

**Arkansas Early Childhood Commission**  
**July 17, 2012**  
**10:00 am**  
**Minutes**

*Members Present:* Amy Denton, Martha Billingsley, Jackie Dedman, Debbie Malone, Dr. Tracy Tucker, Shirley Pulliam, Missy Duke, Janice Dancer, Nickie Hammontree, Marilyn Chambers, Dr. Haley Vo and Dr. Joseph R (Bob) West.

*Members Absent:* Jody Veit-Edrington, Kim Qualls, Patricia Lucas, Evelyn Bass, Rod Duckworth, Diane Green, Gene Gregory, Jeff Maneth, and Dr. Chad Rodgers.

**I. Call to Order/Reading of Mission Statement**

Jackie Dedman, acting Chair, called the July 2012 meeting of the AECC to order at 10:00 am. A quorum of members was present. Jackie read the mission statement.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the April 2012 meeting were reviewed. Missy Duke made a motion to accept the minutes. Janice Dancer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**III. Old Business**

**ECE Alignment**

Jackie Dedman reported that the first meeting was held on July 9, 2012 and was very successful. Several stakeholders attended including some Commission members. They plan on meeting once a month. Information from the first meeting is being put together for the next meeting.

**ABC Rules and Regulations Update**

Paige Cox reported on the ABC Rules and Regulations. She had a handout with all of the public comments and responses.

Paige discussed creating an advisory council for ABC. She wants to include a sample of all types of providers, AR Department of Education and Commissioners. She will have more information at the next meeting.

## **IV. New Business**

### **University of Arkansas Little Rock**

#### **-Asset Mapping Presentation**

Tonya Russell introduced Phyllis Poche' and her team with the UALR College of Business. They are working on a mapping system to include all DHS resources. The goal is to have a website that is efficient for the general public. They are looking for a name for the mapping project. Shawn Glenn suggested making it a contest.

A demonstration of the project was given. The goals are to create an online mapping system, online resource guide and a place for to house the "Getting Ready for School" publications. It was noted that this is still a work in progress. Debbie Malone asked how we would let people know of the website. Tonya Russell stated that DCCECE would have brochures from UALR, social media, Better Beginnings and word of mouth to get the information out to the public. UALR will also be sharing at meetings and events they are scheduled to attend and present.

### **Nominating Committee for AECC Chair**

Tonya Russell reminded Commissioners that a nominating committee to select a Chair would need to occur. She also suggested we add a co-chair. A committee was formed to nominate a chair or chairs. The committee members are Janice Dancer, Missy Duke, and Debbie Malone.

### **New Program Development Program Administrator/DCCECE**

Beverly Wright was introduced as the new Early Childhood Professional Development Administrator. She will be working on a statewide Early Childhood Education and Child Care professional development plan utilizing the NAEYC Blueprint which is a goal of the Commission/State Advisory Council. She has 20 years of experience as a preschool program director.

### **Out of School Time Facility regulations**

Micca Burris introduced the Out of School Time draft licensing regulations needing approval from AECC/SAC to submit for public comments.

Woodie Sue Herlein, with ASU Childhood Services, spoke about the work of the AR Out of School Network and the proposed regulations. AOSN has been working across the state for input from stakeholders and providers. The proposed regulations are solely for School-Age children. She provided a copy of the proposed regulations. Tonya Russell asked if Common Core was included in the regulations and if not to add them before sending out for public comment.

Woodie Sue asked for approval to move forward with the public comment process and promulgation. Marilyn Chambers made the motion to move forward and the motion was seconded by Shirley Pulliam. The motion passed.

## **V. Other Business**

### **Outstanding Early Childhood Professionals of 2012**

Jackie Dedman read a poem about the importance of quality early childhood leaders and experiences prior to presenting the awards.

*Patty Malone* – Was introduced by Tonya Russell. She is with the Northwest Arkansas Family Child Care Association in Fayetteville.

*Natasha Crosby* – Was introduced by Deb Kee. She was formerly with the Helen Walton Children’s Enrichment Center in Bentonville but is now working for the Bentonville School District.

*Carol Chase* – Was introduced by Nickie Hammontree. She is with the Infant Development Center in Springdale. She was not able to be in attendance and her award was accepted by Vernoice Baldwin.

*Bernita Glass* – Was introduced by Jackie Dedman. She is with the Mid Delta Community Services Head Start in West Helena.

## **VI. Summary/Announcements**

- Jackie Dedman is helping with the planning of the Region VI Head Start meeting in Rogers on November 5-8, 2012.
- Tonya Russell stated that Buster Lackey, Health and Nutrition, was in Denver for a NSLP conference. The goal for summer feeding sites was 600 this year and the goal was exceeded with a total of 606 feeding sites.
- Tonya stated that we would continue to invite contractors paid for with DCCECE funds to present at AECC/SAC meetings.

## **VII. Next Meeting**

-October 16, 2012 (Will look at having a 1-2 day retreat.)

## **VIII. Request for Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn by Debbie Malone and seconded by Shirley Pulliam. Meeting was adjourned.