

**Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
Governor's Office Building
200 Madison Street, Room 470, Jefferson City, MO
July 14, 2009**

Attendance:

Members Present: Karen Bartz, Roseann Bentley, Tom Frawley, Becky Houf, Monica Haaf, Stan Johnson, Valeri Lane, Mayme Miller Kathy Quick, Brenda Shields, Sue Stepleton, Joe Ulveling

Phone: Stacey Owsley, Sharon Rohrbach, and Kathy Thornburg

Absent: Patsy Carter

Guests: Jim Caccamo, Brian Crouse, Melanie Glascock, Angie Hull, Melinda Sanders, Carrie Shapton, Carol Scott, Cindy Wilkinson

Staff: Patty Nolte

Proceedings:

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

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

The chair welcomed Brian Crouse from the Department of Higher Education (DHE). He will serve as backup support for Dr. Tim Gallimore (DHE) who will be attending future meetings.

Report of Secretary - Approval of June Minutes:

Brenda Shields, secretary, presented the minutes for approval.

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

Report of Chairman:

The chair also reported that there has been a lot of activity around issues that relate to how early childhood connects to other parts of the educational system –

- A work session with the State Board of Education was held on June 26. The chair wishes to thank Dr. Bert Shulte, for making this possible and she is looking to him to continue the momentum while the new commissioner, Dr. Chris Nicastro, gets on board. A meeting will be set up with Commissioner Nicastro as soon as possible.
- Challenges early childhood professional development brings to higher education (i.e. articulation, certification, etc.) was the topic of a conference on June 29. Dr. Robert Stein, Commissioner, has committed the Department of High Education to conduct a one-day summit on articulation in Feb 2010 to identify specific actions to take.

Dr. Bartz also announced that the National Governors Association will host “Building Brighter Futures for Our Children: A National Summit for State Policymakers”, September 16 to September 18, 2009, in National Harbor, Maryland. States can send up to five team members. The focus of the meeting is on the latest child development research, relationship of poverty, health, and early care to school success, and aligning policies, operations and funding for improved efficiency. The chair will work with the Governor's office to identify team members.

Board Business:

Budget

FY09 Expenditures

Final expenditures of \$68,586 were the same as discussed at the last board meeting.

FY10 Budget

Dr. Bartz asked the board to modify the budget proposal for FY10 provided in the board packet. Add an \$800 stipend from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. All the members of the professional development committee paid their own way and agreed that the stipend could be used for additional meetings of the professional development committee.

That stipend will add \$800 to income and \$800 to other expenses. Therefore, the proposed budget for FY10 is \$61,486.

Motion: To adopt a FY10 budget for CBEC in the revised amount of \$61,486. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

P-20 Council

The chair reported on the status of the P-20 Council. Governor Nixon signed SB 291 on July 13. The legislation calls for one member to be an "early childhood education provider." Dr. Bartz asked board members to identify the qualities to look for in that person. Suggestions were:

- Broad knowledge and experience.
- Big picture thinking.
- Statewide view, not just one program.
- Understand public and private components of the early childhood system – perhaps administers both Head Start and other early childhood program.
- Articulate on connections of early childhood to school success.
- Recommend people from east, central and west parts of state so Governor has choices.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development Committee

Valeri Lane presented the committee report.

- Committee will present full report for the board in August.
- "A virtual committee" is working on training and technical assistance terminology.

Dr. Bartz has asked the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Department of Higher Education (DHE) to identify point people for next steps – Dr. Bert Schulte has identified Hap Hairston, degree programs, with support from Rusty Rosenkoetter, certification, and Jo Anne Ralston. Dr. Robert Stein has identified Dr. Tim Gillimore and Brian Crouse.

Governance

The committee report was submitted by Judge Tom Frawley and explained by Dr. Carol Scott.

- Reviewed approaches by other states.
- Need to get others in state government "on board" before proceeding to broad level change in structure or accountability.

Recommendation: Acknowledging the current budget challenges faced by all the departments, it may be more feasible at this time to move in the direction of carefully-designed memorandums of understanding among departments as done in Pennsylvania, but with a more gradual approach. As the CBEC identifies needs for greater cross-department coordination related to specific program areas (e.g., the fragmentation and duplications of services already identified in the professional development programs for early care and education personnel), the relevant department directors could be asked to address such specific tasks, as an alternative to developing a comprehensive memorandums of understanding to address all issues.

MOTION – To accept the governance committee's report and to acknowledge the work of the committee in bringing forth a feasible short-term strategy while the board continues to explore other options appropriate for Missouri. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Planning Discussion:

The chair presented options for a vision and mission statement for the board. Then using a list of functions that have been identified as crucial to the building of an early childhood system, the board began discussion on each of the topics listed below, identifying issues, challenges, and potential solutions.

- Governance/Leadership
- Finance
- Professional Development
- Regulations/Standards
- Public Engagement/Political Will Building
- Quality Improvement
- Accountability/Evaluation

A draft of the results of this discussion will be presented at the August board meeting.

Other Reports and Wrap-Up:

Department of Social Services DSS -- Becky Houf said the Governor requested budget withholds of \$12 million in the Children's Division. The department will not know until the end of July what this means for level of services.

Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) – Kathy Quick said licensing revisions are progressing and they will go **before the** Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. The department is hoping to be ready for legislative action in FY11 session.

Brian Crouse announced the Department of Higher Education is planning an Early Childhood Transfer and Articulation Workshop on February 11, 2010. (Date revised since board meeting.)

Adjournment:

Motion: A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn at 2:37 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved

NEXT MEETING
August 11, 2009
Conference Call
10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

Minutes reviewed by Secretary Brenda Shields
Minutes approved August 11, 2009