

**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*