

NCCSD Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2010

PRESENT:

Robbie Endris, President
Alicia Key, Vice President
John Bernhart, Secretary/Treasurer
Brenda Lyttle, Past President
Alisha Griffin, Region 2
Benidia Rice, Region 3
Ann Coffin, Region 4
Gary Dart, Region 6
Carol Eaton, Region 7
Terry Walter, Region 8
Louise Bush, Region 9

NEW MEMBERS:

Dan McDonald, Vice President
Sharon Santilli, Secretary
Jerry Joy, Region 1
Garrett Jacobs, Region 3
Jean Fogarty, Region 10

GUESTS:

Jeff Cohen
Vernon Drew

Robbie called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM ET. John called the roll for the "changing of the guard" meeting, and several new members were welcomed to the Board.

Minutes – Upon the motion of Gary, and seconded by Alicia, the minutes of the August 19 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – John reported there is \$60,672.69 in the NCCSD account, with two deposits for \$850 for conference registrations and one payment of \$10.56 to Chase Bank for web access since the August meeting. The only remaining account receivable from the June Conference is \$8750 from the OCSE, and Vicki has been asked to intervene to help get this paid. Upon Louise's motion and Brenda's second, the Report was approved unanimously.

Funding Update – Distinguished guest Vernon Drew provided an update on the ongoing efforts to ensure that the incentive match funds are not cut, as is presently slated effective September 30. He acknowledged Marilyn Stephen for the tremendous job she

is doing in this effort and as a source for some of this information. He briefed us on what all CSE attendees agreed was a useful and positive briefing on our program to the Senate Finance Committee last week.

Vicki focused on the effectiveness of the program, its impact on the reduction of child poverty, and the negative impact of the imminent loss of federal funding in her remarks. The Coalition working to maintain the incentive match is focusing on these same issues in their discussions with Congress. The Rockefeller Bill has 39 sponsors and would like to get to 40, as that seems to be a threshold that lends credibility to any legislative effort.

The Coalition has over 200 co-signers to a letter to Congress in support of the incentive match, which individuals and organizations can add their names to on-line. Robbie recently sent the letter out to the Directors. Directors who send letters of support were asked to share those letters with Vernon or Robbie or both. Vernon discussed S. 3793, Senator Baucus' bill that includes a one-year extension of the incentive match on pg. 240.

According to Vernon, the most likely scenario at present is that Congress will pass a one-year extension to keep government running through the election, but that the incentive match will not be included. Nonetheless, the Coalition is hopeful we will get a one-year extension of the match retroactive to 10/01/10 before the end of this calendar year. The best long-term solution is in TANF Re-Authorization, although a series of one-year extensions is also a possibility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit Committee – No report.

By-Laws Committee – A copy of the new by-laws reflecting the change made at the Annual Conference in New Orleans to separate the Secretary and Treasurer positions has been circulated to the Directors.

Medical Support Committee – Alisha mentioned provisions of the Affordable Care Act taking effect today. There was a meeting in DC last week where Vicki discussed a possible role for CSE as mediators or “navigators” who would help families choose which healthcare plan is appropriate for their children. This raised the concerns of attendees from both Iowa and DC. Alisha believes this idea may be based on a successful demonstration grant in New Jersey that used medical support facilitators to identify healthcare coverage for 80% of the children.

However, Alisha is not sure if she will institutionalize this process, nor would she suggest it be a mandated role in IV-D. The OCSE has been meeting with states that are conducting or have conducted 1115 Demonstration Grants related to medical support, including Texas, Michigan, Oklahoma, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York,

and DC. With all that is going on, Alisha believes we may want to re-institute this committee, which has been inactive for a while.

TANF Reauthorization Committee – The Group is forming subcommittees to address specific issues; one will deal with the incentive process and is being led by the OCSE.

Mandatory Notices/Cost Savings Committee – No report.

NCCSD Website Committee – Jeff Cohen shared what the Committee has been doing. They would like to maintain the Directory, provide a calendar of events, links to other sites, policy documents, and minutes for the Board and all Committees. They discussed the need for a governance mechanism to ensure the website stays current and is meeting the Directors' needs.

One key issue is finding a Webmaster. The Committee will be sending out a survey to locate someone for that role; Jeff does not feel technical expertise is that critical.

Monthly OCSE Call – The call with Vicki was on 9/20/10. They learned of Linda Lawrence of the OCSE's passing, which has since been shared with the Directors. They discussed the Senate Finance briefing. The rule change to eliminate the printed quarterly notice of collections is with the Office of General Counsel. They discussed audit issues; Vicki told them of her focus on getting that office more organized and getting some audits closed out. Vicki is working with the people conducting the ARRA audits to be sure they understand that the incentive match is an entitlement, and OCSE is not like other entities that received ARRA funds. The monthly calls with Vicki and Donna will continue with the change in NCCSD Officers.

Old Business – Carol asked about the "allowable activities" document. Robbie reported it was still in draft form.

New Business – None.

Transition – Robbie thanked the Board for their support and assistance this past year. The members, in turn, thanked her for her outstanding leadership.

The new Board takes office October 1, 2010. It was agreed to keep the current meeting schedule of the third Thursday of each month at 3:30 PM ET, 2:30 CT, 1:30 MT, 12:30 PT.

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 3:30 PM ET.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM ET.