

**Executive Committee Meeting**Thursday, April 16, 2020

**MINUTES**

3:00–4:30 PM Eastern • 2:00–3:30 PM Central • 1:00–2:30 PM Mountain • 12:00–1:30 PM Pacific

Members & Attendees

**NAME ROLE(S) NAME ROLE(S)**

✓ Jim Fleming\* President A Jeremy Toulouse\* Region 6

✓ Erin Frisch\* Past President ✓ Carol Eaton\* Region 7

✓ Michele Cristello\* Vice President ✓ Chad Dexter\* Region 8

✓ Kate Cooper Richardson\* Secretary, Region 10, Website ✓ Heather Noble\* Region 9

✓ Liesa Stockdale\* Treasurer, Finance ✓ Carla West Systems & Data Sharing

✓ Robin Arnell\* Region 1, Systems & Data Sharing ✓ David Kilgore Public Relations

✓ Terrence Joseph\* Region 2 ✓ Eileen Stack Policy & Practice

✓ Benidia Rice\* Region 3 ✓ Karen Hebert Mentoring

✓ Lyndsy Landry Irwin\* Region 4 A Robert Patrick Collaborative Analytics

✓ Jeff Aldridge\* Region 5 ✓ Sharon Redmond Collaborative Analytics

**\*Voting member**

Welcome

* President Jim Fleming called the meeting to order

Roll Call

* Attendance as noted
* Quorum present

Approval of Minutes

* Executive Committee February 20, 2020 – *approved without changes*
* Executive Committee March 19, 2020 – *approved without changes*

Treasurer’s Report – *accepted*

* Not a lot
* Last deposit; now paid in full from conference
* Bank card fees
* Balance roughly $84,000

President’s Report – *accepted*

* See written report
* Believes that OCSE is still working on a communication to directors
* FAQs are anticipated on OCSE questions
* Kate asked whether any stimulus payments received yet—apparently not
* ACF looking to issue something about Stafford Act waivers – for emergency declarations
  + Reference to permanent laws – FEMA statute
  + Gives government more authority to waive
  + NY analysis – didn’t get to what we’d need for OCSE
* Distribution requirements outside §654, so OCSE can’t usually waive
* Held OCSE leadership meeting
  + AAPDU ok for waiver, even if normal
  + Discussed “retro modifications”
    1. Reopening the judgment versus modification
    2. D.C. using emergency Chief Justice Order
* Altering distribution
  + Not unusual for a judgment debtor to owe money to two parties with claims to the same collateral
  + A judgment creditor with priority status is allowed to subjugate its interest
  + Long-standing federal policy interpretations provide that the federal interest in assigned arrears attaches once the arrears are collected, not before

Committee Reports

* Audit Workgroup – Michele
  + No report
* Child Support Employer Workgroup – Jim
  + They appreciate what we’re trying to do
  + Many employers are not at business to open mail every day
  + Employers wanted to convey to directors a request to maintain their employer liaisons to help maintain good lines of communication, including responses to reports of lump sums
* Collaborative Analytics Committee – Sharon /Robert
  + Meets next week
  + No other report
* Finance Committee – Liesa Stockdale
  + No report
* Joint Committee on Public Relations – David
  + Group met yesterday around COVID-19 and communications
  + Goal is to find a consistent place to drop the info
  + Looking to NCSEA as the host/clearinghouse
  + Flyer or URL development
  + All the media articles regarding stimulus now don’t make program look good
* Mentoring Committee – Karen
  + “Group therapy” sessions
  + Focusing on “time for you” calls
  + 4 agenda items didn’t reach but will follow up via email – will compile summary
* Policy & Practice Committee – Eileen/Carol
  + Didn’t meet
* System Modernization & Data Sharing Workgroup – Carla/Robin
  + Will schedule the next OCSE demos for the Tableau reports – UDC by category
  + May 1, May 6, but may have to move out; will send save-the-date
  + Uploading documents to website – all minutes, vendor presentations
  + No other report
* Website Committee – Kate Cooper Richardson
  + Have not met since end of January
  + No availability
  + Hope to meet in May, but we’ll see
  + Listserv busy—there are mysteries in why some messages bounce for some recipients

Unfinished Business

* 2020 Medora meeting
  + Medora not going to able to run at full occupancy
  + In-person meeting not going to be feasible this summer
  + Committee members expressed deep regret, but agree on the need to postpone the meeting in Medora at least through end of 2020

New Business

* Annual meeting: Alternative in-person? Love to, but unlikely
  + Form a program committee – virtual series staggered
  + Different audiences or director-only? Maybe a mix
* Jim: If there is COVID 4 legislation, please consider positions:
  + A new round of stimulus payments—opt-out of offset or participate?
  + Amendments to Title IV-D—what requirements in federal law or rule would you like repealed, suspended, or modified to give us needed flexibility or remove negative consequences for limited or delayed program activities?
  + Incentive measures—would we propose a “hold harmless” approach where a state’s share of the pool at the end of FY 2020 is the same as for FY 2019, or are we comfortable moving forward as-is knowing we all can expect a hit on performance?  If the House proposes again a potential increase in federal match to 100% in the discretion of the secretary, are reduced incentives moot for FY 2020?
* Jim: What program changes would we seek from OCSE or Congress in expectation of a spike in unpaid child support, aging computer systems that don’t adapt quickly, and reduced ability to earn for many parents who owe child support and are not able to return to their former employment?
  + Carol: Now is the time! Take advantage of focus on outdated systems
  + Erin: Support for ask for more funding/match – more than just for systems
  + House language had a number of helpful provisions, holding states harmless, waivers, etc.
  + Jim: Wish we could’ve put together info on the amounts that would’ve been retained
* 5 states with DRA distribution—handle current support issue differently
  + Editor note: After the meeting, it was learned that there are only 4 states using DRA distribution prior to CA making the change
  + CA making the change
  + Joint tax offset treatment is a barrier
  + Current support first, then hold balance
  + Why only 5, soon to be 6, that do DRA, not PRWORA?
* What waivers under Stafford Act or Section 1115 would we like to see?
* Publicly expressing frustration with OCSE?
  + Most said don’t poke the bear
  + Did express frustration
  + A suggestion made for constructive criticism

Next Meeting – Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 2:00 PM Central

*Meeting adjourned at 3:29 PM Central*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Cooper Richardson, NCCSD Secretary*