

NCCSD Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2010

PRESENT:

Robbie Endris, President
Alicia Key, Vice President
John Bernhart, Secretary-Treasurer
Brenda Lyttle, Past President
Laurie McGrath, Region I
Pat Risch for Alisha Griffin, Region II
Benidia Rice, Region III
Ann Coffin, Region IV
Pamela Lowry, Region V
Gary Dart, Region VI
Pauline Rutherford for Carol Eaton, Region VII
Terry Walter, Region VIII
Louise Bush, Region IX
Marilyn Stephen, Guest

President Endris convened the meeting at 3:30 PM EST.

Minutes – The December minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – John reported there is \$55,650.30 in NCCSD's account, with one outstanding bill from the Lewin Group for \$11,666. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit Committee – Pam reported that the Committee met earlier this week. They reviewed the feedback from the Directors on whether they preferred incremental improvements to the DRA process or transition to a new methodology. The consensus favored evolutionary improvement. The Executive Board agreed with the Committee's recommendation to set aside consideration of a new audit methodology for now. The Board reviewed and approved the Committee's revised draft letter to the Commissioner with NCCSD's recommendations regarding the Data Reliability Audit. (Letter was mailed February 9, 2010, and a copy was sent to all Directors.)

The Committee is currently working on a proposal for the structure, scope, and conduct of the entrance conference. If you have suggestions, please forward them to Robbie, Pam, or David Stillman.

By-Laws Committee – No report.

Medical Support Committee – No report.

TANF Reauthorization Committee – Will meet within next two weeks.

Mandatory Notices/Cost Savings Committee – Will meet January 25 or 26.

Funding Coalition Update – With respect to S 1859, the coalition is working on getting Senators Akaka of Hawaii, Reed of Rhode Island, and Harkin of Iowa to co-sponsor. Senator Burriss of Illinois recently added his name to the bill. The President's budget will be released next week, and everyone is waiting to see what will be in it. It will be introduced in the House and will go to the House Ways & Means Committee. Marilyn also reported on a GAO study of ARRA and Deficit Reduction Act impacts that is going on. They have contacted Michigan, Illinois, and perhaps other states. We aren't sure what the rationale is for the study or the impetus behind it; may be at the request of the House Republicans.

Monthly OCSE Call Report – The January call was rescheduled to January 29. Robbie and Alicia will talk with Vicki about the GAO New Hire study and administrative offset of funds to individuals resulting from the recent large settlement of the Tribal lawsuit.

Laurie related a request from Sharon Santilli for the OCSE to write a letter to the Governors about our program. There is some precedent for this in another human service program, and Sharon is trying to get a copy of that letter. Ann mentioned a problem Florida experienced with the DFAS, where an account was debited with no explanation. Robbie requested any states with similar problems with DFAS to let her know.

Lewin Report – The Board was asked to review the final report from Lewin that Robbie sent out and provide any feedback in the next two weeks. Contributions toward the study have been received from the Wisconsin CSE Association for \$1,000, the Michigan Support Council for \$500, and the WICSEC for \$1,000.

Annual Meeting – A planning committee including Robbie, Gary, Louise, Alicia, John, Laurie, Benidia, and Wally Naylor has been formed to help plan the very exciting Annual Meeting of the NCCSD in New Orleans June 13-16.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 EST.