

NCCSD Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2009

PRESENT:

Robbie Endris, President
Alicia Key, Vice President
John Bernhart, Secretary-Treasurer
Brenda Lyttle, Past President
Laurie McGrath, Region I
Alisha Griffin, Region II
Pamela Lowry, Region V
Gary Dart, Region VI
Carol Eaton, Region VII
Terry Walter, Region VIII
Louise Bush, Region IX

Convened the meeting at 3:35 PM EDT.

Minutes – The November minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – The Council has \$55,787.73 in its account with Chase Bank. There is an outstanding bill for \$11,666 from the Lewin Group that will be discussed later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit Committee – Pam reported on the activities of the Committee:

- The Committee has drafted a letter from NCCSD to the Commissioner, stating the Council's position with respect to entrance and exit conferences and what should be covered at the entrance conference.
- The Audit Committee is also working to ensure that the requested entrance conference is meaningful, is continuing to develop a matrix of audit issues and methodologies, and is consulting with the Directors in each Region on whether they support evolutionary or revolutionary change to the DRA process and whether or not they would support reopening the CSPIA of 1998 to address the addition of a corrective action year with the understanding there may be some risk in doing so.

Please review the attached draft letter, which will be discussed during the Executive Committee's January meeting. There are also two other attachments from the Audit Committee that address the above issues.

By-Laws Committee – The Committee is meeting and will have a report in January or February.

Medical Support Committee – Nothing new to report.

TANF Reauthorization Committee – Nothing to report.

Mandatory Notices/Cost Savings Committee – The Committee is currently focusing on the notice of collections. They believe there is flexibility in AT 92-02 to change the current requirement that these be printed and mailed to CPs. The Committee will be conducting a survey of Directors. They are compiling a list of other possible cost issues related to forms, postage, etc. They are attempting to add a Tribal representative to the Committee and are still seeking representation from Regions 2 and 10.

Funding Coalition Update – Forty-five (45) states have responded to the survey of Directors on the use and potential impact of losing the ARRA funding. Robbie is providing anonymous detail to Barbara Pryor of Senator Rockefeller's staff; his bill now has 15 co-sponsors.

Monthly OCSE Call Report – The OCSE has requested comments on the Paperwork Reduction Act. There was discussion of automating the NMSN and having the IWO Workgroup take the lead on this issue. There was discussion of the Homeless Veterans' Project underway in several cities, including Chicago and Boston. This led to discussion among the Board of proposals in Oklahoma and Iowa to prohibit the attachment of veterans' disability payments for child support (nothing has passed). The OCSE is concerned that child support debt is a barrier to veterans obtaining housing. The OCSE mentioned the Assets for Independence Project, a TANF/CSE collaboration. They also discussed their collaboration with the Census Bureau in several states—CA, NY, IL, and TX. Vicki encouraged states to spend all of their ARRA funds. Some Directors reported difficulty in spending these funds on IT projects due to failure to receive the go-ahead from the OCSE; it was posited that the delay in approval to these states was related to staffing shortages in Washington.

Lewin Report – Robbie has talked with Lewin and asked them to provide a final report related to the work they performed on medical support; at which point, they will have fulfilled the contract. Alisha suggested Lewin provide a paper that NCCSD could use as our recommendations to the OCSE. We will need to determine what NCSEA can contribute towards the final bill.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Several Directors mentioned receiving a request from the GAO for New Hire data for an analysis they are conducting to see whether sex offenders are getting jobs that place them in contact with children. Terry suggested they obtain this information from the NDNH, but the GAO prefers to get it from the states. Terry mentioned that individual tribal members will be receiving payments from the Feds as a

result of a \$1.4 billion settlement of a lawsuit concerning Indian Trust Funds; he asked that we request the OCSE to include these in the Administrative Offset Program; Robbie said she would follow up with Vicki on this request. Carol asked whether states had received any fallout from lenders or realtors as a result of our intercept of the \$8,000 first time homebuyer tax credits since the \$8,000 was advanced to the homebuyer/delinquent obligor by those parties in a number of instances; she anticipates receiving some complaints over this issue in the coming year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 EDT.