



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Child Care Advisory Council
Minutes
June 10, 2016**

Council Members Present

Tumutual Norton
Cora Rogers
Lori Rolison
Dean Bobo
JoAnn Kelly
Shea South

MSDH Staff Present

Vickey Berryman
Festus Simkins
Mary Armstrong, MD
Gay Logan
Ida Dixon
Sharon Vance
LaTonya Lyles
Malinda Beck-Lee

Public Present

Peyton Posey
Kara Kelly

Welcome/Opening Statements

Shea South called the meeting to order at 12:53 p.m. Everyone was given time to look over the minutes. It was noted that Ms. Lori Rolison was not listed as attending the last meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A quorum could not be established.

New Business

- An election for Vice-Chairperson could not be held.
- Mr. Festus Simkins-informed the Council about HB289, which allows the Department to increase licensing fees. He stated that at this time child care fees would not be increased. HB289 gives the Department the authority to increase fees twice in the next four (4) years. Fees cannot be increased more than 15% each time. The Department will inform the Council should an increase in fees be required at a later date.
- Mr. Festus Simkins stated that several council members' terms have expired: Laura Dickinson, Deloris Suel, Christi Littlejohn, and JoAnn Kelly. The department is accepting nominations for the open vacant positions on the council. One current member, Larry Nobles, whose term has expired, is eligible for reappointment and agreed to serve another term if reappointed by the Board of Health.

Old Business

- Ms. JoAnn Kelly stated several changes are taking place at Mississippi State Early Childhood Institute will cease to exist on July 1, 2016. Staff will be merged into the Early Years Network the merger will include the Akin Village Child Care Center.
- Mr. Festus Simkins stated that the University of South Mississippi - Obesity in Preschool Children Study is moving forward and funding was approved.

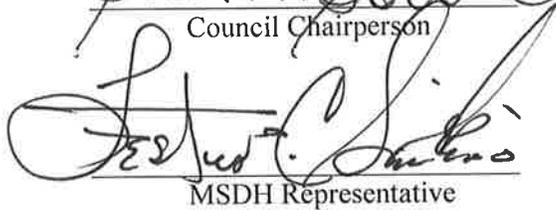
Public Comments

None at this time

Other Business

- The next Child Care Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.
- The meeting adjourned


Council Chairperson


MSDH Representative


Date