

**Minutes**  
**MOEC Board Meeting – February 22, 2016**  
SEEM Collaborative – Stoneham

Attendees:

Catherine Cooper, Theresa Craig, Cathy Cummins, Bill Diehl, Paulajo Gaines, Michelle Griffin, Cathy Lawson, Chris Lynch, Liz McGonagle, Richard Murphy, Steve Theall, Judy Vaillancourt

The meeting began at 10:00 am. Steve Theall introduced Maria Mossaides, Executive Director of the Office of the Child Advocate. Maria is on an extensive listening tour around the state. She is focused on finding ways for the state's human service organizations to more efficiently and effectively provide services to meet children's needs. Attendees suggested that AVC's Family Success Partnership could be seen as one model of wrap-around services and that working with MASS would be an effective way of reaching districts.

Chris Lynch then provided the ESE update. She reported that collaboratives have been sent an invitation to a SDR (School Safety Discipline Report) webinar. She also alerted the board that collaboratives will be receiving a checklist from DEP concerning the lead containment and control act. The checklist is sent every five years to every program location. Finally, Chris mentioned that the Department is still reviewing collaborative annual reports.

Steve Theall then provided the Executive Director's report. He announced that after last month's general meeting, MOEC created three subcommittees: by-laws, legislation and program development. Chris Scott will chair the by-law committee. Steve also mentioned that there are tentative plans for a regional conference with ESAs from neighboring states. Steve will attend a lunch in April with representatives from Connecticut and New York to do more planning about the location and date. He should have more details at the Annual Meeting in May.

The second presenter was Christian Hansen of PresenceLearning, a company providing live, online therapy services. Christian shared a video with the board and noted that the company offers free professional development resources, including webinars, on its website: <http://www.presencelearning.com/resources/library/>

The next presenter was Wally McKenzie, EDWIN Analytics Program Manager at the Executive Office of Education. Wally presented a PowerPoint presentation to the board. Attendees relayed the difficulties that collaboratives have in entering accurate data into EDWIN. Wally will follow up with colleagues and update the board with his progress.

The Regional Representatives then provided their reports:

Greater Boston: The region recently met to work on the MOEC Guide to Public Special Education Programs. Shore was one of the recipients of the early literacy grant.

Central: the new executive directors in the region have been finding the regional meetings very helpful as a resources for developing their roles and responsibilities. FLLAC was awarded the early literacy grant. Southern Worcester County is interested in working with Matt Holloway on a regional level.

North: the group has not met but has been communicating via email and phone calls. They are focused on working together to build capacity and on the Mental Health Institute to be held this summer.

South: Several items to report: 1) the region is working on a conference in January 2017 on behavior health for success. It will focus on social-emotional learning in the classroom. A subcommittee is working on the conference. 2) The new Virtual Learning Academy is in its second semester. 3) South Shore is running RETELL courses. 4) a group is developing a mentoring class for second and third year teachers of severe special needs teachers. The goal is to reduce the teachers' isolation. The course will be regional and will launch next year. 5) Theresa Craig is representing MOEC on the MCAS 2.0 Communications Workgroup. The first meeting took place on February 9 to provide an overview of the work of the committee. Theresa will provide regular updates at future Board meetings.

West: Holyoke and Northampton were awarded the literacy grant. The region is working with the Five College Consortium on a program focused on diversifying the workforce in western Massachusetts. The region is also continuing to collect data on the impact of charter schools on rural school districts.

Update on Superintendents' Advisory Committee: at the last meeting, there was a presentation on the educator evaluation date and the types of reports that will be available from the data.

Steve reviewed the draft of the posting for the new graduate course in leadership. The committee will work on finalizing the fee and number of PDPs.

Cathy Cummins then discussed potential opportunities with Research for Better Teaching (RBT). She suggested that collaboratives or MOEC could consider developing an in-district instructor certification of RBT's Data Coaching/Unleashing Collaborative Inquiry program. Steve Theall will work with Cathy on an email to the membership to gauge interest.

Steve Theall provided a draft of the proposed MOEC Code of Ethics. He asked that if board members had comments that they send them to him before the April board meeting. The Code of Ethics will be voted on at the May Annual Meeting.

Steve Theall will invite Commissioner Chester to the May Annual Meeting.

Cathy Cummins and Joanne Haley Sullivan will contact the general membership to request nominations for next year's slate of MOEC board officers.

The treasurer provided a report with the MOEC bank balances and stated that the organization is on budget.

The minutes for the December 2015 board meeting were unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm

*Respectfully submitted by A. M. Atallah*