

**MINUTES
MOEC Executive Board Meeting
FLLAC Collaborative
November 1, 2010**

In attendance: Catherine Cooper, John Fletcher, John Goodrich, Susan Cuoco Hassan, Christine Lynch, Anne McKenzie, Richard Murphy, Susan Rees, Joan Schuman, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Steve Theall, Dorsey Yearley

Strategic Planning Debrief, John Goodrich, MODR

Steve Theall praised the engagement and the insights of the membership at the October 18 strategic planning meeting.

John Goodrich reviewed the common themes that emerged from the October 18 strategic planning meeting. The Board began to draft a vision and mission statement that reflected those themes. Steve Theall agreed to complete a draft and circulate it to the Board.

John Goodrich introduced a plan to gather additional data and survey the membership before the January strategic planning meeting. Steve Theall asked if the Board should call the Collaboratives that did not participate in the October 18 strategic planning meeting. Steve Theall agreed to gather additional data by interviewing stakeholders about their perceptions of MOEC.

John Goodrich agreed to attend the beginning of the December 13 MOEC Executive Board Meeting. At that meeting, the Board will draft a questionnaire to be delivered to the membership before the January strategic planning meeting. The questionnaire will focus on strategic priorities and the resources the membership has for implementing them.

John Goodrich offered a draft agenda of the January strategic planning meeting. The meeting will run 9:30-2:30. The meeting will begin with a group discussion of the:

- common themes from the October meeting
- information from the questionnaire delivered to members before the January meeting
- actions taken between the October and January meeting
- vision and mission statement

The morning will also contain a breakout session devoted to listing strategic priorities. In the afternoon, the membership will report on the breakout sessions and discuss implementing the strategic priorities.

DESE Update, Christine Lynch, DESE

Christine Lynch gave a brief update of DESE's current priorities: Race to the Top, Education Jobs, regionalizing and consolidating. She announced that appointments have been made to the commission on

regionalizing but that no meeting dates have yet been set. Christine Lynch and Steve Theall are both on the commission.

Executive Director Report

Steve Theall made several announcements:

- He would be at MASS/MASC later in the week, and 11 or 12 Collaborative executive directors would be involved in Fiscal Friday.
- The AESA Conference is in Savannah in late November/early December, and he encouraged everyone to attend.
- Karin Deyo is the new executive director at Southern Berkshire Educational Collaborative, and Steve Theall planned to visit her on November 22 or 23 with Anne McKenzie and Joan Schuman.
- Esta Montano will meet with MOEC executive directors on November 10 to discuss ELL teacher training. Steve Theall requested that all who attended the first meeting attend this one, too.

Susan Rees and Joan Schuman reported on the meeting about reducing special education costs.

Regional Updates

Each region reported on its recent initiatives.

The South region is holding a common professional development day on November 2. Each Collaborative will run a session on a different topic for a different population. The Collaboratives will gather data on what their districts need for services.

The Greater Boston region is meeting on Wednesday, November 3.

The West region is also holding a common professional development day on November 2.

The North region held a successful common professional development day.

The Central region is helping each other and Joan Dio, the new executive director of Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative. They are also discussing how to get their superintendents' buy-in to work regionally.

Treasurer's Report

Richard Murphy stated that he has not yet put \$18,000 in a money market fund as voted at the September Board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended: with \$5,000 added to the income section of the spreadsheet. The motion passed unanimously: 8-0-0.

Approve minutes of September 13, 2010 Executive Board meeting

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2010 Executive Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously: 8-0-0

Other Issues

Richard Murphy described the process for approving the Collaborative technology plans. The Board decided to keep the expiration date as December 31 but to begin the approval process the May before the expiration so that directors will be able to submit applications that require approval through June of the following year.

The Board discussed their experiences with E-rate reimbursement.

The Board discussed the EPIMS pilot. Christine Lynch stated that the DESE Task Force will discuss the future of this initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Sabin