NCCSD Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2011

Present:

Alicia Key – President

Dan McDonald – Vice President

Jerry Joy, Region 1

Alisha Griffin, Region 2

Garret Jacobs, Region 3

Ann Coffin, Region 4

Gary Dart, Region 6

Carol Eaton, Region 7

Louise Bush, Region 9

Jean Fogarty, Region 10

Cynthia Longest, Region

Charles Hayward, Region 3

Laurie McGrath, Region 1

President Key called the meeting to order at 3:30PM ET. The first order of business was the approval of the August 2011 minutes. Ann Coffin pointed out that she was incorrectly marked as present at the last meeting. That and a typographical error will be corrected. Alisha Griffin moved that the minutes be accepted with these corrections and Louise Bush seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

As Treasurer John Bernhart was absent, Alicia Key presented his report as follows:

**NCCSD TREASURER REPORT**

**September 15, 2011**

Ending Balance- August 18, 2011- $ 71,562.69

Less Expenses-

Payment to OCSE to help host IHOA meeting- $300.00

Paymentech fee- 45.00

$345.00 - 345.00

Plus Revenues-

Interest on savings account- $ 2.63 + 2.63

Ending Balance- September 15, 2011 $71,220.32

Garrett Jacobs moved to approve the Treasurer’s report and Jean Fogarty seconded. It was approved unanimously. Garrett Jacobs moved to approve the Treasurer’s report and Jean Fogarty seconded.  It was approved unanimously.  Alicia Key mentioned that she and John Bernhart are the only two members of the committee to consider mission appropriate uses of the balance that we are carrying.  She asked whether anyone else was interested in joining the group. This was also discussed under Old Business.

**Committee Reports:**

**Cost Savings** – There was a discussion about whether the group should continue. Carol Eaton mentioned that Yvette Riddick had told her that there were some items on which she would be following up but Carol had not heard from her and that the group had worked through all of the ideas that had been put forward. Dan McDonald suggested that group be disbanded and Alicia Key thanked Carol for her work.

**Audi**t – Neither Pam Lowry nor David Stillman were on the call.

Dan McDonald is a member of the committee which has not met in several months. He believes that the group’s work is done as all known issues and concerns have been sent to OCSE.

Alisha Griffin asked whether the group should take up any IRS Audit issues as OCSE is to meet with the IRS to discuss a variety of concerns. Dan thought this was distinct from the original purpose of the Audit Committee. He feels certain that OCSE understands the issues and will raise them with the IRS. He also pointed out that should this area require additional attention we could form another Committee in the future.

Chuck Hayward mentioned that at a recent Region 3 meeting in DC another audit issue arose regarding the scope of A133 audits. Chuck will send more information on this to Dan who will raise it with Vicky Turetsky.

**Medical Support** – AlishaGriffin mentioned thatshe still needs representatives from several regions and that she would follow up with an email. There was a discussion about OCSE’s suggestion that we get involved with those entities planning our individual health care Exchanges to make sure that the needs of our agencies and customers are included in implementation planning. Jean Fogarty reported that OR had received an Innovation Grant to plan their exchange and that she would be meeting with the OR Exchange folks to talk about establishment and enforcement issues. She had a conversation with Vicky Turetsky about this and is expecting additional guidance from Vicky that she will share with other directors. It is expected that this Committee will be an effective vehicle for discussions with OCSE on health care reform.

Alisha mentioned that she had been successful in NJ in getting CS included in the IT Health Exchange plan.

**TANF Reauthorization –** We discussed whether the Committee’s report which was discussed at the Austin conference was ready to send to DC. There was some confusion as to what had been agreed to at the annual meeting. Specifically, some recalled that we were going to change language on certain items such as revocation of the $25 fee to setting it as a state option. Some states would have budgetary problems with a revocation and others may have fiscal or political problems with other suggestions. There was also a discussion on whether a resolution or letter would be the best vehicle for our recommendations. It was decided that the recommendations would be sent out one more time to be sure all directors had had a chance to contribute their thoughts.

**Website –** Jeff Cohen was not on the call. Alicia asked for feedback on the site and several mentioned that they found it helpful.

Monthly OCSE Call –

Alicia Key reported on several items that were discussed:

* OCSE has a gap in funding for administrative services so new staff are handling scheduling etc. and hopefully this will not present any problems
* The Turner decision was discussed. OCSE has 2 projects relating to it.
  + The creation of an FAQ/Policy sheet and a plan to provide Outreach, training and policy guidance to states. There is another case from GA in the pipeline with similar issues.
  + A project with DOJ on access to justice issues with the hope of improving the experience of Pro Se litigants.
    - A new contempt survey will be issued as fewer than 20 states responded to the initial request and OCSE wants to hear from us before issuing any guidance
* OCSE would like 1st person testimonials that could be posted on the White House’s Fatherhood.gov site discussing services received under bubble chart type programs. Alicia Key indicated that she would send out a request along these lines

Old Business: Jean Fogarty agreed to chair the group working on the surplus funds and mentioned in the treasurer’s report. The group intends to look at our charter and think about appropriate uses. Alisha Griffin volunteered to join the group.

New Business: - There was a discussion on whether to allow anyone other than a IVD Director to join the listserv. Alicia Key indicated that she occasionally receives requests to add a Deputy to the group. The group decided that the current restriction made sense as it facilitates open communication amongst members. Alicia has been maintaining the list. It will be posted to the website. It was agreed that the Secretary should maintain the list on our website.

Alicia plans to distribute the minutes from the annual meeting to those that attended for any corrections. She is going to look into whether approval can be done by members through email rather than waiting for the next annual meeting.

Alisha Griffin suggested we ask for more information about incentives? From OCSE.

Dan McDonald mentioned that we may want to have a future call on the Menedez legislation.

Dan thanked Alicia Key for the tremendous job she did as President and the meeting was adjourned.