

**Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
Board Meeting by Conference Call
Tuesday, August 11, 2009**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Dr. Karen Bartz, Dr. Patsy Carter, Stan Johnson, Dr. Valeri Lane, Mayme Miller, Stacey Owsley, Paula Neese, Kathy Quick, Sharon Rohrbach, Brenda Shields, Dr. Sue Stepleton, Dr. Kathy Thornburg, Joe Ulveling

Absent: Roseann Bentley, Judge Tom Frawley, and Monica Haaf

Guests: Tina Bernskoetter, Brian Crouse, Melanie Glascock, Becky Houf, Dr. Chris Nicastro, Jo Anne Ralston, Melinda Sanders, Carrie Shapton, Dr. Carol Scott, Brian Webb, Cindy Wilkinson

Staff: Patty Nolte

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Bartz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present at the beginning of the meeting.

The Chair welcomed Dr. Chris Nicastro, the new commissioner of education, and Glen Webb, the legal adviser from the Attorney General's office, taking Sarah Ledgerwood's role with the CBEC.

REPORT OF SECRETARY/APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES:

Brenda Shields, Secretary, presented the minutes for approval.

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

REPORT OF CHAIR:

In addition to her report provided in the board packet, Dr. Bartz shared information about her recent participation in a retreat with the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. While very preliminary, a strategy is emerging for entities concerned with education to mobilize around a vision of "Missouri having the best educational system in the nation" and early education is a key component of that system.

Senate 2020 Committee

Another indicator of interest in pre-k was the creation of the Senate 2020 Committee on Educated Citizenry by Senate President Pro Tem Charlie Shields, St. Joseph. Early childhood is specifically identified in the charge to this committee. Sen. David Pierce, Warrensburg, will Chair the committee. Members of the committee: Sen. Jane Cunningham, Chesterfield; Sen. Kurt Schaefer, Wes Shoemyer, (Clarence), Jeff Smith (St. Louis) and Sen. Robin Wright-Jones, (St. Louis). All are first-term senators.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Board Membership

The Chair announced that Dr. Jim Caccamo, Director, Metropolitan Council on Early Learning, has officially been appointed to the board.

Board Committees

The board considered a proposal regarding the naming and composition of board committees. Members generally agreed that non-board members could add expertise to committees that is not available among board members. Agreement is still needed on other issues: the role of parents on committees, minimum of two board members on a committee, committee chair or co-chairman being a board member.

ACTION: These issues will be discussed at a future meeting.

MOTION: To approve the proposal that either the Chair or Executive Committee of the CBEC may appoint to board committees persons with expertise who are not members of the board or

of departments represented on the board. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Consistent with the above motion, the Chair appointed Dr. Carol Scott, Executive Director, Missouri Child Care Resource, and Referral Network, to the Professional Development Committee.

Articulation and Credentials

Brian Crouse, Department of Higher Education, reported on the first organizational meeting of a new committee, initially called Early Childhood Education Workgroup. The workgroup will deal with issues of articulation, credentials, degrees, and certification for early childhood and school-age professionals. Members from the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education and the Department of Higher Education all attended the first meeting. Additional members will be added from higher education and early childhood.

ACTION: The Chair appointed Dr. Kathy Thornburg, The Center for Family Policy & Research, and Becky Houf, Children's Division-Department of Social Service, to this committee. Additional committee members are still to be decided.

Executive Director Contract

The contract was let on August 10, with a deadline for responses by August 25.

State Advisory Councils

The Chair stated that she is waiting until the FY10 budget reduction work is done before asking financial staff to identify state funds available for the match. Dr. Bartz advised that she had received some additional information about match funds last week that she sent to the department representatives. Paula Neese, Director, Children's Division-Department of Social Service, said that she will ask Jennifer Tidwell to bring together various departments to begin identifying match funds within the next several weeks.

Letters of Support

The board was asked to reconsider establishing a policy on the provision of letters of support for state and community organizations submitting grant applications. Mayme Miller, Office of the Governor, raised the issue of coordinating with the Governor's office to ensure that the CBEC is not endorsing something that the Governor's office declined and visa versa. She will give the proposal additional consideration and talk with others in the Governor's office.

ACTION: The topic of how to coordinate issuing letters with the Governor's Office will be considered at a future meeting.

Strategic Plan:

Dr. Bartz began discussion of the strategic plan draft provided in advance by asking if the structure of the plan is workable. There was general agreement that it was. The Chair asked members to send editing suggestions directly to the Chair and Patty, by September 1, for inclusion in the next draft. Discussion then moved to looking at what is missing, unclear, or inappropriate in the draft. The comments were recorded and will be included in the next draft. At that meeting, members may identify some areas of full agreement where no more discussion is needed. In other areas where more work is needed, groups may be asked to do work between meetings.

The Chair asked the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education to look at the strategies for data management that build from the MOSIS system and to bring back corrections and/or clarifications at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECCS Committee

Cindy Wilkinson, Department of Health and Senior Services, reported that the ECCS Steering Committee met recently and has begun work on indicators.

Early Childhood Stimulus Funding

Becky Houf, Children's Division-Department of Social Service, shared that the departments are close to the final plan for expenditure restrictions and then can finalize the ARRA spending plan.

Early Learning Challenge Grants (HR3221, Title IV)

Several board members were aware that Representative Miller (D-CA), Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, has introduced legislation that includes a proposal for an Early Learning Challenge Fund. The fund is intended to increase the number of low-income children in high-quality early education settings and is included in the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA), part of the congressional budget reconciliation process to reform the student loan program. Several board members will monitor this legislation as it progresses through Congress.

Professional Development Committee

Dr. Valeri Lane, Zero to Three, presented the committee report. The committees met on August 10 to further discuss the work of subcommittees dealing with criteria for defining regions and definitions of types of professional development. Carrie Shapton, Partnership for Children, suggested that Linda Luebbering, Office of Administration, would be interested in efficiencies gained from coordination of professional development. The Chair stated she would again ask involved departments to empower staff to begin working on the issues that have to be negotiated to be able to achieve an integrated system.

ADJOURNMENT:

A quorum was no longer present as of 11:57. This occurred before the making of a formal motion to adjourn. Despite not having a quorum, a motion to adjourn the meeting is considered.

MOTION: A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn at 11:57 a.m. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by those present.

NEXT MEETINGS:

September 9, 2009

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Conference Call

No new agenda, discussions on strategic plan draft.

October 13, 2009

In-Person Meeting

Jefferson City

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Topics: Board Strategic Planning

Legislative Issues

Professional Development Report

Minutes reviewed by Secretary Brenda Shields

Pending approval