

KANSAS INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

MINUTES

KANSAS ICC MEETING

April 23, 2010

SRS Learning Center, Topeka, KS

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carol Ayres, KS Dept. of Education
Carolyn Nelson, KDHE
Deb Voth, Provider Member
Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Sharon Hixson, Public Member
Nancy Krase, Head Start Rep.
Dr. David Lindeman, Board of Regents
Carrie Hastings, SRS & Head Start Collab.
Dr. Dale Walker, Public Member
Richard Martinez, Parent Member

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Coordinator
Darla Nelson-Metzger, Families Together
Tiffany Smith, KDHE
Kelly McCauley, KVC Behavioral Care
Danielle Nichols, Leavenworth CO. ITS

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Horn, Chair & Public Member
Senator Laura Kelley
Representative Barbara Craft
John Meetz, Ks. Insurance Dept.
Misty Van Nostrand, Parent Member
Tiffanie Krentz, Parent Member
Jennifer Knorr, Governor's Office
Scott Bears, KHPA

MEMBERS ON PHONE

Dr. Tish Taylor, Provider Member
Jill Bamber, Parent Member
Dr. Pamela Shaw, Public Member
Julie Broski, Parent Member
Katherine Kersenbrock Ostmeyer,
Provider
Tom Kohmetscher, Provider Member
NON-MEMBERS ON PHONE
None

Dr. David Lindeman, Vice-Chair to State ICC, called the meeting to order with a welcome and asked for introductions from those around the table and those present on the telephone.

ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Sharon Hixson moved for approval of the March minutes as distributed. Nancy Kruse seconded the motion. The motion then passed unanimously.

Tom Laing moved approval of the agenda as distributed. Ms. Hixson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one chose to speak at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bowman reported that a letter to Secretary Don Jordan of SRS was sent. The topic was follow-up to screenings for social-emotional concerns in young children.

KVC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE – KELLY McCAULEY

KVC is one of several contracting agencies for child welfare services in the state. The map showing each region and corresponding contractor can be found on the SRS web site. Ms. McCauly gave us an overview of the relationship between SRS and the various contractors.

A question was asked about making a referral to a local tiny-k network (or to the local school for children over the age of 3 years) in cases of child abuse or neglect. Federal law (CAPTA) does require that this referral be made.

If the abuse/neglect is substantiated, then SRS is responsible for making the referral. If the abuse/neglect is NOT substantiated, then the contractor makes the referral to the local network. The process is similar for referrals to local schools or special education cooperatives for children over the age of three.

Memorandum of Agreement among the Council and State Agencies

Staff gave a brief history of the MOA. Although in the past this document had been fairly simple, last year outcome measures were added. The Executive Committee has been discussing this, and wishes to report to the full Council with ample opportunity for others to comment before completion of the next annual document.

The document should be completed soon. Send comments or concerns to staff or to Dr. Horn.

REPORTS

SRS Report

A written report was provided. It included information on the newly created provision for coverage of autism services in the state employee health plan and an update on the autism waiver program in response to our previous questions.

KSDE Report

A written report was provided. Carol reported that there were 142 persons in attendance at three different sites for a recent offering of outcomes training. In response to a question, Carol clarified that the group exploring the federal Home Visitation initiative is collaborative in nature, with no firm decisions to report yet.

KDHE Report

A written report was provided, including information on the recent meeting of the tiny-k Coordinators in Salina.

Public Awareness Committee

We reviewed the March 10, 2010 version of tiny-k Day. We have little confidence that all the efforts and activity were reported to us. Parent Leadership training was discussed. The committee reviewed the strategic plan. This committee will meet again on May 10, at 3pm.

Improving Services Committee

The committee undertook a review of the strategic plan. This committee plans to meet on May 13 at 10:00 am.

Policy Committee

Tom Laing, Co-Chair provided a written report (Attached below). A discussion topic centered around how do we comply with federal law by serving ALL children deemed eligible for Part C and still document a deficit in funding. This led to the larger conversation around maintenance of effort.

This committee is scheduled for its next meeting at 3:30 on May 20.

Executive Committee

This committee met to establish today's agenda. It has also been working on the MOU document and will meet next on May 14 at 1pm

Insurance Report

No report.

KHPA Report

No report.

