



NMCAA Policy Council Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2018

Meeting called to order by Tonya at 10:05 a.m.

Welcome and Review of Agenda- Tonya

Federal/Local Updates and Program Goals- Kerry Baughman, Early Childhood Programs Director

- \$610 Million Increase for Head Start in FY2018: includes a \$216 million COLA, \$260 million for Duration Services, \$115 million increase for EHS Expansion and Child Care Partnerships
- Reviewed Program Goals and discussed new Monitoring Protocol

MHSA Annual Early Childhood Training Conference Report- State Representatives

- Alyssa Woods reported on sessions attended on the following topics: family engagement ideas, parent committees, options for in-kind, job fairs, budgeting and post-partum depression. As a following up, Policy Council members would like to include further discussion about post-partum depression as a part of next month's agenda.
- Dawn Sherwood shared information on the following topics: the importance of reading to children and connecting with fathers. She has additional information that she will type up and share with the group next month.

NMCAA Updates- John Stephenson, NMCAA Executive Director

- Outlined the process for Board approval of the new Early Childhood Director
- A NMCAA Head Start parent will be honored at the next Board meeting as a part of NMCAA Participant and Volunteer Recognition

Self-Assessment Questions- Policy Council Members

- Policy Council members engaged in five small group discussions designed to gather input to inform the self-assessment process. Topic areas included child education, family engagement, ERSEA, governance and health.

Approval of New NMCAA Early Childhood Programs Director

- The Early Childhood Program Director and Policy Council representative discussed the interview process and reasons the team had decided on Shannon Phelps as the choice for new Early Childhood Program Director. Background, experience and strengths were discussed and the floor opened for questions.
- Tonya asked the group if they were ready to vote. She called for a Motion to approve Shannon Phelps as the new Early Childhood Programs Director. Miranda made a motion to approve. Bethany seconded. All approved and motion carried.

Personnel and raffle. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Tonya Schroka*