



**Child Care Advisory Council
Minutes
May 1, 2015**

Council Members Present

Dean Bobo
Judy Prine
Colleen Smith
Shea South
Deloris Suel
Sallie West
Sandra Ziegenhagen

MSDH Staff Present

Bea Tolsdorf
Vickey Berryman
Ida Dixon
Countess Gaitor
Gay Logan
Festus Simkins

Public Present

Heather Flowers

Welcome/Opening Statements

Chairperson, Judy Prine called the meeting to order at 1:27 p.m. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Prine requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting. Ms. Colleen Smith made a motion. Ms. Deloris Suel seconded the motion. The Council unanimously voted approval.

New Business

- Mr. Festus Simkins announced that there are upcoming openings on the Child Care Advisory Council. On April 27, 2015, the Department sent notice of the upcoming vacancies to Council members and childcare providers. The deadline for submitting nominations/applications is May 15, 2015. Mr. Simkins also stated that, to date, the Division of Child Care Licensure had received three nominations from the Southern Region.
- Ms. Judy Prine opened the floor for nominations for a chairperson for the upcoming year (FY 2016). After some discussion, Ms. Colleen Smith made a motion that Ms. Shea

South be elected as chairperson by acclamation. Hearing no objections, Ms. South was elected by general consent of the Council.

Old Business

- Ms. Prine opened the floor to old business. No old business was brought forth.

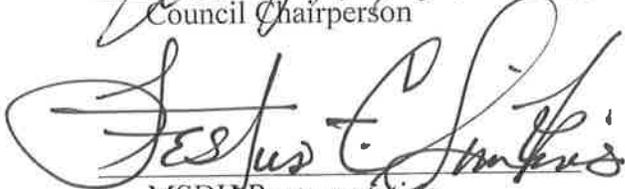
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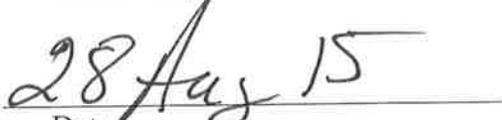
- Ms. Prine opened the floor for public comment.
- Ms. Vickey Berryman stated that she functions on workgroups for both SECAC and the Department of Education. In an effort to inform the public about SECAC meetings, Laurie Smith, Director and the Council Chair asked members to share the dates of the SECAC meetings at our scheduled meetings. The next SECAC meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2015, at the Delta Research Center in Stoneville, MS.
- Ms Berryman also indicated that she and Ellen O’Neal had recently attended the CCDF Authorization meeting in Washington with Laurie Dixon. Several of that meeting’s breakout sessions centered on ensuring equal access to high quality care to children, enrolling children and families, etc. Ms. Berryman stated that one discussed item that caught her attention was the possibility of new requirements mandating more frequent criminal history record checks. She stated that the Department of Health is hoping to work with the Mississippi Criminal Information Center to get the Rap-Back system established in MS. Should that occur, this system may help providers defer the cost of having to submit fingerprints more frequently.
- Ms. Heather Flowers, Business Advisor for Mississippi Building Blocks introduced herself to the Council.
- Ms. Prine announced three upcoming conferences:
 - 1) On June 13, 2015, a Blast Conference is scheduled on the University of Southern Mississippi campus at the Thad Cochran Center;
 - 2) On August 1, 2015, a Blast Conference is scheduled for August 1, 2015, in Tupelo, MS (no location given). Note: Participants may be credited for up to six (6) contact hours for attendance at a Blast conference; and
 - 3) The Mississippi Early Childhood Network Conference is scheduled in Natchez, MS on October 7-9, 2015.
- Ms. Prine expressed her gratitude to Council members for their dedication and service to the Child Care Advisory Council. She stated that she wished to thank the Council and the Mississippi State Department of Health for a job well done.
- The next Child Care Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

- Ms. Sallie West made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Sandra Ziegenhagen seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.


Council Chairperson


MSDH Representative


Date