Staff Report

Mr. Bowman reported on the proposed cut to Infant-Toddler Services (tiny-k) in the FY 2010 budget that is being worked in Senate Ways and Means Committee.

We believe this action would cause Kansas to be out of compliance with the requirement in federal law (IDEA) that each state devote resources at least equal to the amount expended in the prior year. The result of this action would make Kansas ineligible for ALL future Part C federal grants. Concerns were also raised around the balance of the federal stimulus (ARRA) funds, and the future flow of state special education funds to early intervention if Kansas were no longer Part C of IDEA.

After much discussion, it was decided by consensus to write a letter to all forty Senators explaining the ramifications of such an action. The Executive Committee will meet early next week to refine the language of the letter and to consider any other appropriate actions.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next meeting of the Kansas ICC will be on Friday, June 25 in Topeka at the SRS Learning Center.

TASKS

Write Letter to all Senators concerning ramifications of proposed cut to tiny-k.

Done by Executive Committee and delivered by staff on April 28.



Mark Parkinson, Governor
Roderick L. Bremby, Secretary

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Part C Infant-Toddler Services Report – April 23, 2010

Part C Infant-Toddler Services Grant and ARRA Applications have been sent to the networks with a return timeline of May 21st at 5pm.

Part C Coordinator's meeting in Salina

April 15, 2010 9-3 at the Courtyard Marriott, Salina

Local & State Data- Each local network was provided feedback regarding their data that was collected and analyzed by the state including;

- IFSP feedback (Random collection)
- Semi-Annual Reports
- Local Network Determinations (Meet Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, Needs Substantial Intervention)
- Parent & Provider Survey Data
- Network Continuous Improvement Plan
- OSEP Request Update Parent Survey question (Indicator 4) Child-Find Update (indicators 5 & 6)
- Condensed Annual Report & Brochure
- Kansas ITS Brochure
- Kansas Informational Power Point

Fiscal/Financial Updates- CPA firm (CBIZ) working with KDHE after the Mock Verification Visit recommendations. CBIZ provided update regarding fiscal/financial procedures for ITS.

Hearing Screening Updates- A draft Part C Hearing Screening Guidelines and Resource Manual has been developed and circulated for comment. When finalized, SoundBeginnings staff will provide hearing screening certification training for hearing screeners in Hays, Wichita and Topeka. Any Part C ITS staff interested in providing hearing screening is able to attend at no charge.

Kansas Deaf-Blind Project Services- Discussed Online Technical Assistance Connection with the Kansas Distance Mentorship Project.

tiny-k Foundation Update-Elections and updates provided to local programs.



Report to the Kansas Coordinating Council on Developmental Services

April 2010

Parents as Teachers (Submitted by Janet Newton)

- Working with Part C Infant-Toddler Services to include Parents as Teachers program staff in Evidence Based Practice Coaching Training as an essential part of local teams in providing family centered early intervention services in local communities. Inclusive training opportunities will be provided in Kansas Fall 2010. The Evidence Based practice Coaching uses a strengths-based, family-centered framework to assist staff in building positive relationships and effective supports for families and is a good fit with the PAT program philosophy.
- As the state's funding situation worsens, a great deal of effort has been in following the state budget as it has evolved since January. Currently, there is a 24% cut to PAT state funds included in the Senate version of the budget and no cut included in the House version of the budget. In Kansas, local school districts provide a \$0.65 match for every state \$1.00. A state cut could likely result in local cuts as well possibly reducing total funding by \$3.9 M (current state/local funding is \$13.3 M) reducing services to more than 5,500 families (served more than 15,000 families in 2008-09). This is an accomplishment because although PAT was listed in the Governor's budget as a possible program for elimination if revenue was not raised, such elimination now appears to be "off the table". The state budget for 2010-11 will not be completed until after April 28. At the moment, PAT has not been cut. KSDE supports fully funding PAT and we are optimistic that the program will be funded in 2010-11, albeit with some cut, when the budget process is complete. PAT Program staff, parents and the Kansas Parents as Teachers Association have done an incredible job providing education to leaders and policymakers about the positive impacts of PAT. There is strong support for PAT from our early learning partners as well.
- On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Act)* which included \$1.5 billion in mandatory funding over 5 years for high quality, evidence-based, voluntary early childhood home visitation services. This investment will significantly expand home visitation services, helping to ensure that more children prenatal to age 5 have the opportunity to grow up healthy, safe, ready to learn and able to become productive members of society. KSDE is fully committed to pursuing funding for PAT through the federal home visiting process to provide funds for additional personal visits for at risk P-3 families; expand to provide 3-5

PAT for at risk families in partnership with 4 year old at risk and preschool programs to close the achievement gap; and to expand PAT to rural districts with no or few home visiting services in partnership with our Kansas home visiting partners including Healthy Families, Early Head Start, Healthy Start and Infant Toddler Early Intervention.

