

**Executive Committee Meeting**Thursday, February 18, 2021  
Via Videoconference

**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, Employer Collaboration ✓ Carla West\* Region 4, Systems & Data

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

✓ Michele Cristello\* Vice President, Audit ✓ Cindy Wiesen\* Region 7

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

✓ Liesa Stockdale\* Treasurer, Finance ✓ Heather Noble\* Region 9

✓ Karen Hebert\* Region 1, Mentoring ✓ Sharon Redmond\* Region 10

A Eileen Stack\* Region 2, Policy & Practice A Robin Arnell Systems & Data Sharing

✓ Ted Mermigos\* Region 3 ✓ David Kilgore Public Relations

*\*Voting member*

Welcome

* President Jim Fleming called the meeting to order

Roll Call

* Attendance as noted
* Quorum present

Approval of Minutes

* Executive Committee January 17, 2021 – *approved without changes*

Treasurer’s Report – *accepted*

* Monthly report
  + Beginning balance $83,008.44
  + Just interest and bankcard fee
  + Ending balance $82,961.25
* CPA (Marcum) reports provided, approved by Finance Committee
  + Final report for 2018
  + Final report for 2019
  + **MOTION**: Leisa moved to adopt the final reports for 2018 and 2019, Michele seconded, motion carried without objection
* New CPA firm on board (Haga Kommer)

President’s Report – *accepted*

* Monthly meeting with OCSE cancelled, replaced with email response to agenda items from NCCSD
  + PEP warnings to be reworded due to pandemic. Georgia’s PEP survey shows 15 of 41 states facing correction action and potential penalties
  + OCSE shared info, citation from BFS about comingling of $600 checks in bank account, window for challenge to bank lien
  + IRS clarified states not required to do on-site inspections of field telework locations
    - OCSE later sent IRS info that Recovery Rebate Credits (for those who haven’t received their EIPs) can be offset for child support
* Awaiting more info from OCSE about apparent EIP offsets in joint returns where injured spouse portion hasn’t been reversed
  + Garrett (WV) gave examples to OCSE to review how WV avoided reversal under IRS actions
  + Hope that helps IRS either to conduct another round of reversals or to confirm that no more will occur
* Represented NCCSD at a NCSEA Idea Exchange on February 10
  + Topic was ideas for new Administration and new Congress
  + Good mix of perspectives
  + Ideas to be used by both NCSEA and NCCSD
* Latest proposed Covid relief legislation prohibits offsets for child support
* Reworking 2020 budget for annual conference as prep for 2021, if can be in person
  + Program committee to meet soon
  + Will build in costs for AV if directors must join remotely—not advertised option

