

Early Care & Education in Mississippi Initiative
Steering Committee Meeting: February 7, 2003, 10:00 a.m.
15th Floor, Woolfolk Building

AGENDA

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Background of Initiative**
- 3. Overview of Project**
- 4. Lead Group**
- 5. Committee Assignments & Committee Chairmen**
- 6. Orientation Meeting Date**

Steering Committee

1. Claiborne Barksdale, Barksdale Reading Institute
2. Dr. Cathy Grace, The Early Childhood Institute
3. Kelly Riley, Office of the Governor
4. Carol Burnett, MS Low Income Child Care Initiative
5. Oleta Fitzgerald, Children's Defense Fund
6. Arvern Moore, Head Start
7. Edna Watts, Department of Human Services
8. Vickey Maddox, Department of Health
9. Dr. Bonita Coleman-Potter, Department of Education

Suggestions for Lead Group:

1. Nadine Coleman, Petal Parenting Center
2. Louise Davis, MS Cooperative Extension Service (Higher education)
3. Christine Seals, Greenville Higher Education Center for MS Valley State of Mississippi (federal funds knowledge)
4. Reginald Henderson (federal funds knowledge)
5. Pam Motley, Jones Junior College
6. Josephine Rhymes, Coahoma Community College
7. Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs, Hinds Community College
8. Dawn Hall, MS Forum on Children and Families
9. MS Early Childhood Association
10. Helen Taylor, Starkville (VOICES provider)
11. Senator Gray Tollison
12. Representative May Whittington
13. Senator Ron Farris
14. Judy Rhodes, MDE (finance policy)
15. Danny Bender, Department of Health (policy)
16. Roy Hart, First Steps (special needs)
17. Connie Clay (IDS at USM)
18. Melissa Lewis (native American)
19. Sister Maureen Delaney, Tutwiler Clinic
20. Howard Walters, MS Gulf Coast Research Lab and Chairman of Health Dpt's Child Care Licensing Committee
21. Dewey Herring, NASA Education Office
22. Robin Robinson, Sanderson Farms (corporate child care)
23. Tom Wacaster, Phil Hardin Foundation
24. Monnie Vale from North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo
25. Lee Frierson, Head Start practitioner
26. Cliff Whitley, Head Start practitioner
27. Bille Morrison, Head Start practitioner
28. John Hale (Marion County), Head Start practitioner
29. Jim Lott, MS Development Authority, Workforce Investment
30. Vera Butler, DHS, TANF Policy
31. Ed Sivak, Enterprise Corporation of the Delta

32. Delores Sewell, Jackson (provider)
33. Delores McWright, Leland (provider)
34. Dorothy Lewis, Walthall County (provider)
35. Parent Representative _____ (suggestion from MECA)
36. Parent Representative _____ (suggestion from Nadine Coleman)
37. Parent Representative _____ (suggestion from Louise Davis)
38. Parent Representative _____ (suggestion from Carol Burnett)