

**Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
Governor's Office Building
200 Madison Street, Room 470, Jefferson City, MO
April 20, 2009**

Members Present: Karen Bartz, Roseann Bentley, Patsy Carter, Stan Johnson, Stacey Owsley, Mayme Miller, Sharon Rohrbach, Melinda Sanders, Brenda Shields, Sue Stepleton, Kathy Thornburg, Joe Ulveling By phone: Valerie Lane, Tom Frawley

Absent: Monica Haaf, Theresa Mayberry

Guests: Michele Augustin, Jim Caccoma, Terri Foulkes, Melanie Glascock, Tim Gallimore, Becky Houf, Sarah Ledgerwood, Denise Mauzy, Sue Porting, Kathy Quick, Jo Anne Ralston, Carrie Shapton, Jennifer Tilly, Susan White, Cindy Wilkinson, Robin Zellers

Staff: Patty Nolte

Proceedings:

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair, Karen Bartz, at 10:15 a.m

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

Introductions and Updates on Members

The governor's office new representative, Mayme Young Miller, Director of Constituent Service, was introduced.

Additional introductions were made for Ron Levy, Director DSS, Margaret Donnelly, Director, DHSS, and Dr. Tim Gallimore, Assistant Commissioner of Higher Education and Interim Executive Director of the P-20 Council.

Sue Stepleton

The board recognized Sue Stepleton who was honored with a "PAT Leader" award on March 13th by DESE to commemorate the 25th anniversary celebration of the passage of legislation to authorize the statewide PAT program in Missouri

Carol Scott

Carol Scott was appointed by Governor Blunt but was never confirmed by the Senate. Governor Nixon rescinded all non-confirmed appointments. We are hoping to have Carol reappointed in the near future.

We have been told quite a few applications have been received by the Governor's office for service on the CBEC. We will keep the board informed as appointments are made.

Presentation

The Missouri Coalition for School Readiness commissioned a research study on voters' attitudes regarding Pre K in MO and Jim Caccamo, MCEL- KC presented the results to the board.

Report of Secretary

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

Report of Staff

Patty Nolte provided a written report and stated she would be attending a program sponsored by the Kauffman and Hallmark Foundations on "Stimulus Dollars and Education".

Report of Chairman

Karen referred to her Chairman's report and her Report of activities since last board meeting; both were included in the board packet.

Members want more frequent contact than quarterly meetings.

ACTION: Hold conference call meetings between in-person meetings, even if no vote is required.

Governance Committee Report

Tom Frawley reported he met with Phil Peters, who is on leave from UM Law School and heading up First Chance for Children (similar to Coordinating Board in Columbia). Several questions were posed to Mr. Peters - define a body corporate and politic; what demands can we make; what can we do and not do; what is our relationship with CSC and governor, etc. Mr. Peters thought there was not much body of law related to this term but attendees disagreed. MOHELA and Children's Trust Fund have similar designations. Mr. Peters is willing to work with committee at no charge. Patsy will set up conference call with Mr. Peters and the governance committee and some of executive committee as soon as possible. Patsy will also look at committee composition and request that new members be appointed since some have been lost with changes in administration.

One question posed by board was do any judges serve on the CSC? Karen will research the answer.

QRS Committee

MOTION: To accept the report of the QRS Steering Committee and to agree to incorporate the following recommendations into the CBEC work plan at the appropriate time:

- **Develop and implement a plan to educate providers, regardless of setting or licensing status, about the licensing rules and process.**

- **Support the development of school-age only licensing rules to increase the number of licensed school-age programs and to support programs with appropriate requirements.**
- **Support the pursuit of licensure by any program eligible for licensure.**
- **Clarify Missouri's approach to supporting programs' quality improvement efforts, including the QRS Program Improvement Fund.**

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

ECCS Committee

Karen encouraged board members to attend local ECCS meetings. Board members will be provided a list of local contact names as well as local contacts will be listed on our website. Karen will send a letter or email to each contact encouraging use of our website to contact the board.

ECCS Prevention Committee –

Michele Augustin presented information on the CSMT

The Comprehensive System Management Team which was established by the Department of Mental Health as a state interagency comprehensive children's mental health service system team comprised of representation from family run organizations and family members, child advocate organizations, DHSS, CD, DYS, DESE, DMH (CPS, ADA, DD), the division of medical services, the department of public safety, the office of state courts administrator. The juvenile justice system, and local representatives of the member organizations of the state team to serve children with emotional and behavioral disturbance problems, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse problems.

The Prevention Subcommittee was developed to research and develop a report to State Leadership recommending promotion, mental health consultation and mental health service delivery funding options based on evidence and agreed upon by a variety of statewide partners. Paula Nickelson as a former member of both of these groups as well as the Coordinating Board for Early Childhood asked the sub-committee to work on one of the goals for the CBEC since both purposes were similar in nature.

Budget

MOTION: To accept 3rd Quarter financial report as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Hiring of ED

Motion: To have the executive committee present a specific plan at the May meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

It was suggested, by the board, to consider contracting with someone for 6 months rather than hire a person. It may be difficult for DSS to absorb a Full Time Employee into their budget. In developing the RFP, some leeway will be needed with the state contracting process.

Francis Family Foundation

MOTION: To approve acceptance of a grant from the Francis Family Foundation, for the purpose of hiring an executive director. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Karen Bartz stated that governance ideas to be presented to the Governor probably could wait until the fall. The two-page Governance document that Carol Scott created is available to share as appropriate. It is important to leave in all three options.

- Add that no state has really figured out a complete system.
- Many systems just support early learning.
- Maryland was mentioned as model to check out.

Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn at 2:25 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

**NEXT MEETING
May 19, 2009
Conference Call**

ACTION: Patty will poll members to set a new date for June 9th conference call.

Minutes reviewed by Brenda Shields

Minutes drafted by Patty Nolte