensus on recommendations; and 3) To develop a plan to document the current level of Pre-K programs in the state, including number served, type of program, level and sources of funding, etc.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the charge for the Pre-K committee. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

It was suggested that committees be comprised of only board members and workgroups may be groups with non-board members. On the handout it was suggested to remove Emily Smith and Carol Scott as potential committee members.

Pre K Task Force

A handout was given out for the Pre-K Task Force along with a matrix of the potential participants on the Task Force. There was a discussion and review of the matrix. On the Administrative Representatives it was mentioned to add a representative from Department of Health and Senior Services, possibly Paula Nickelson. Karen asked that everyone send suggestions of people for the task force to Sharon Aldrich by email by January 22nd

After reviewing the Pre-K Task Force Draft it was suggested that in the Rationale for Task Force section that we remove "without MPP funds". It was suggested in the Composition of the Task Force that we add Parent/Family Representatives.

Karen mentioned that an updated board list needs to go out.

National Symposium on Early Childhood Science and Policy

Karen would like to apply for this plus it also connects with the task force. The application is due February 8th. A discussion was held regarding potential team members.

Motion: A motion was made that Missouri put in an application for National Symposium on Early Childhood Science and Policy. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Taking Stock

The ECCS Steering committee will review to see how it can strengthen the plan.

Board Operations

Karen mentioned that she and Sharon are working on trying to come up with a budget. It was mentioned that Heather is only on loan to the Board and they are looking into some part-time clerical staff.

Kathy mentioned that an invitation had been sent to Rob Greenwald to speak on May 30th. Kathy has not heard back from him. As soon as Kathy knows if Rob is coming she may ask him to speak with the board.

Kathy discussed the blue ribbon panel on autism recommendations.

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn at 2:34. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes drafted by Heather Eisterhold

Minutes distributed to Board 2/07/08 without review by Deborah Scott

Minutes approved on February 8, 2008