

Dear Coordinating Board Members,

The Executive Committee held telephone conference call to consider a request by Carol Scott regarding the state planning process to develop a system of quality indicators that will better inform consumers about child care, early learning, and after school choices. As you may recall, Governor Nixon signed a bill (SB 869 and HB 1831) setting in motion the Department of Social Services' work to comply with the hoped for reauthorization of the Federal Child Care Development Block Grant or the promulgation of new rules for the existing law. At the July meeting, CBEC members voted to work with DSS in whatever ways would be helpful to the implementation of new federal expectations under CCDBG. The minutes of the conference call meeting of the Executive Committee are:

Minutes from the Coordinating Board for Early Childhood's Executive Committee meeting of 8/4/14

The Executive Committee held a telephone conference meeting on August 4th to discuss the implementation of a planning process to develop a system of quality indicators that will better inform consumers about child care, early learning, and after school choices. This process is in response to the proposed regulations being promulgated for the reauthorization of the Federal Child Care Development Block Grant.

Present were: Carol Scott, Cindy Burks, Patsy Carter, Stacey Wright, and Jim Caccamo. Shirley Patterson was not in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 1:04pm and adjourned at 1:47pm.

Carol Scott reported on her concerns that, if the Coordinating Board for Early Childhood (CBEC) was to assist the Department of Social Services in convening a broad-based stakeholders group, planning should begin soon. This would be necessary in order to meet Department's deadline to include this information in the Department's next state plan. Cindy Burks reported that the state legislation does not allow for the planning Carol reported on until after the Federal Regulations are approved. Additionally, Cindy reported that the state plan only needed to include that a planning process will take place.

The recommendation was made that the CBEC establish a CBEC workgroup to recommend items that might be included in the state planning process to develop a system of quality indicators that will better inform consumers about child care, early learning, and after school choices. The Executive unanimously approved the recommendation.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm.

The next CBEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7th in Jefferson City. One of the agenda items will ask the Board to approve the establishment of the CBEC workgroup recommended by the Executive Committee. Tentatively, the Executive Committee is thinking that the CBEC workgroup should include Board members from the four Departments represented on the CBEC, the Chair, and Shirley Patterson. If there are other CBEC members who wish to serve, please let me know. Of course, we will ask for Board approval at the October meeting.