

NCCSD Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2010

PRESENT:

Robbie Endris, President
Alicia Key, Vice President
John Bernhart, Secretary-Treasurer
Laurie McGrath, Region I
Alisha Griffin, Region II
Benidia Rice, Region III
Ann Mims-Coffin, Region IV
Pamela Lowry, Region V
Pauline Rutherford for Carol Eaton, Region VII
Carol Eaton, Region VII
Terry Walter, Region VIII
Louise Bush, Region IX

The meeting was convened at 3:35 PM EDT.

Minutes – The minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s Report was approved. There is \$52,545.19 in the account, including a payment from NCSEA of \$8,556 for the Lewin Group study.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit Committee – Robbie talked with Kimberly Smith on April 8. The OCSE feels that the NCCSD conference is not good timing for an entrance or an exit conference; however, they will provide a briefing during Wednesday’s meeting. They will be more forthcoming on national findings and trends in the future. They will provide what may pass for an entrance conference at the annual Policy Forum; they are reluctant to use the terms ‘entrance and exit conferences’ as they have specific connotations. They will not reveal specific state findings; all findings will be anonymous. Kimberly will be meeting with Region 1 and will be getting their feedback on limited cost audits in a week or so.

By-Laws Committee – Scott Cade will have a report in May in case there is a need for action on any necessary changes prior to the Annual Meeting in June.

Medical Support Committee – Will report at the Annual Meeting in June.

TANF Reauthorization Committee – The Committee met briefly after the March Board meeting.

Mandatory Notices/Cost Savings Committee – The Workgroup has met. Now that the concern with the Notice of Collection of Assigned Support has been formally addressed to Vicki, the group is looking at the NMSN. They believe states are not aware of the different options for sharing the instructions for the NMSN and will send out information to all states on those options. The Committee is also looking at the 3-year R&A notice and the continued services form. With respect to the latter, clients receive these more than once; Massachusetts did an analysis and found that clients are receiving these 1-1/2 times on average. The Committee has a number of other issues to look at; they are not ready to solicit new ideas from Directors just yet.

Funding Coalition Update – There is nothing new to report. Barry Blomgren canceled the last call.

Monthly OCSE Call Report – Robbie reported that the DFAS issues have been resolved. Sherri Grigsby discussed some IWO issues. The OCSE is busily analyzing the healthcare reform bill; they do not have any guidance to share yet. Vicki brought up ARRA obligations and outlays; the OCSE noted that states are not spending all of the funds. An obvious concern is how this will reflect on our argument that we need full restoration of the match to operate our programs. Vicki encouraged states to apply for SIP grants; there will be no waivers allowed. The draft of the Strategic Plan was released per NCCSD's; comments can still be submitted. Alicia has compared it to the last draft and will be sending out that comparison to the Board; the changes appear to be in the guiding principles.

Federal Forms – The Workgroup is looking at the changes to the 34A and 396A Reports. They stated that the changes are relatively minor. They are still gathering feedback from the regions.

GAO Requests for SDNH Data – The OCSE just released some guidance indicating that states do not have to comply with the GAO request for SDNH data. For states that complied earlier, there is nothing to be done now.

TANF Emergency Funds Call – There were some technical problems with the call the OCSE set up to discuss the use of TANF Emergency Funds, and it ended up being terminated. The funds must be spent by 9/30/10.

Annual Meeting – Robbie is preparing a letter to send to everyone encouraging them to come on down and enjoy the hospitality of the Bayou State.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is May 20, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 EDT.