



STATE OF MISSOURI
Coordinating Board for Early Childhood

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Executive Committee Conference Call 9/8/2015 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Present: Shirley Patterson, Vice Chair; Carol Scott, Secretary; Stacey Owsley Wright, Committee Member; Cindy Burks, Committee Member; and Justin Logan, CBEC Support Staff.

Purpose of the Call: Discussion held regarding recent contact from the federal Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs and the Office of the ACF Office for Child Care Liaison for Children with Disabilities. The OSEP has issued a Policy Statement on Inclusion of Young Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood Programs. Cindy Burks had a recent phone call with the federal staff regarding the upcoming visit by the Secretary of Education to Kansas City. They would like to announce that MO is prioritizing the inclusion of children with disabilities across the early childhood programs by committing to implementing or planning for at least one of the recommendations from the policy statement.

Members of the committee had received a copy of the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION *DRAFT* POLICY STATEMENT ON INCLUSION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS (May 15, 2015). Discussion was positive on supporting the policy. A motion was made by Cindy Burks and seconded by Carol Scott. Motion: CBEC commits to reviewing the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Department of Education's Draft Policy Statement on Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood program and supports the implementation of the policies recommendations through CBEC's varied workgroups. Vote: all in favor; motion carried.

Cindy will notify Sue Porting, DHSS and Jo Anne Ralston, DESE, along with Tim Decker, Director of Children's Division regarding CBEC's support of the policy statement. Cindy will notify Executive Team members of information received regarding the upcoming visit to KC by the Secretary of Education.

Conference call adjourned at 4:00 pm.