**NCCSD Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

January 19, 2012

Present:

Dan McDonald – President

Benidia Rice – Vice President

Sharon Santilli – Treasurer

Laurie McGrath – Secretary

Alicia Key – Past President

Region 1 - Jerry Joy

Region 2 – Alisha Griffin

Region 3 - Charles Hayward

Region 4 – Ann Coffin

Region 5 - Cynthia Longest

Region 6 - Gary Dart

Region 7 - Carol Eaton

Region 8 - Brenda Lyttle

Region 9 - Louise Bush

Region 10 – Jean Fogarty

Committee Chairs

Jeff Cohen - Website

President McDonald called the meeting to order at 3:30PM ET. The first order of business was the approval of the December 2011 minutes. Brenda Lyttle motioned to accept the minutes and Jerry Joy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Sharon Santilli gave the Treasurer’s Report as follows:

**Transfer from Chase Bank to Bank of America 2 deposits 12/12/11 $61,204.43**

**12/15/11 $5,591.88**

**Chase Rewards from credit card deposit 12/27/11 $ 579.73**

**Deposit Total $67,376.04**

**Expenses:**

**Reimbursement to Sharon Santilli for Filing of Annual report (required for Bank Account) $26.00**

**Balance: $67,350.04**

**Pending:**

**Meeting at Policy Forum -Art and Soul Restaurant 1/4/12 Deposit $ 900.00**

Louise Bush moved to accept Sharon’s report and Jean Fogarty seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**Medical Support** – AlishaGriffin reported that she sent documents about medical support out to the committee and was in the process of setting up the second meeting. She reported that Vicki Turetsky had made it clear that the administration did not plan to move forward with a new medical support incentive although it is still required under the law. It does not appear that OCSE intends to issue any public statements along this line. There is a school of thought that with ACA we will be getting out of the enforcement/establishment side of medical support and instead be a source of referrals to various programs.

**TANF Reauthorization –** No report for this meeting.

**Website –** Dan pointed out that Jeff Cohen had issued a report showing that only 4 states have accessed the website since the last meeting. Dan asked regional representatives to encourage directors to use the site. Jean Fogarty suggested that posting results of surveys would be a carrot that would lead people to learning to use the site. Dan will send a reminder and can reissue passwords if necessary. Dan and Jeff agreed to brainstorm about ways to increase usage of the site.

**Excess Funds Committee** – Jean Fogarty is working on a survey about excess funds and will consider using the site and survey monkey to get feedback from directors.

**Monthly OCSE call**

Dan reported on the monthly call that he and Benidia had with Commissioner Turetsky as follows.

**Strategic plan** – With over 20 directors planning to attend the NCSEA Policy conference, Vicki will take some time during the Saturday meeting with directors to present the strategic plan that she has been working on. She said that while it had been updated from the document worked on by directors in 2009 the changes were minor. She also plans to use this meeting to talk further about the incentive issues she outlined in her recent conference call with directors.

**Tax Fraud** - The ongoing problem with IRS tax fraud reversals was discussed. 90% of the 700 referrals that states have sent to OCSE have resulted in reversals. OCSE has had discussions with the IRS and reported that the IRS has taken additional fraud prevention steps for the 2012 filing season. They have hired additional staff and have contracted with a vendor to help them achieve improvement. Several directors expressed concern about the impact the fraud problem has already had or may have on their agencies. Adjustments have begun to exceed collections for some states and this creates a hardship for states. Alicia Key indicated that TX is speaking to their senators about the problem and suggested other states do the same. Ann Coffin suggested that NCCSD take a position on the inequity of the IRS trying to pass on to states debt that they incurred through failures in their system. Dan asked Ann to chair a group that will draft a letter or resolution on this issue. This could be used by directors planning to meet with their congressional delegations in February. Sharon Santilli and Brenda Lyttle agreed to serve on the Committee and Gary Dart indicated he would provide a member from his staff that had some expertise in this area.

Brenda Lyttle suggested that information about the Menendez Bill and incentive proposals would also be very helpful to states for meetings with the delegations.

**Incentive Call with States** – A number of directors expressed confusion and concern about the goal of the incentive workgroup convened by OCSE. During the OCSE call on this issue Vicki pointed out the risk of opening any discussion in congress on incentives at this time. Several directors shared this concern yet it seems like OCSE and/or Senator Rockefeller’s staff is intent on pursuing some changes. Dan will put together an NCCSD subgroup of members of the incentive work group to be sure that there is good communication on the issue.

**Medical Support** – Dan asked whether there was any further guidance on what directors should be doing to with regards to state exchange planning. Stay involved through state channels was the current OCSE guidance

**Old Business:**

24 directors will be at the policy conference according to the survey that Dan sent out which means good participation in the dinner meeting but no room for guests.

Carol asked whether there was any news or clarification on the impact any sequestration move would have on IV D funding/incentives. Jean said that Vicki had told her the decision will rest with ACF and that it is not known what they will decide.

New Business:

Dan will be asking for volunteers for the annual conference planning committee.

**Monthly OCSE Call – No call this month**

**Old Business:**

* Chuck Hayward gave a recap of the National Council of State Legislators (NCSL) conference call that occurred just prior to the meeting. NCSL has a contract with OCSE. The project includes NCSL bringing state legislators up to speed on child support issues. Plans include publishing documents for legislators which they will try to vet with NCCSD first, finding a means of getting directors and legislators together and identifying 1-2 key legislators in each state that are leaders in child support issues.

**New Business**:

* Carol Eaton sat in on an Access and Visitation conference call with OCSE. The goal was discussing the President’s plan for A & V. Directors want to hear more about the expectations and financing associated with the administration’s goals.

Alisha Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Gary Dart.