

**Annual Meeting  
Coordinating Board for Early Childhood  
Jefferson City, MO  
January 9, 2009**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:** Karen Bartz, Roseann Bentley, Patsy Carter, Tom Frawley, Valeri Lane, Stacey Owsley, Carol Scott, Kathy Thornburg, Joe Ulveling

By phone: Nancie McAnaug, Sue Stepleton

**Absent:** Monica Haaf, Theresa Mayberry, Pattie Parris, Deborah Scott, Brenda Shields, Sharon Rohrbach

**Guests:** Karen Enlow, Joanne Ralston, Carrie Shapton, Melinda Sanders, Cindy Reese, Stan Johnson, Brian Kinkade, Kasie Martin

**Staff:** Patty Nolte

**Proceedings:**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair, Karen Bartz, at 10:50 a.m.

**Quorum:** A quorum was present at the beginning of the meeting and for each vote.

**Nominating Committee**

Sue Stepleton, on behalf of the Nominating Committee (Sue, Brenda Shields and Sharon Rohrbach), presented the following slate of officers

Karen Bartz, Chair

Valerie Lane, Vice Chair

Brenda Shields, Secretary

**Motion: To approve the slate of officers as presented beginning February 1, 2009. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Sue then presented the slate of Executive Committee members:

Tom Frawley

Kathy Thornburg

Roseann Bentley

**Motion: To approve Tom Frawley as a new member of the Executive Committee and continue the service of Kathy Thornburg and Roseann Bentley on the Executive Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Requests for Designees**

Per the bylaws, designees for department representatives can be named with the approval of the board. The following departments submitted requests for designees.

DSS

**Motion: To approve Brian Kinkade, Deputy Director, to be the designee from DSS for the department representative. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

DESE

**Motion: To approve Stan Johnson, Assistant Commissioner of School Improvement, to be the designee from DESE for the department representative. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

DHSS

**Motion: To approve Melinda Sanders, Title V Director, to be the designee from DHSS for the department representative. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

DMH

**Motion: To approve John Heskett, Director, Office of Comprehensive Children's Mental Health, to be the designee from DMH for the department representative. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

### **Report of Secretary**

**Motion: A motion was made to approve the December minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

### **Letters of Recommendation**

Karen Bartz will move this item to the February agenda.

### **Action on ECCS Plan**

Stacey Owsley, Melinda Sanders and Patsy Carter presented strategy revisions for each goal. Documents with suggested revisions, a support letter and a resolution stating the Board's endorsement of the Early Childhood Comprehensive System plan developed and revised under funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration/Maternal and Child Health Bureau were distributed at the meeting.

### **Goal #1: Missouri's young children will have their basic needs met.**

**Motion: To replace the strategy statement "Increase employment rates for primary caregiver(s) for children zero to five" with "Increase income levels of primary caregiver(s) for children zero to five above x% of the federal poverty level" with the steering committee to determine the appropriate % of poverty. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

### **Goal #2: Missouri's children are raised in a stable, supportive, and nurturing family environment.** No changes

### **Goal #3: Missouri's children have access to high quality early childhood programs.**

**Motion: To adopt the following revisions:**

- **"~~Provide~~ Enhance training and technical assistance to registered and licensed early childhood providers"**
- **"~~Provide~~ Enhance opportunities for early childhood professionals in accessing and advancing through the higher education system"**
- **"Increase income eligibility for Missouri child care subsidy assistance program"**
- **"~~Establish~~ Maintain a transitional benefit for families that exceed the eligibility level to alleviate the 'cliff effect'"**
- **Replace "Ensure all children in state custody have access to high quality early childhood opportunities" with "Ensure children in high risk categories (child welfare/protective services, foster care, homeless children) have access to high quality early childhood opportunities"**
- **Review all the language of the strategies for the possibility of revising for clarity.**

**The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

**Goal #4: Missouri's children have a source of coordinated, comprehensive, and family-centered primary health care and services.**

**Motion: To add an additional strategy to "Assure health care provider reimbursements rates are sufficient enough to ensure an adequate number of providers are available." The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

The board asked that the committee consider adding a strategy statement similar to that in Goal 3 re the high-risk categories of child welfare/protective services, foster care and homeless children.

Melinda was asked for a definition of high-risk that could be included with the document and that it not be confined to health programs only. Patty will distribute this to all members.

**Goal #5: Missouri's children are socially and emotionally healthy.**

**Motion: To adopt the following revisions:**

- **Add "Screen caretakers with mental illness for impact on parenting."**
- **Add "Assess parents of children in child welfare/protective services and foster care for emotional, social, and behavioral risk factors."**
- **Add "Establish criteria for infant/early childhood consultation."**
- **"Facilitate the development of a system of ~~childhood~~-early childhood and infant mental health consultation. "**
- **"Implement a statewide campaign to increase awareness of importance of the child's ~~home environment~~ environments to his/her social emotional well-being."**

**The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

**Motion: To adopt the resolution dated January 9, 2009 outlining the Board's support of the revised ECCS Plan. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

### **Business Leader Summit**

Karen Bartz outlined an opportunity to apply for a \$10,000 grant from Partnership for America's Economic Progress to conduct a statewide meeting for business leaders. Chair asked for board's support of CBEC involvement. The board agreed that the CBEC would be involved in the following manner:

- Play an active role in the design of the Summit,
- Recruit business leaders from throughout the state,
- Help to engage key legislators,
- Give leadership to policy initiatives that may emerge from deliberations at the meeting.
- Commit up to \$5,000 in matching funds.

**MOTION: To serve as co-convener with PAT National Center of a Business Leader Summit on Early Childhood Investment and provide up to \$5,000 in matching funds, pending PATNC's receipt of a grant from the Partnership for America's Economic Progress. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report**

Karen Bartz presented the financial report.

- The budget report was distributed to attendees. The board has expended all of DHSS 09 allocation from ECCS grant, St. Joseph United Way grant for Pre-K Panel, and Kauffman grant for general operations.
- Expenditures of less than \$1,000 have been made from the Hall Family Foundation grant and no expenditures have been charged yet to DESE or DMH allocations.
- Total expenditures for Pre-K Panel were approximately \$48,500.

**Motion – To approve printing 500 copies of the CBEC annual report at a cost of \$369.62. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion: A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.**

**NEXT MEETING  
February 20, 2009  
Conference Call**

Minutes drafted by Patty Nolte  
Minutes approved April 17, 2009