Kansas Preschool Program: Four Year Old At-Risk Program and Pre-K Pilot Program (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Pre-K Pilot Program

Applications for 2010-2011 have been received from the current Pre-K Pilot sites and were approved by the Kansas State Board of Education at their April 2010 meeting. The program was flat-funded for 2009-2010 and for 2010-2011 at \$5 million. Approximately 1500 children are supported through Pre-K Pilot funds. Data on local child outcomes will be collected at the end of the school year. Programs have been asked to provide information regarding curricular and assessment choices along with information collected on Kansas Early Learning Standards and Benchmarks for four year olds. Results will be available in late summer or early fall.

Funding for the Pre-K Pilot program is provided through the Children's Initiative Fund that is administered by the Children's Cabinet. On April 15, the Cabinet was asked to vote on recommendations for cuts to \$12 million across all programs supported by CIF funding. The Pre-K Pilot was cut \$950,000-19%. This recommendation will be provided to the Senate Ways and Means Committee and the Governor's Office. The final budget will determine the funding available for 2010-2011.

4 Year Old at Risk Program

Applications for 2010-2011 have been received from the school districts with current programs and were approved by the Kansas State Board of Education at their April 2010 meeting. No new slots (children) or new programs were approved for 2010-2011. Approximately, the same number of children/ slots were approved by the State Board as were approved last year—7893 children. Data on local child outcomes will be collected at the end of the school year. Programs have been asked to provide information regarding curricular and assessment choices along with information collected on Kansas Early Learning Standards and Benchmarks for four year olds. Results will be available in late summer or early fall.

School Readiness Project (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Children who were in Four Year Old At-Risk Program in 2008-09 and in the Pre-K Pilot at 2008-09 were followed into Kindergarten to determine the school readiness of children who participated in these programs. Third grade assessment scores of Kindergarten children from 2006-07 will be examined in late summer and compiled with results from last year (Kindergartners from 2005-06). Future data collection will depend upon availability of funding. Reports are shared upon request and will be posted on the ELSU website later this summer or early fall 2010.

Early Childhood Block Grant: Demonstration Early Learning Community (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

This grant includes three communities: Liberal, Coffeyville, and Rossville. All three communities have collaborative preschool classrooms of four year olds (three year olds only in Rossville, USD 321). These classrooms include children who have special education needs. Data collection of the first year of implementation will be completed in late spring 2010. A website is being developed—it is currently a link on the Kansas Head Start Association website -- www.khsa.org. This project is funded through CIF and administered by the Children's Cabinet. Funding for 2010-2011 will not be finalized until the end of the legislative session.

Section 619 (Submitted by Carol Ayres)

The cross state training on Child Outcome Summary Form data quality concluded on Friday, April 16th in Newton. This cross program training was targeted for experienced professionals who are involved in the rating process. The purpose of the training was to provide information on a systematic process that local programs may adopt to insure validity and reliability of their data.

Resources to share:

Natural Resources – Camille Catlett

Others may join this listserv by sending an email to listserv@unc.edu with a **blank** Subject line.

The text of the message must be: **subscribe natural_resources2** (retype it; don't copy/paste)

Be sure the Subject is **blank**. Then Send the message.

Kansas Division For Early Childhood (KDEC)

<http://www.kdec.org/HTML/Newsletters/NewsletterSpring2010.html>

The Division for Early Childhood (DEC) website <http://www.dec-spced.org/>

APPLE for the Administrator -

<http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=XvG1cUyTBXE%3d&tabid=4073&mid=9984>

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Homeless Programs (Submitted by Tate Toedman)

All districts are required to upload student data through their local Student Information System (SIS) in to KSDE's Kansas Individual Data on Students (KIDS) system by the middle of June. We then request our specific data needed from our system to submit federal reports. Districts also report some data through their Local Consolidated Plan (LCP) Annual Report. The 24 districts that receive McKinney-Vento grants and McKinney-Vento American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants will be reporting more data through the LCP system than those without grants.

