

**Executive Committee Meeting**Thursday, July 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 ✓ Lyndsy Landry Irwin\* Region 4

✓ Erin Frisch\* Past President, Region 5 ✓ Jeremy Toulouse\* Region 6

✓ Michele Cristello\* Vice President A Carol Eaton\* Region 7

✓ Kate Cooper Richardson\* Secretary, Region 10, Website ✓ Chad Dexter\* Region 8

✓ Liesa Stockdale\* Treasurer, Finance ✓ David Kilgore\* Region 9, Public Relations

✓ Robin Arnell\* Region 1, Systems & Data Sharing ✓ Carla West Systems & Data Sharing

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

A Ted Mermigos\* Region 3 ✓ Karen Hebert Mentoring

**\*Voting member**

Welcome

* President Jim Fleming called the meeting to order

Roll Call

* Attendance as noted
* Quorum present
* Erin Frisch recognized as new Region 5 representative

Approval of Minutes

* Executive Committee June 18, 2020 – *approved with minor correction*

Treasurer’s Report – *accepted*

* Very little activity in accounts
* Another Medora 2020 deposit refunded; another expected
* Fortunately, NCCSD won’t experience financial loss from cancelled conference
* $82,890 in account

President’s Report – *accepted*

* Delayed incentive payments from OCSE—internal debate on inflation rate
* Cost-avoidance study: Child Support Director Association of California (CSDACA) interested in partnering
* No confirmation in writing from US Treasury about not reversing economic impact payments made to incarcerated and deceased individuals
  + Have stated that verbally, however
* Stafford Act waiver requests and OCSE responses
  + Directors have been sharing generously
  + OCSE provided summary of approved waiver requests that have been approved
  + One notable waiver approved is skipping the annual self-assessment process (NC)
* OCSE announced a national workgroup on the pandemic; wants co-facilitation with NCCSD
* ACF no longer believes it has authority to waive PEP performance penalties without a change in federal law—may be working on a different solution
* ASPE sponsoring a 6-state survey of remote delivery of services under many HHS programs
* Getting some questions coming from Congress about how things work in the program, e.g., bank accounts, liens
  + A couple other states have gotten those questions, too
  + Anticipate that the House has interest in preventing garnishment if there’s another round of economic incentive (stimulus) payments
* Jim related tone and spirit of lengthy phone conversation with Commissioner Lekan

Unfinished Business

* ACF letter
  + Follow-up to June meeting with ACF
  + Apparently ACF wasn’t expecting the participation of so many directors in the call
  + Near-final draft letter included in meeting packet—includes specific actions ACF can take
  + Motion: Erin moved, Liesa seconded that NCCSD send letter as drafted to ACF; motion carried unanimously by those present.
* COVID impact statement
  + Near-final draft included in meeting packet
  + Product of Policy & Practice Committee—good discussion, suggestions incorporated in this draft
  + Circulated to listserv for opportunity for input
  + Provides support for those who are asked about “where the directors are at”—finding a way to have a voice
  + Jim suggests it would be shared with Congressional reps, OCSE
  + Listserv discussion related to incentive pool options
  + Suggestion made to include cost-avoidance/anti-poverty language in document
  + Two questions here: (1) Do we want to have our positions about Covid in writing, and (2) do we want to distribute them
  + Eileen: strong discussion in Policy & Practice Committee, would be positive framework document for decision-makers
  + David: if we’re not making ourselves known, we’re subject to just what is handed to us
  + Jeremy: can’t afford to be absent from the table
  + Jim walked through the “items for consideration”
    - Doesn’t include position on offset on EIPs
    - Carla: convo at ACF level about statutory changes
    - Liesa: differentiate between refunds and EIP
    - Offset discussion—permanent changes or Covid crisis only?
    - “Family first” worthy of broader policy conversation
    - Broad discussion regarding Covid-specific and Covid-inspired points
    - Distribution issues—do we want to request DRA tweak?
    - Broad discussion about incentive pool options
  + Will send out to the membership, noting it’s been through Policy & Practice Committee and Exec Committee
* Cost avoidance study—Child Support Directors Association of California (CSDACA)
  + Follow-up to last meeting’s action about cost avoidance study
  + Greg Wilson, CSDACA Executive Director, asked to be involved
  + Urban Institute had to get consent from OCSE; granted
  + Will cover topic at the next meeting—Urban Institute has some questions

New Business

* National workgroup on pandemic sponsored by OCSE
  + Co-facilitator from NCCSD
  + There have been volunteers—thanks
  + Want to make sure that OCSE doesn’t co-opt NCCSD voice—balance between individual voices and collective
  + Some skepticism about any real change due to potential lame-duck administration and no current commissioner

Committee Reports

* Audit Workgroup – Michele
  + Opened communication with OCSE about DRAs
  + Working on the survey
* Child Support-Employer Collaboration Workgroup – Jim
  + Employers would like us to adopt some practices used by CA and TX
* Finance Committee – Liesa
  + Nothing additional
* Joint Committee on Public Relations – David
  + Wrapping up report on 2 surveys—by end of the year or so
  + Trying to work on fact sheets
  + OCSE shared data about Covid impact—startling charts, will be shared
  + Hoping to get out impact documents
  + Discussion about renewing committee
    - A lot to be done in this arena, but it’s slow to go anywhere
    - Not sure how much to get out of it—wishes and wants, but not as much cohesion about how to deliver
  + Joint committee still hasn’t answered the question about what the message is
* Mentoring Committee – Karen
  + In process of developing polling questions
  + Draft coming by next month
* Policy & Practice Committee – Eileen/Carol
  + Nothing additional
* System Modernization & Data Sharing Workgroup – Carla/Robin
  + Setting up new webinars
  + Heard from Raghavan that OCSE is finalizing new feasibility study process, first draft coming this month, will provide to workgroup
  + OCSE data site will be on Alfresco site—previewing by Cynthia
  + Webinar presentation upcoming
* Website Committee – Kate
  + Just focused on keeping website working—nothing more at this time

Next Meeting – July 28, 2020 at 9:00 AM Central

* Annual meeting
* Conference calls—just directors’ meetings
* May not need all the second day
* 6 hours of call set up
* No public participation

*Meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM Central*

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