

NCCSD Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2010

PRESENT:

Alicia Key, President
Dan McDonald, Vice President
Robbie Endris, Past President
Jerry Joy, Region 1
Alisha Griffin, Region 2
Garrett Jacobs, Region 3
Ann Mims-Coffin, Region 4
Gary Dart, Region 6
Pauline Rutherford and Joe Finnegan, Region 7
Brenda Lyttle, Region 8
Louise Bush, Region 9
Jean Fogarty, Region 10

Alicia Key called the meeting to order. First order of business was approval of the September minutes. Robbie moved the minutes be approved as submitted. Jean seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Dan McDonald gave the Treasurer's Report via John Bernhart's email of October 27, "We have \$68,490.70 in our account. Since last month, we have incurred a \$45 monthly expense to Chase Paymentech to keep the account we use to process credit card payments open as it was far more expensive to close it and re-open it at Conference time. We have also received payment from the OCSE for \$8050 plus interest of \$56.03 for late payment to cover 23 registrations at the June conference. They still owe us \$700 for 2 others. And, we have received \$1.98 in interest on our savings account." Robbie moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as submitted. Brenda seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

TALX: Joe Finnegan expressed concern that because TALX had been acquired by Experian a few years ago, the question was raised that they are a credit reporting agency and, as such, must adhere to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, which requires that they verify all users. It appears that TALX is agreeable to the idea of developing one contract with a state and making modifications that address consumer reporting provisions. Alicia suggested that committee members post information as the states move forward with TALX contracts and discuss at a later date.

Save Child Support Act of 2010: Alicia reported that Robbie forwarded her the comments and concerns submitted from several directors about the bill. Alicia discussed the comments with OCSE in their monthly OCSE/NCCSD call. It was suggested that the committee should come up with some positive suggested language. Alicia will put something together and circulate it. Alisha Griffin will send Alicia the comments that were sent to Menendez' office in an attempt to "clean up" the language in the bill. There was a brief discussion regarding feasibility of breaking the bill into two separate bills and adding the UIFSA component since no one was advancing that .

Full committee reports were deferred to next month's call.

Alicia reported briefly that the TANF Reauthorization Committee has created four subcommittees: Allowable Uses of IV-D Funds; Improvements in Core Functions; Funding; and Distribution of Child Support. The next committee call is scheduled for December 15.

Pauline Rutherford briefly mentioned status on the Cost Savings workgroup. Two weeks before, Carol sent ideas on case closure to OCSE. During the next meeting, members will discuss electronic communication, look at mandatory forms and notices to see if they can be made more permissive.

Alicia and Dan reported on the NCCSD/OCSE conference call of October 15. Vicki Turetsky and Donna Bonar participated from OCSE. Items discussed: (1) OCSE wants to prepare a survey for us to distribute about possible research topics. They asked if there are any topics on which OCSE could provide to the states research papers or persuasive documents. They have capacity now to work on some research projects but want input on topics of interest. (2) They are planning to issue a funding guide (what activities are eligible for IV-D funding) as a Best Practices guide with policy back up. The goal is for issuance by end of December. (3) Their survey might also ask whether states have a need for training by OCSE. (4) There will be no OCSE training conference this fall. (5) Vicki will be at WICSEC and will meet with the IV-D directors or their designees on Tuesday, November 9. (6) We discussed the recommendations of the cost savings workgroup. Vicki reported that a new policy document and regulations about the quarterly notice are being reviewed. We asked about timing and procedures for best making our cost savings suggestions. Vicki responded that any suggestions that can be implemented through policy guidance can be submitted at any time. Changes that would require rule making need to be submitted within the next couple of months. (Topics already scheduled to be addressed in the next year include case closure, medical support and payment processing.) Any suggestion that would require statutory change should be submitted directly to a member of Congress rather than to OCSE, although they would like to know about any suggestions being made. With respect to the amount of information that we are submitting along with our cost savings ideas, they said “so far, so good.” (7) We discussed the Menendez/Grassle “Save Child Support Act.” (8) Restoration of match on incentives – Vicki explained that the child support funding issue was part of a package that was expected to pass before the recess but it did not. There is cautious optimism that it may still pass before the end of the year.

NCSEA Policy Forum in January. Alicia reported that NCSEA staff arranged for a room from 2:00-5:00 on Sunday at the Policy Forum for a meeting for the IV-D Directors. They also arranged for a room on Wednesday from noon-3:00 to discuss TANF Reauthorization.

There was no old business.

New business – Robbie brought up the BP oil spill and noted that settlements were starting to come out and Louisiana was having difficulty identifying them. There was a brief discussion about how to file claims with the Gulf Coast Claims Facility.

There was a brief discussion about new rules regarding paying for genetic testing in interstate cases and how we should handle cases in the pipeline when the change occurs. It is believed that the question has been submitted to OCSE.

Alicia noted that the next executive committee conference call will be on Thursday, 11/18.

The meeting was adjourned.