

**CBEC State Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 2016 from 10:00-3:00**

<b>Members Present:</b>	
Roseann Bentley, Green County Commissioner	JoAnne Ralston, Dept. of Elementary and Secondary (DESE)
Emily Koenig, Dept. of Mental Health (DMH)	Shirley Patterson, Consultant in Early Language & Literacy
Stacey Wright, MO Head Start	Valeri Lane, Zero to Three
Jeanne Serra, Dept. of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)	Marianne Dawson (for Cindy Burks), Dept. of Social Services (DSS)
<b>Members Present by Phone:</b>	
Paula Knight, St. Louis Public School District	
<b>Members Absent</b>	
Carol Scott, Child Care Aware <sup>®</sup> of Missouri	Judge J. Dale Youngs, Judiciary Representative
Brenda Shields, Past President, United Way of Missouri	
<b>Guests Present</b>	
Cindy Reese (DHSS)	Cheri Winchester, Lincoln County Mental Health Bd.
Lisa Driskel Hawxby, OPEN	Jama Dodson, St. Louis Mental Health Bd.
Rebecca Bax, Missouri Developmental Disability Council	Jackie Roberts, Lafayette County Mental Health Bd.
Judy Dungan, MO Leadership Council	(phone) Sue Porting (DHSS)
Connie Cunningham, St. Louis County Mental Health Bd.	(phone) Stephanie Chandler (DHSS)
Annie Schulte, Franklin County Mental Health Bd.	(phone) Julie Allen, Project Launch
Bruce Sowatsky, St. Charles County Mental Health Bd.	(phone) Linda Rallo, Raise Your Hands for Kids
Kelly Wallis, Boone County Mental Health Bd.	
<b>Staff Present:</b>	
Linda Sommers, Dept. of Social Services (DSS)	Justin Logan, Dept. of Social Services (DSS)

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Follow-up
<b>Call to Order and approval of the agenda</b>	<p>Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Roseann Bentley.</p> <p>The agenda for April 5, 2016 was reviewed. Motion to approve agenda as revised by Emily Koenig. Motion seconded by Shirley Patterson.</p>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
<b>Report of the Secretary</b>	<p>Minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting were presented. Motion was made by Shirley Patterson to approve the minutes with minor changes. Motion was seconded by Valeri Lane.</p>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
<b>Budget Report and Requests</b>	<p>Justin Logan presented the budget report as available through February. He will send out a later report as it becomes available. As of March 1, CBEC workgroups had expenses of \$3,458.99 and the Executive Team and the Board had \$2399.20. Costs for the Strategic Plan printing and mailing had not yet been included. The Plan has been e-mailed to all licensed providers with e-mail addresses, and mailed to the approximately 600 providers without e-mail. It is also being included in application packets to new registered child care providers. As the budget reports will be part of the public record, it was requested that in the future the reports be dated.</p> <p>Shirley Patterson made the request of \$1000 for the Early Care and Education Workgroup for data gathering from groups presenting workshops for professional development. The funding would pay for time for staff of OPEN and Child Care Aware to do the data gathering. This would be from the FY17 budget.</p> <p>The Mental Health Workgroup requested up to \$5000 to host an Early Childhood Mental Health Summit in the fall/winter of 2016/2017. The summit would bring together participants across multiple disciplines who are involved in improving the social and emotional lives of young children. The budget request includes stipends for potential out of state speakers, meals, supplies and mini-grants for regional follow-up. The CBEC workgroup and the objective of the workgroup will also be presented to the participants in addition to mental health consultation and screening and assessment. Stacey Wright suggested this might be a place to discuss pre-school expulsion; JoAnne Ralston stated that DESE is working on inclusion before expulsion, which is a goal of doing interagency work. There may also be an opportunity to include this as part of the summit.</p> <p>A motion was made by Valeri Lane to approve both budget requests. Shirley Patterson seconded.</p>	<b>Motion Passed</b>

<p><b>Discussion/Action Items</b></p>	<p><b><u>Roundtable on Homelessness</u></b>  Stacey Wright gave a report on the Roundtable on Homelessness which was held on February 11. The discussion was videotaped and so is available online. Board members were given a copy of “Hopes, Dreams and Promise: The Future of Homeless Children in America” by Ralph de Costa Nunez, President of Homes for the Homeless, which delves into the issue of, and gives various solutions to, overcoming family homelessness. The Governor’s Committee to End Homelessness was a part of the roundtable discussion and as a result are working on how to incorporate the impact of homelessness on young children within the state. Also, with Marianne Dawson of the Children’s Division Early Childhood &amp; Prevention Section participating in the discussion, there was representation on homelessness as incorporated into the CCDF State Plan.</p> <p><b><u>Legislative Update</u></b>  Judy Dungan of the Missouri Children’s Leadership Council presented a legislative update as of the CBEC meeting date. Child Advocacy Day is April 6 with the Speaker of the House scheduled to address the approximately 600 people registered to attend.  Many lines in the various budget bills were settled until they go to conference, however, some of the programs in HB2011 were still open for further action. Approximately 6000 children would lose benefits under the cuts to TANF benefits, but the silver lining was that there would be an increase in purchase of child care and child care rates, alternatives to abortion, job search transportation for low income, and Healthy Families and Fatherhood Initiatives. Judy passed out a list of bills that she was following which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB 2566 establishes an early learning quality assurance report 3-year pilot program in collaboration with the MO Head Start Collaboration Office, the Dept. of Health and Senior Services, the Dept. of Mental Health, and the Dept. of Social Services. The bill also removes the prohibition on quality rating systems for early childhood education. (SB 638 companion bill)</li> <li>• SB 586 - Pre-K bill passed in 2014 prohibited school districts from contracting with local providers and this bill changes the wording to “may contract with local providers”. DESE will outline with whom school districts can contract.</li> </ul>	
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**Update on State Plan**

