

NCCSD Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2010

PRESENT:

Robbie Endris, President
Alicia Key, Vice President
John Bernhart, Secretary-Treasurer
Brenda Lyttle, Past President
Alisha Griffin, Region II
Benidia Rice, Region III
Pamela Lowry, Region V
Gary Dart, Region VI
Carol Eaton, Region VII
Terry Walter, Region VIII
Louise Bush, Region IX
Kandee Yearsley, Region X

The meeting was convened the meeting at 3:30 PM EST.

Minutes – The January minutes have not been completed and will be sent out later.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was attached to the agenda. The Council has \$55,651.88 in its account, with one outstanding bill from the Lewin Group. The report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit Committee – Robbie reported that the meeting with Vicki was rescheduled to February 22, but that she had received a positive response from Vicki to our letter concerning recommendations for the Data Reliability Audit. Pam reported that the Committee is working on how to make the entrance conference at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans meaningful to the members. The discussion will occur during the Wednesday session with the OCSE.

By-Laws Committee – No report.

Medical Support Committee – Alisha reported on a February 10 meeting. The Committee accepted the Lewin report. They are working on some things, including the medical support indicator, and will discuss them at the Sunday NCCSD meeting in New Orleans.

TANF Reauthorization Committee – Kandee reported that the Committee would be meeting soon.

Mandatory Notices/Cost Savings Committee – Carol reported that 37 states responded to the IVR survey question. She shared a draft letter the Committee prepared requesting OCSE to drop the requirement for a written, mailed notice of collections. They would like to mail the letter to the OCSE by the end of the month; she requested any additional feedback by February 26. The Committee will be looking next at the three-year notice of review and the instructions for the NMSN. Once they have exhausted all of the great ideas the Committee has come up with to conduct our business in a less costly and more efficient manner, they will be surveying Directors for additional ideas.

Funding Coalition Update – The Coalition is still seeking co-sponsors for the Rockefeller Bill. There will be a companion bill introduced in the House.

Monthly OCSE Call Report –Robbie and Alicia reported on a particularly busy call with the Commissioner on January 29. They addressed with Vicki the problems that some states are having spending their ARRA funds, particularly for automation projects. These concerns were shared with Robin Rushton. Gabrielle (Gabby) Pagan has been hired by the OCSE to focus on internal and external communications, marketing, and the OCSE website. Elaine Sorenson is assisting her, and their efforts will be shared at the June meeting with the OCSE.

They discussed the Administration's FY 10-11 budget and the fact that it includes the incentive match. The OCSE wants to have regional discussions concerning the incentive measures and TANF Reauthorization; these can include, but are not limited to, the PEP 90% threshold and sanction and the value of the CER as a performance measure.

There were no insights shared on the future of healthcare reform. Following the Senate's ratification of the Hague Treaty, it was reported that states will have two years to implement UIFSA 2008.

Vicki mentioned how popular the NDNH has become for a wide variety of agencies and groups that want information from it, e.g., to verify citizenship. She commented on the concern Terry had raised about the GAO request for SDNH data; she suggested that states contact their regional offices when in doubt about requests such as this. She affirmed the OCSE's position to be very cautious about requests for data sharing.

Vicki reported that the GAO study for TANF Reauthorization is an approved study. There is an advocacy group known as the Mobility Agenda that is pushing to water down the license suspension remedy. There will be a report coming out on PSOC, with any comments to be directed to Donna Bonar.

Finally, Vicki mentioned that Lily Matheson's last day was January 29, but that she was still very much committed to our program and available to do volunteer work for those who might be interested.

Lewin Report – The Board approved the Final Report from Lewin on the medical support indicator. The Report will be disseminated to all of our partner agencies, and the final bill will be paid.

NCSEA Meeting in January – Robbie reported there were 17 states represented for a brief meeting with Vicki at the conclusion of the Policy Forum in January. She sent her notes out to everyone.

Annual Meeting – Planning is underway.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is March 18, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 EST.

Laissez les bon temps rouler!