

**Executive Committee Meeting**Thursday, May 21, 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 ✓ 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

✓ Ted Mermigos\* Region 3 ✓ Karen Hebert Mentoring

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

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

 **\*Voting member**

Welcome

* President Jim Fleming called the meeting to order

Roll Call

* Attendance as noted
* Ted Mermigos is the new Region 3 representative to replace Benidia Rice
* Quorum present

Approval of Minutes

* Executive Committee April 16, 2020 – *approved without changes*

Treasurer’s Report – *accepted*

* Written report provided – no real activity this month

President’s Report – *accepted*

* See written report
* Stafford Act waiver guidance in clearance
* OCSE Leadership Meeting
	+ Three sets of FAQs were released by OCSE in the last month. Many questions are pending with OCSE
	+ Monthly leadership meeting held Monday, May 4. NCCSD requested OCSE to increase the frequency with which it provides information or updates to state directors
	+ Also discussed stimulus payments and issues related to joint returns
	+ States will not be able to submit the OCSE-157 using the new form even if ready now that implementation pushed until 2021
	+ OCSE emphasized that any delayed second quarter reports need to be in before submitting the reports for third quarter
* Annual NCCSD Meeting
	+ Bylaws require NCCSD to hold an annual business meeting, but allow remote participation (conference call)
	+ Jim recommends setting a date for a virtual annual business meeting in 2020
	+ At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, discussed holding the 2021 annual meeting in Medora, North Dakota
	+ Asked Foundation in Medora to hold the week of July 18, 2021—must confirm by August 1, 2020

Committee Reports

* Audit Workgroup – Michele
	+ The Audit workgroup met on 5/13/20 to recap where things had been left (didn’t have a meeting in April) and move forward with next steps
	+ Discussed when and how best to follow up with OCSE about what they have been doing with DRA audits
	+ Previous understanding that there were some high-level initiatives going on in OCSE that would clarify/help directors to know what’s going on to address recently raised concerns by directors. Working on documenting the audit process and putting together results from the FFY17 audits from across the states with the goal of educating directors
	+ The workgroup suggests that should be on the agenda for the next OCSE/NCCSD leadership call. Looking for an update on the FFY18 audits and when those will be complete and funding awarded
	+ OCSE had also asked the workgroup to provide a list of audit-related items directors see as pertinent. Karen Hebert drafted an initial list; workgroup discussed and is reviewing before sending to OCSE
	+ FFY19 audits are underway; workgroup will keep this on the agenda through these audits and during the current crisis
	+ Next steps: finalize list and send to OCSE. Also drafting a short survey for all directors about current status and issues of states’ DRAs. Next meeting June 10
* Child Support-Employer Collaboration Workgroup – Jim
	+ Met this morning
	+ Employers struggling to stay working, including payroll administrators
	+ Great state reps on committee
	+ Shown demo for portal, looked user-friendly and beneficial
	+ Timeframe unknown
* Collaborative Analytics Committee – Sharon / Robert
	+ Meeting next week
* Finance Committee – Liesa Stockdale
	+ No other report beyond Treasurer’s report
* Joint Committee on Public Relations – David
	+ Met this week
	+ Discussion centered on next steps; struggling to find direction during this unusual time
	+ Committee does have the scripts ready to circulate
	+ Discussed developing a couple fact sheets about how COVID-19 has affected the program—one for stakeholders and one for legislators
	+ Looking at a template to add data or narrative for state specifics
		- Carol: fact sheets good, hope to have drafts by next month
		- Eileen: also excited, look forward to these resources
	+ Other things discussed:
		- Where to go as a whole
		- Initial plan pulling together 12 states’ info on public relations and creating a repository, create PSAs
		- Now looks unlikely, so will pull back
		- Committee slated to dissolve after 3 years and close this year—but should anything else happen?
* Mentoring Committee – Karen
	+ “Time for You” calls very productive
	+ Outstanding attendance – 35 at one meeting, 27 at another
	+ One more next call scheduled – will ask about continuing with the focus on response to COVID-19 and about the frequency
	+ Kudos from Exec Committee all around
	+ Erin: Newbie calls – suggest opening up for all directors, making a potential intentional change?
	+ Discussion in support of concept, comment to ensure continued mentoring/focus on new directors
* Policy & Practice Committee – Eileen / Carol
	+ Met May 7
	+ Prior items the committee was working on no longer seem current (TWN and vital records national database)
	+ Discussion focused on program response to pandemic and associated issues, such as performance and incentives, FMAP, IV-D flexibility, Aspen letter
	+ Some conversation about incentives and how to approach for impact in this year and next
		- Maybe states are all in the same place, maybe some disparity in impacts (e.g., level of “shuttering”)?
		- Liesa: Might be a matter of dancing with devil you know versus the one you don’t. That is, one approach is to put a hold on incentives from prior year—essentially freeze and use previous determination
		- Committee may develop paper or letter or some resolution to circulate to see if consensus among states about whether there’s an approach to propose
* System Modernization & Data Sharing Workgroup – Carla / Robin
	+ Postponed meetings until June
	+ Hosted the OCSE demo for the UDC Collections by Category this week. The second one will be held tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.
* Website Committee – Kate Cooper Richardson
	+ No report

Unfinished Business

* Annual business meeting in 2020
	+ Usually 4-5 hours when in person
	+ Would like to schedule week of July 27 for a virtual annual business meeting – 2 afternoons
	+ In lieu of conference sessions, consider webinars sponsored by NCCSD or consortium of child support associations?
	+ Program committee chairs – Lyndsy will lead effort, represent NCCSD, focus on operations
	+ September and October as potential window
* Future COVID-19 legislation
	+ HEROES Act and second NCSEA Resolution
		- Number of provisions about child support in HEROES Act
		- House had child support provisions in original CARES act, though, and didn’t end up in final bill
		- Fix included: FMAP increase would not apply to IV-D
	+ Wyden bill on TANF
		- Includes waiving penalty for not enforcing noncooperation with child support
		- A lot of states already not reporting for noncooperation
	+ SMART Act – Menendez and Cassidy (funding for state and local government, but nothing specific to child support)
		- A lot of $ for states, local governments
* Final resolution from NCSEA
	+ Support for flexibilities to HEROES act
	+ Text and concepts in resolution not exact match to legislation
	+ Policy & Practice Committee discussed whether NCCSD should identify areas similar and offer its own resolution
	+ Go right to Congress or to OCSE?
	+ Move forward with resolution – funding and deadlines/requirements
	+ Discussion about funding specific to IV-D or more general?
* DRA distribution
	+ Stimulus payments brought this issue and information forward
	+ Valuable info to learn from other states
	+ May want to advocate for change on distribution
	+ Erin: suggests this as a topic for a virtual session

New Business

* FMAP response from OCSE
	+ 6.2% increase for federal share
	+ Barbara Lacina from VA joined for this portion of meeting – for VA, this interpretation has $2M impact in 1 quarter
	+ Rigid approach from OCSE in response to request for reconsideration of legal interpretation
	+ Great deal of discussion about how to manage the response to OCSE on this and other matters
* Grievance meeting with OCSE and ACF – invite DHHS/ACF Assistant Secretary Lynn Johnson
	+ What’s needed from OCSE: Responsive, flexible, courageous
	+ Motion: Jeremy moved and Terrence seconded that NCCSD suspend formal NCCSD interactions with OCSE until the grievance meeting is set and held
	+ Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of voting members (Erin and Heather already had exited the meeting)

Next Meeting

* June 18, 2020 at 2:00 PM Central

*Meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM Central*

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