

**Coordinating Board for Early Childhood  
July 8, 2009 Minutes  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Via Conference Call**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:** Karen Bartz, Roseann Bentley, Patsy Carter, Hillary Elliott, Monica Haaf, Valeri Lane, Nancie McAnaug, Stacey Owsley, Deborah Scott, Brenda Shields, Sue Stepleton, Kathy Thornburg, Joe Ulveling

**Absent:** Tom Frawley, Kent King, Teresa Mayberry Dunn, Sharon Rohrbach,

**Guests:** Ann Clouse, Doris Hallford, Sarah Ledgerwood, Melinda Sanders, Carrie Shapton, Carol Scott

**Staff:** Patty Nolte

**Proceedings:**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair, Karen Bartz, at 9:10 am.

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

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

**Report of Chairman**

In addition to her written report, Karen spoke this morning at the Kansas City Education Reform Series sponsored by the Friedman Foundation. Kathy Thornburg will be speaking on the board's behalf at a meeting of the National Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (NARF) in September.

**Board Business**

**By-laws:** By-laws revisions will be on August Agenda.

**Letters of Support for Grants:** A request to write a letter of support for a federal grant application by the Dept. of Health and Human Services has been received. The board discussed the pros and cons of providing such letters of support.

**ACTION:** Table this letter and put "criteria for letters of support" on August agenda. Nancie agreed to provide a draft policy for consideration.

**Budget:**

Hall Family Foundation Grant in amount of \$25,000 has been received.

Next year's ECCS grant cycle has been changed to a 9-month period of funding with a corresponding reduction in the amount of funds available. Thus the allocation for the CBEC will be \$15,000 rather than \$20,000 as shown in budget

adopted in May. This brings the amount of confirmed funds for FY09 to \$100,000.

**Motion:** A motion to adopt a revised budget of \$100,000 with \$10,000 for special projects for the FY09 work plan was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

**Staff Introduction:** Karen Bartz introduced Patty Nolte, new Executive Office Manager for the Board.

**Request Regarding Regulatory Bodies:** James Caccamo with MARC in Kansas City sent a letter stating that early care providers must deal with multiple and sometimes conflicting regulatory bodies. He asked that the CBEC convene a group to consider how this burden for providers might be lessened. Discussion focused on questions raised by the letter.

**ACTION:** Karen will ask Jim for a more detailed description of the issues involved. After consideration of that letter, the board might convene a work group to see what can be done.

## Reports

### **Meeting Of Early Childhood Advisory Committees:**

Karen Bartz, Doris Hallford, and Sharon Rohrbach attended. Thirty-two states participated. Karen talked about the meeting and Doris elaborated. Karen will forward the Colorado strategic plan model to board members. Karen, Doris and Sharon felt the CBEC needs to develop a plan with measures of success. Board members were referred to the NGA website for additional numerous resources.

**Harvard Symposium on Early Childhood Science and Policy:** Board members Sue Stepleton, Deborah Scott and Karen Bartz were members of team. Representative Grisamore and Senator Days were also participants. Deborah provided her insight on importance of new brain development research and its implications for policy. Some recommendations can be implemented with policy changes and not cost additional dollars. Karen stated this is an opportunity to reenergize legislators on early childhood development. The presenters at Harvard are available to states. Representative Grisamore has said he will put together an educational plan for the coming months.

**Discussion:** Boone County Coordinating Committee is very energized and needs to be incorporated into state efforts. To impact the FY10 budget process, ECCS budget recommendations need to be provided to departments as soon as possible.

**ACTION:** Karen will consult with executive committee to draft budget and legislative recommendations for consideration at the August meeting.

**Pre K Panel:** Information on panel, meeting notes, agenda for July 22 and the next meeting can be found on the MOCCRRN website. [www.mocccrrn.org](http://www.mocccrrn.org). MO-

AEYC also have linked to the MOCCRRN website. Any CBEC members who want to attend the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting should notify Karen Bartz.

**Early Childhood Summit:** MO-AEYC and Missouri Head Start are sponsoring this event on November 13-14 in Columbia. Information should be on Missouri Head Start web site.

**Federal Legislation:** Education Begins At Home Act passed by House committee on June 18. Providing Resources Early for Kids Act passed by House committee on June 26 to provide funding to improve state Pre K programs. Begin Early, Begin Right bill introduced in Senate but no action yet. . Education Begins At Home does not include newborns (excluded by regulation), which will affect Nurses for Newborns.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion: A motion was made to adjourn at 10:30 p.m., which was seconded and approved unanimously.**

Next meeting will be August 12, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via conference call.

Minutes drafted by Patty Nolte

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Deborah Scott (with or without review)

Minutes approved August 12, 2008