



State Early Childhood Advisory Council

of Mississippi

SECAC MEETING MINUTES – August 10, 2012

Council Attendees: Rickey Berry, Vickey Berryman, Ricky Boggan, Mary Currier, Margarette Davenport, Louise Davis, Jill Dent, Annjo Lemons, Lora Mederos, Sandra Parks, Steve Renfroe, Tina Routh, Laurie Smith, Holly Spivey, Danny Spreitler, Forest Thigpen, Nita Thompson, Rhea Williams-Bishop

Public Attendees: Eileen Beazley (Midtown Partners), Susan Boone (Health Dept.), Jane Boykin (MS Forum on Children and Families), Carol Burnett (MLICCI), Bob Clay (Excel by 5), Pam Dollar (MSPTI), Steven Grice (nSPARC), Rubie Jenkins (House of Joy), Jamie Kilpatrick (PCG), Jerry Mitchell (Clarion Ledger), Mimmo Parisi (nSPARC), Jane Siders (USM-IDS), Richard Whipple (PCG)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to be Taken
Call the Meeting to Order	Boggan called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.	
Updates from the Chair	Boggan introduced himself and gave a word of greeting to Council members.	
Introductions of Council & Guests	Boggan asked the attendees to introduce themselves and name the entities they represented.	
Approval of the Minutes from 05/14/2012	Copies of the minutes from the May 14, 2012, meeting were distributed to the Council. Renfroe made a motion and Parks seconded to accept the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.	
Committee Reports: Data – Jill Dent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dent stated the committee has been working on extending the funding for the early childhood data system. Dent described the reports that can be generated from the system, and the Data system will be called Mississippi Lifetracks. Dr. Grice discussed the pilot Head Start programs participating in the system. Dr. Parisi gave the State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) background. 	
Committee Reports : Health Access – Rhea Williams-Bishop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Consulting Group presented the report to the Council. 	PCG asked the Council to read the report and provide feedback by COB Friday, August 17, 2012.

Committee Reports : Coordinated Services Model – Steve Renfroe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renfroe provided background of the SECAC, Coordinated Services Report, and the chosen model. • Boggan stated new members will need committee assignments. 	
Committee Reports : Workforce Dev. – Louise Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davis briefly discussed the implementation of the TEACH/WAGES program in the state. 	
Committee Reports : Home Provider – Jill Dent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dent stated they are currently working with 20 providers through the T/A and QRIS process. • 8 of the 20 are pursuing a CDA credential. 	
Expanding Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boone provided background on the grant opportunity. • Dr. Siders made a presentation regarding the purpose of the Expanding Opportunities Initiative. • Lemons made a motion and Spreitler seconded to add the Expanding Opportunities as an advisory group. 	
State Home Visiting Program (Healthy Homes MS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Human Services applied for a grant to expand the Home Visiting Program. • 104 families currently served in Southwest Mississippi, and there is a waiting list in Wilkinson County. • 13 employees have been hired in North Mississippi. 	
Other Business	The next SECAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2012. The location is to be determined.	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boone - upcoming MsECA conference at Christ United Methodist Church in October. • Renfroe – Excel by 5 Summit will be held on October 3. • Parks – The Department of Mental Health & the MS Families as Allies received a one year planning grant allowing the state to design a comprehensive plan for mental health services for children 0-5. 	
Adjourn	Lemons made a motion and Renfroe seconded to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.	