We have some districts that have regular homeless programs each summer that are hopefully going to be able to fund them this summer, along with a couple of districts that are offering summer programs with the ARRA funds they received.

The budget proposed for 2010-2011 shows flat funding for the McKinney-Vento grants. This is of great concern because of the increased numbers of identified students across the country. We are happy though that our program is specifically mentioned in "A Blueprint for Reform: The Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act".

Additional Early Childhood Updates

KSDE Early Learning Services hosted Jacqueline Jones, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Early Learning; John White, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Rural Outreach; and Patrick Kerr, Public Affairs Specialist from the US Department of Education on March 25, 2010 to discuss early learning programs in rural Kansas school districts. Their visit included an opportunity to meet with Dr. Diane DeBacker, interim Commissioner, Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, and Dr. Gayle Stuber, Early Learning Services Coordinator to discuss challenges and potential supports for rural school districts in Kansas.

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In addition, the group visited USD 321 Kaw Valley to observe and discuss the effectiveness of their early learning programs including challenges as a rural school. USD 321 has built a continuum of early learning programs birth through Kindergarten that blend funding streams to provide a high quality foundation available to all children in the district. The group visited the PAT parent/child playgroup which provided an excellent overview of PAT. Parents provided their perspectives on the benefits of PAT including the positive relationship they have built with school staff. The tour included observation of the Pre-k classrooms serving children ages 3 to Kindergarten. The district has a strong partnership with the local Head Start. Children eligible for Head start funding, children with disabilities and typically developing children are together and provided with

dynamic developmentally appropriate classrooms with licensed teachers. The district provides full day Kindergarten and staff in all programs work together to provide seamless transitions between programs that are child and family friendly. The group also visited with a family with a child with Down's Syndrome. The parents told about their positive experiences with Part C Infant-Toddler Services and the smooth transition to the district's Part B Section 619 Early Childhood Special Education services within the school. The district's philosophy that positive relationships and engagement of families in their programs was evident. As a rural district, USD 321 has had to close 2 schools in the most rural areas of their district. Mr. McDaniels provided an overview of the challenges in making such difficult decisions and the impact on local communities and their work to transition children and families into their new schools within the district. The early learning program and dedication of Mr. Jim McDaniels, and all of the district staff made a positive impact on Ms. Jones as she included descriptions of the visit in her Keynote address the next day at the Early Childhood Rural Institute. KSDE was flattered to showcase high quality Kansas Early Learning programs in our schools.

SRS Report for State ICC Meeting April 23, 2010

HCBS Autism Waiver Update

SRS implemented the waiver, designed to provide early intensive intervention services to children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), in January 2008. Children are eligible to enter the program from the age of diagnosis through the age of five.

Children served

The waiver currently serves 45 children, with an additional 243 on the waiting list for services. Since the program's inception 12 children have left waiver services and eight families have declined services. The number of children who have "aged off" of the waiting list was 23 in 2008, 45 in 2009 and 66 in 2010.

Parental Fee

The 2002 Kansas Legislature directed SRS to establish the Parent Fee Program for parents with minor children who receive HCBS services. Because only the child's income is considered for eligibility for services, the parent fee ensures fairness and shared responsibility by charging a portion of the cost of the services provided to families who have the means to pay.

The parent fee program was implemented with the Autism Waiver in February 2010 after the necessary technical modifications to the billing system were completed. The fee is determined from a sliding scale fee which is based on the federal poverty level, family size, and annual adjusted gross income. There are some fee variance rules such as "hardships or significant changes in circumstances" that families can request to reduce their monthly fee.

Autism Waiver and Sen Sub HB2160 State Employee Health Plan

The Autism Waiver includes a third party liability exemption, which allows providers to submit claims to Medicaid for payment. In turn (when the individual to whom the service was provided has insurance coverage), Medicaid then seeks reimbursement from the insurance company.

Medicaid is the "payer of last resort," and without this exemption in the waiver, individuals would have to receive a payment denial from the insurance company before Medicaid would be able to pay for services.

Sen Sub HB 2160 will add coverage for Autism services to the state employee health plan, allowing Medicaid to be reimbursed for services provided under the waiver.