Committee Reports

* Audit Workgroup – Michele
  + Have been reviewing document from Mona Ferrell (OCSE) over last couple meetings
  + Identified topics for further dialogue with OCSE, sent document to OCSE
  + Workgroup met with Mona and Linda Boyer last Tuesday
  + Lots of discussion about where more transparency or clarification needed, e.g.,
    - How Office of Audit gets feedback from other OCSE divisions, it’s a black hole for directors—need more info how that works, where states can engage
    - More specificity needed about Technical Assistance—what does that mean in practical terms? How does it work?
    - Workgroup wants a mechanism to make clear (upstream from auditor) what the impact of a finding means for the particular state
  + Good meeting, keeping dialogue going is good for OCSE and directors
  + Next steps:
    - OCSE will follow up with more details and specificity
    - Workgroup will take the info and start devising a way to deliver to directors
* Child Support-Employer Collaboration Workgroup – Jim
  + Met today
  + Topic continued: Standard response for VOE
  + Probably one more meeting before pulling together a recommendation for a standard response
  + Recommendation will come to Exec Committee
* Finance Committee – Liesa
  + Nothing more than in Treasurer Report
* Joint Committee on Public Relations – David
  + Writing a report for NCSEA publication about work of joint committee
  + Demo from CA and VA for online application
    - Discussed potential for a national online application
    - But it’s tricky to figure out the sweet spot for enough fields but not too much
    - National application would be supplemental for state—not intended to replace state online application
    - API design would allow different state systems to connect to their systems
  + Karen (NH) and David will be hosting a conversation about national campaign next month
* Mentoring Committee – Karen
  + Little to update
  + Huddle has been successful, more than half of members participated last time
    - Conflict noted with NCSEA Policy Forum next week
  + Members of committee will be turning to directors guidebook
* Policy & Practice Committee – Eileen/Erin
  + Erin: Met February 4
  + Created subcommittee on administrative enforcement option
  + Went through comparison of just-released intergovernmental AT
    - Some things accepted, others OCSE says are for rulemaking
  + Incentives review subcommittee on hold for now
  + Committee focus on timely recommendations for new Congress and new Administration
    - Have reviewed significant work along these lines from the past
    - Have a document started
    - Idea Exchange feedback will be part of this consideration
    - Will be broad in scope—law, rules, policies, etc.
* System Modernization & Data Sharing Workgroup – Carla/Robin
  + Updates from Raghavan at OCSE
    - No updates to share, asked for questions
    - Legacy feasibility study process OK to use until September 30, 2021
    - Still in process of determining which webinars for 2021—depends on whether there will be a state-system symposium
  + IV-D Distribution At-a-Glance document sent to IV-D listserv, Cynthia Longest (OCSE) worked with Kate (OR) to upload to NCCSD website.
    - On committee page, folder name is "IV-D Distribution At-A-Glance Workflow" and document is IV-D Distribution At-A-Glance
    - On the Resources page, document posted under Technology folder
  + Continue planning discussion for "State Lessons Learned" webinars
    - Reviewed edits, comments, and continue fleshing out topics/subtopics for survey to directors regarding topics for webinars
    - Hope to send a survey mid-March
* Website Committee – Kate
  + Nothing new at this time
  + Listserv help available, but only so much we can do—state email systems are updated frequently and can block these messages
  + Reach out if you have questions or concerns

Unfinished Business

* + Annual Meeting Planning and Budget
    - Mentioned in Presidents Report
    - Budget will include bringing on former director/NCCSD president Wally McClure for assistance
  + Presentation of New Ideas to Administration and Congress
    - Addressed in Policy & Practice Committee report
    - Gathering and updating prior and current work

New Business

* + Liesa: UT legislation promoted by Foundation for Government Accountability
    - Mandating food stamp cooperation
    - UT program had to put a fiscal note for impact to system and staff needs
    - Lobbyist pressure: Saying 7 other states have passed with no other costs
    - Liesa is gathering info from those states, includes MI, SD, VA
    - Will circulate that info on listserv because other states may also see this legislation
  + Liesa: UT legislation to privatize criminal non-support prosecution
    - Already have a system to prosecute this within program
    - Legislation would require handing over names and amounts to counties
    - OCSE: Can only collect for victim restitution if IV-D prosecutes
  + Jim: ND legislation re incarceration—a look-back at pre-incarceration earning power
    - Shared current notice to participants with legislative committee
    - Printed from very old mainframe system—ugly notice shocked committee (“Are you shouting at us?” because was in all-caps)
    - Moral of the story: One way to point out age of system is to show the notices!
  + Kate: Oregon courts looking to use more FFP for data entry, etc.
    - Data entry for all cases (IV-D or not) covered due to Federal Case Registry
    - Looking for advice on other court action available for FFP—later data entry?
    - Suggestion to request via listserv intergovernmental agreements between courts and IV-D agencies
  + Kate: OR legislation based on work from UC Berkeley Law School project related to juvenile justice costs and fees
    - National effort—already achieved in some states
    - Would remove imposition of child support for youth in closed custody (in OR law—not eligible for FFP)
    - Would satisfy existing arrears
    - Will share information with other interested states
  + Karen: NH legislation effort regarding veteran’s disability and child support
    - Specifically goes to calculation of gross income—whether to include disability
    - Issue with *Rose v. Rose* US Supreme Court case, decided 1987
    - Kate (OR) had this experience a few years ago—persistent challenges despite settled law
    - Karen has plenty of info and background in case other state programs get challenged, too
  + Jim: Suggested to John Hurst (GA) to write an article for NCSEA publication regarding situation with states and PEP penalty
    - Congressional staff audience—keeps the issue out front
    - Congressional contacts are aware of PEP and FMAP issues—we can hope, at least!

Next Meeting – March 18, 2021, at 2:00 PM Central

*Meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM Central*

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