

## **Alignment Jackson Pre-K Team Meeting**

Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 12:00 PM

JPS Professional Development Room

### **Members present:**

Ella Holmes, Joecephus Martin, Grace Robinson, LaTasha Brown, April May, Jeanette Whisenton, Lakendria April, Linda Murray, Sheila Brown Robinson, Star Pool, Treshika Melvin, Shannon B. Champion, Liz Broussard, Patricia Phillips, Kenecha B. Smith

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

M&M activity- Getting to Know You

### **2. Kindergarten Readiness Activity Calendar**

We will be distributing this again shortly. More info to come!

### **3. National Institute for School Leadership (NISL) Training**

There is an opportunity for us to attend this Early Childhood Leadership training series. (Refer to handout for more info.) We will create five teams, representing various types of early childhood leaders. Each team will create a project to impact the entire city. We need input from everyone.

We need your recommendations of people to fill our team slots. Are we leaving anyone out? Get names to Ella **by Thursday**.

April: Directors are more flexible than Center Teachers; “Train the trainer” model. This may be the best way to get participants to the training. Also, could we start doing outreach to home providers?- I don't have contacts. Elise Davis would probably know the contact. **Ella will reach out today**.

### **Mississippi Early Childhood Alliance Conference**

The MECA conference will be held *Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016* at the JSU Student Center, 8 AM - 3:30 PM.

Dr. Brown: They are finalizing registration and sponsorship by this Friday and will send an e-mail blast through the Dept of Health and other agencies with registration form.

We are trying to sponsor students from the area (\$15 fee currently, but trying to get this waived).

Call for Proposals will be out next week

Let's see how our various agencies can support this effort; providing volunteers, funding scholarships, etc.

They will not accept cash registration; it is all online this year

*Dr. Brown will send the registration link so we can put it on the portal.*

### **Celebrations**

We celebrated **Dr. Brown**, who is done with her dissertation and graduating in December!

Ella: I am excited about the commitment and time you all take out of your schedule [for these meetings]; coming on time. Y'all don't say “can't”; you say “let's see how we can make this happen.”

Meeting adjourned at 1 PM.