



State Early Childhood Advisory Council

of Mississippi

SECAC MEETING MINUTES – April 11, 2013

Council Attendees: Vickey Berryman, Ricky Boggan, Margarette Davenport, Louise Davis, Jill Dent, Trecina Green, Annjo Lemons, Lora Mederos, Sandra Parks, Tina Routh, Marcie Skelton, Laurie Smith, Holly Spivey, Rhea Williams-Bishop

Public Attendees: Tonya Adkins (MS Child Care Resource & Referral Network), Bob Clay (Excel by 5)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to be Taken
<i>Call the Meeting to Order</i>	Boggan called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.	
<i>Welcome and Introductions of Council</i>	Boggan welcomed everyone and asked the attendees to introduce themselves and name the entities they represented.	
<i>Approval of the Minutes from 02/07/2013</i>	Copies of the minutes from the February 7, 2013, meeting were distributed to the Council. Routh made a motion to accept the minutes and Lemons seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	
<i>Executive Director Remarks – Legislative Update</i>	Smith reviewed pre-k legislation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mississippi Building Blocks (MBB)</u> – funded at 3 million; expand and add 100 more classrooms; continue to use Between the Lions and the Early Learning Standards; continue to be randomly selected from a waiting list; continue work in licensed child care centers; mentors/coaches remain in the classrooms for a year; centers will receive help from a business advisor; parent advocates visit the homes and focus on literacy with the parents; help teachers receive a Child Development Associate (CDA). • <u>Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013 (Senate Bill 2395)</u> – funded at 3 million; please refer to Summary of SB2395 for a description of the bill – attached; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Green stated Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) started writing the RFP but has not made a decision regarding the number of funded collaborative; MDE has not decided when to begin implementation; ➢ Role of SECAC – assist MDE in an advisory role as they administer this grant; four childcare providers from each congressional district will be appointed by the Governor to the Council; discussion regarding SECAC members 	All MBB questions should be referred to April May.

	<p>providing input on the RFP – it was determined that it would be best to get a legal opinion; Lemons recommended MDE get information from representatives about specific programs (Excel by 5, MBB, Gilmore, SPARK, etc...) before writing the RFP; Boggan noted the bill guides the formation of the RFP;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Section 2 (a) of SB2395 states: to assist the State Department of 292 Education with the implementation of the Early Learning 293 Collaborative Act of 2013. Routh made a motion and Williams-Bishop seconded for Lemons to serve as a SECAC liaison to assist MDE with the implementation of this grant. The motion carried unanimously. 	
<p>Committee Reports: Data – Jill Dent</p>	<p>Recommendation #2 – Develop a family/child-centered information/data system and sharing process that will ensure significant improvement in the delivery of high quality early care and education services. The process will be built around a logic model where information collected will serve to improve the system or service(s) in question.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on gathering Women, Infant, & Children (WIC) information from the Health Department. • Beginning conversations to collect information from Mental Health. • \$1.8 million was appropriated for Life Tracks. 	
<p>Committee Reports : Workforce Dev. – Louise Davis</p>	<p>Recommendation #3 - Develop and implement a workforce development plan for individuals seeking to be employed as early childhood educators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 providers working on CDA. • 17 of these providers working on the national credential. • The career ladder will be statewide. 	
<p>Committee Reports : Coordinated Services Model – Steve Renfro</p>	<p>Recommendation #4 – Develop a process by which early childhood services and management occurs for the purpose of supplying communities with information and coordinated service models for replication across the state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed giving the report to MDE to assist with the RFP. 	
<p>Committee Reports : In-Home Provider – Jill Dent</p>	<p>Recommendation #5 – Review and revise the existing registry requirements related to family child care homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, 200 providers participating in the in-home QRIS. • 44 providers enrolled in the CDA process. • 760 in-home providers in the registry. 	

<p>Committee Reports : Health Access – Rhea Williams-Bishop</p>	<p>Recommendation #6 – Develop and implement a process by which health access issues are addressed for children ages zero to five.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulted with some members of the committee to see if Public Consulting Group (PCG) should present the final report to the members of the Legislature, Health Department, and Mental Health. It was determined that it would be best to have individual meetings with the Public Health Chairs rather than a large meeting due to the Medicaid expansion controversy. 	
<p>SECAC Report Recommendations:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2 (c) of SB2395 states: to facilitate communication, cooperation and maximum use of resources and to promote high standards for all programs serving preschool children and their families in Mississippi. • Green discussed the establishment of an early childhood open listserve at MDE. Berryman stated the Health Department has an extensive childcare provider email list. • Routh made a motion and Dent seconded for a committee to be formed to improve communication with early childhood education professionals and providers. The motion carried unanimously. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Chair – Trecina Green (Representative- Robin Lemonis) ➢ Committee members – Dent, Davenport, Berryman, and Parks • Section 2 (b) of SB2395 states: to ensure coordination among the various agencies and programs serving preschool children in order to support school district's efforts to achieve the goal of readiness to start school. • Lemons made a motion and Skelton seconded to utilize the consolidated services report to ensure coordination among the various agencies and programs serving preschool children in order to support school district's efforts to achieve the goal of readiness to start school. The motion carried unanimously. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Chair – Steve Renfro ➢ Committee members – Laurie Smith (will staff the meeting), Jill Dent, and Annjo Lemons 	<p>Smith will write the recommendations and include the language of SB2395. This will be sent to Council members.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smith reminded the Council the Governor will be signing the Education Works bill on April 17. • Advisory committee of childcare providers will be added. • Parks updated the Council on the Department of Mental Health planning grant. 	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Skelton made a motion and Boggan seconded to adjourn. The motion</p>	

	carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.	
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SECAC PHONE MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2013

Council Attendees: Ricky Boggan, Louise Davis, Jill Dent, Annjo Lemons, Lora Mederos, Sandra Parks, Tina Routh, Marcie Skelton, Laurie Smith, Holly Spivey, Carolyn Willis

Public Attendees: Debbie Ellis (child care provider), April May (Mississippi Building Blocks), Deloris Suel (child care provider)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to be Taken
Update from SECAC liaison	<p>Lemons updated the Council on her May 23 meeting with the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MDE established an early childhood listserv to provide communication. ➤ Lemons reviewed the Early Learning Collaborative Act timeline provided by MDE. ➤ Lemons reminded the Council that MDE will be conducting a webinar on June 14 to provide an overview of the legislation and discuss the timeline for implementation. ➤ The RFP for quality classroom measures will be released in July 2013. ➤ Currently, MDE is considering 2 RFP's: one for established communities and one for emerging communities. ➤ SECAC's role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist MDE with legislative communication • Advise MDE on implementation • Serve as a sounding board for MDE • Post the Learning Lab recommended assessments and curriculum to the SECAC website 	
Public comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Public comments regarding clarification of MDE timeline were addressed. 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ April May provided an MBB update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program is expanding and new staff will be hired. • MBB has received 93 applications from child care centers. • MBB will work in 100 – 125 classrooms. • The TOPEL and DECA assessments will be used. 	