

**Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
Governor's Office Building
200 Madison Street, Room 470, Jefferson City, MO
November 18, 2008**

Attendance:

Members Present: Karen Bartz, Roseann Bentley, Patsy Carter, Tom Frawley, Kent King, Valeri Lane, Nancie McAnaugh, Stacey Owsley, Deborah Scott, Carol Scott, Brenda Shields, Kathy Thornburg, Joe Ulveling By phone: Sharon Rohrbach,

Absent: Monica Haaf, Theresa Mayberry, Pattie Parris, Sue Stepleton,

Guests: Tom Watkins, Stacie Goffin, Doris Hallford, Paula Nickelson, Stacey Morse, Stacey Preis, Joanne Ralston, Jane Callahan, Carrie Shapton, Carol Mertensmeyer, Philip Peters

Staff: Patty Nolte

Proceedings:

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair, Karen Bartz, at 10:08 a.m.

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

Report of Secretary

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

Report of Staff

The CBEC is building its own web site, which DSS is hosting. All materials have been provided to web designer and expect to go live within the next 2 weeks.

Report of Chairman

Karen Bartz referred to her written report. She further stated that Stacie Goffin had been engaged for additional work to come to this meeting and the Chair would like a motion to approve that commitment.

MOTION: To approve the additional expense of \$2,100 to the Goffin Strategy Group for expenses associated with assisting with interpretation of the results of the Pre-K Panel's work. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously

Report on Pre-K Panel

The chair welcomed Tom Watkins, chair of the Pre-K Panel, and Stacie Goffin, consultant/facilitator, to the meeting and thanked them for their dedication to this effort. Board members received the Panel's written report prior to the meeting. Both Tom and Stacie shared their perspectives on the work of the Panel. Board members and visitors who were also members of the Panel or observed a meeting of the Panel were also encouraged to comment. After this discussion, a motion was made to accept the report as presented:

Motion: A motion was made to accept the report of the Missouri Panel on School Readiness: Focus on Pre-Kindergarten Education and the recommendations of the panel. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously

After acceptance of the report, Tom and Stacie were asked to comment on the challenges facing the Board as it works to implement the recommendations of the Panel. Comments included:

- Need to weight Pre-K importance against other issues that impact early childhood – is this really the most important to spend our time on now. Board response was that pre-k has political and public momentum now. It is not the most important but it is something that we can move on in the current public climate.
- Health and mental health issues need to be addressed before age of pre-k.
- Synchronizing work on standards with licensing agencies.
- Need to clarify relationships of pre-k standards to QRS.
- Need to be clear on terms and ages that we are talking about.
- The role of current MPP program – is it the foundation for pre-k or replaced by a new pre-k program?
- Involvement of family home providers may be problematic.
- Difficulty of getting kids who really need pre-k into the program if it is voluntary for parents?
- Licensure, program qualifications, teacher qualifications...need to aspire to gold standard. There is no current “buy in” within current provider systems. Efforts to be inclusive can impact ability to achieve “gold standard.”
- “Oversight” refers to a system of systems that includes
 - Pre-k program itself
 - Other early childhood systems – health, mental health, etc.
 - Early childhood system as a whole
- Can the next steps toward implementation be done by the CBEC, i.e. by volunteers?

Time frames may be unrealistic.

ACTION: Pre-K Committee will reconvene and bring back to the board a proposed action plan for use of the panel report and for moving ahead on implementation.

Board Business

ECCS/Strategic Planning Process

Paula Nickelson briefly reviewed the process used to develop the ECCS plan, the proposed 3-year budget, the current community infrastructure initiative and the proposed Parent Leadership Resource and Referral Clearinghouse. The Board was reminded that in December, they will be asked to:

1. Endorse the revised plan
2. Make a decision on the development of local infrastructures
3. Make a decision on the development of parent leadership
4. Decide how funds will be used, if our proposal is approved.

The Board then broke into smaller groups and spent about an hour focusing on Goals # 2 and 5. The remaining goals will be discussed in December.

Proposed Policy re Letters of Endorsement for Grant Proposals

ACTION: Defer to December

Professional Development Committee Report

Kathy Thornburg presented the committee's report. Two subgroups have been created to define criteria for determining regions and to define types of technical assistance. The system graphic presented in November is still being modified. Committee recommendations related to "funneling" funds and teacher preparation will have to wait until the new governor takes office. The final report from Joyce Miller with factual revisions suggested by department representatives will be sent again to all board members. It was suggested that the Board should review its policy on conflict of interests as work proceeds on the recommendations of the committee.

Governance Committee

The governance committee has met and another meeting is scheduled for Dec 1. The committee will bring a report to December CBEC meeting.

There was a request to filter all communication with all board members through staff.

Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved

**NEXT MEETING
December 9, 2008
10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jefferson City**

- Bylaws revision
- Conflict of interest
- In-depth review of remaining goals from Strategic Plan (ECCS)
- Letters of endorsement for grant proposals

Minutes drafted by Patty Nolte
Minutes submitted by Secretary, Deborah Scott
Minutes approved December 9, 2009