Marianne Dawson of the DSS Early Childhood Protection Services Section gave the update on the State Plan. An extension was given to submit the State Plan by March 1. Marianne and Cindy Burks had gone on a “whirlwind tour” to explain it to stakeholders and other interested persons around the state, and resulted in a very large turnout in St. Louis and Kansas City. The comment most heard was to pay \$15 an hour for child care workers, which is not something addressed in the State Plan. Some of the comments from the “tour” were incorporated. One of these is the extension of time for a job search to ninety days, and another was training for after-school programs. Because of technical difficulties, submission was extended to March 11. There is a 90-day window for it to be accepted but it is expected that it will come back asking for clarifications or changes, which is common.

**Raise Your Hands 4 Kids**

Linda Rallo gave an update on the tobacco tax initiative for the “Early Childhood Health and Education Amendment”. The certified petition has been received from the Secretary of State and it has shown support across party lines and in every part of the state. 167,000 signatures are needed by May 8 to be on the November ballot. The main opposition is coming from small tobacco and the main issue after the signatures is to raise funds to get the message out in the fall.

**County Mental Health Boards**

Seven County Mental Health Boards presented their services to the Board. These included:

- Connie Cunningham of St. Louis County
- Annie Schulte of Franklin County
- Bruce Sowatsky of St. Charles County
- Kelly Wallis of Boone County
- Cheri Winchester of Lincoln County
- Jama Dodson of St. Louis City
- Jackie Roberts of Lafayette County

The presentations emphasized that the different Mental Health Boards had a range of diverse issues, makeup of board, and financial and community aid. Highlights included: St. Louis County is expecting 100,000 immigrants next year;

St. Charles County and Franklin County are becoming “trauma informed”, including teachers; St. Charles County has an annual Baby Shower for 250-300 young moms and Franklin County has a teen parent program; Lincoln County is in the 10<sup>th</sup> year while Boone county was first funded in 2014; Boone county has just begun a Family Access Center for Excellence which is a referral source for families; St. Louis City Board was established in 1994 as an independent taxing authority; the Lafayette County Children’s Services Fund Board of Directors, formed in 2005, has a small budget of \$300,000 and is currently creating a roadmap for change that needs to reach long-term goals for a small county. Overall assessment is how important these groups are for the mental health of children in their communities.

**Workgroup Reports**

Emily Koenig reported that the Early Mental Health Workgroup will be holding a Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare training on May 6. This is for mental health professionals and is funded by CBEC and the Dept. of Mental Health. The afternoon session will be a presentation from Dr. Martin Maldonado of UMKC who is a psychiatrist specializing in childhood mental health and infant and child development.

Valeri Lane gave a report on the World Café results. The Home Visitation Workgroup is working to refine the data from the stakeholders and plans on bringing recommendations to the Board at the July meeting. The workgroup also met with the executive committee who agreed to go forward with Zero to Three as a state team participating in Community of Practice. Participating are Cindy Burks, JoAnne Ralston, Cindy Reese, Carol Scott and Alison Gee.

JoAnne Ralston stated that the Early Care and Education Workgroup was working on professional development and how it is categorized to help prevent duplicating or failing to use existing assets.

**Inclusion Policy**

Stacey Wright reminded the workgroup chairs to go back to the workgroups and get thoughts and where passions of workgroup lies in the inclusion topic with the ECCS/CBEC Plan. These can be brought to the July meeting and discuss how to move forward.

As part of the inclusion discussion, Rebecca Bax familiarized the CBEC Board with CEEDAR (Collaboration for Effective Education Development and Reform). The program helps states and institutes of higher education reform their teacher

	<p>and leader preparation programs, revise licensure standards to align with reforms, refine personnel evaluation systems, and realign policy structures and professional learning systems.</p> <p><b><u>Federal Initiative EHS Partnership Grants</u></b>  Missouri could benefit from the first round of funding with fixed grantees. Stacey Wright requested a formal presentation to CBEC on the Missouri EHS/Child Care Partnership grants and the work occurring across the nation in this field.</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	At 3 p.m., Emily Koenig moved to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Patterson seconded.	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Quarterly Meeting on July 12, 2016 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm; Governor’s Office Building Room 315	