

**Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
Minutes of February 8, 2008 Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Governor's Office Building, Room 470**

Attendance:

Members Present: Karen Bartz, Nancie McAnagh, Sue Stepleton, Stacey Owsley, Kathy Thornburg, Valeri Lane, Tom Frawley, Monica Haaf, Mary Beth Luna-Wolf, Roseann Bentley, and Sharon Rohrbach.

Absent: Theresa Mayberry-Dunn, Brenda Shields, Deborah Scott, Kent King, Joe Ulveling and Patricia Carter.

Others Present: Carrie Shapton, Jo Anne Ralston, Hillary Elliott, Paula Nickelson, Sarah Ledgerwood, John Heskett, Carol Scott, Doris Hallford, Becky Houf, Susan White, Cindy Hudson, Anne Clouse and Debby Howland.

Proceedings:

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair, Karen Bartz, at 10:12 am.

Pursuant to the Board's by-laws, the February meeting was the second in-person meeting of the year and, thus, is considered the annual meeting of the board.

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

Minutes: January minutes were presented for approval. There was an amendment to the minutes to add Anne Clouse to others present.

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

Executive Director Report: Sharon reported on the process to hire part time support staff and asked for authority to move forward.

Motion: **A motion was made to authorize the chair and executive director to hire the support staff for the board. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

Chairman's Report: Karen discussed her written report distributed to board members in advance and provided additional information on the following:

- The Harvard symposium proposal was sent in on February 7, 2008. The board will know at the end of March 2008 if the proposal has been accepted. Members of the team would

be: Senator Rita Heard-Days, Representative Jeff Grisamore, Deborah Scott, Kent King, Paula Nickelson, Karen Bartz, Sue Stepleton and Tom Watkins.

- NGA has completed research on the structure and function of state structures similar to this board. While Missouri's board is similar in many ways to that of these states, one difference is that we are not involved in state efforts to coordinate the full range of educational services from preschool through higher education. In Missouri that is the function of the P-20 Council. There was discussion regarding the CBEC's participation with the P-20 Council, particularly that the Coordinating Board be added as a member.

Motion: A motion was made to write a letter to Senator Lager and the appropriate representative supporting legislation that would add the Chair of the Coordinating Board as a member of the P-20 Council. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Program Presentations:

Sue Stepleton did a presentation on the work of the Parents as Teachers National Center and distributed a handout with information similar to the matrix of other home visitation programs that have been presented to the board. The presentation also included information specific to Missouri.

It was suggested that we be provided information, if possible, on how many children in Missouri are screened by PAT by the age of 2 and how they are screened. It was also suggested that Head Start and First Steps should be added to the matrix. Sharon Rohrbach noted that the Nurses for Newborns information she had previously submitted needed to be incorporated into the matrix also.

Judge Frawley asked for clarification of the process juvenile judges could use to access PAT and/or First Steps. Further, he asked if a presentation could be given to the judges, which Sue Stepleton and Jo Anne Ralston indicated they could arrange.

Reports:

ECCS Steering Committee

Paula Nickelson distributed the ECCS update. The meeting that was scheduled in January with the key stakeholders in Kansas City is in the process of being rescheduled the first week of March.

Department Updates

- **DSS:** Doris Hallford reported for DSS that the Governor recommended maintaining income limits at 127% of poverty, creating a transitional program for child care for families with income between 127% and 150% of poverty, and adjusting the child care subsidy rate structure to ensure rates across the state are at least 65% of market for infant and toddler and to 50% of market for preschool.

- **DMH:** John Heskett reported for DMH on the school-based mental health and autism \$5 million set aside for the Thompson center. He also reported on continued work with the Bright Futures program.
- **DHSS:** Nancie McAnagh reported that there are no new budget items specific to early childhood health or licensing. The proposed budget does, however, include \$2 million for tobacco prevention among youth.

Child Care Regulations

Cindy Hudson and Susan White from DHSS did a presentation and disseminated handouts related to work of the Section for Child Care Regulation and the process that is now underway to revise licensing rules and regulations, beginning with center and group homes.

Child Care Subsidies

Becky Houf from DSS presented a plan for using electronic time and attendance equipment to improve safety, convenience, accuracy and flexibility of the current paper system for tracking attendance and authorizing reimbursement.

Adjournment:

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn at 12:04 with the impending loss of a quorum. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Friday, March 14, 2008 will be the next meeting.

Minutes drafted by Heather Eisterhold

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Deborah Scott, March 3, 2008

Minutes approved on