

**KANSAS INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

**April 1, 2005
SRS Learning Center, Topeka, Kansas
Teleconference**

Welcome and Introductions

Members Present:

Gayle Stuber, (representing Commissioner Tompkins)
Michael Steiner, (representing Commissioner Praeger)
Carolyn Nelson, (representing Secretary Bremby)
Alice Womack, (representing Secretary Daniels)
Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member
Dr. Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas
Institute of Higher Education (IHE) Representative
Susan Adams, Service Provider Member
Senator David Haley
Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Mark Tremaine, Parent Member
Richard Martinez, Parent Member

Non-Members Present:

Carolyn Weinhold, Head Start
Collaboration Coordinator, SRS
Karen Snell, Families Together
Ginny Butts, Sumner County ICC
Doug Greer, Hays ICC
Doug Bowman, Coordinator
Patty Miller, Staff

Members Not Present:

Ellen Mellard, Chair, NE KS Education Service Center
Representative Brenda Landwehr
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative
Sharon Hixson, Service Provider Member
Karla Kenton, Parent Member

Approval of February 2005 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Doug Bowman. Tom Kohmetscher made a motion to approve the March 4th, 2005, meeting minutes. Seconded by Dr. Dave Lindeman; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The March ICC Minutes will be posted on the Kansas ICC website.	Patty Miller	April 4 th , 2005

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senator David Haley reported the legislators completed the budget today, April 1st, 2005. The budget was approved by 26 votes, with reservation. Legislators will return on April 27th, 2005, for the Omnibus session.

Governor Kathleen Sebelius has not signed the school finance formula, but has the option to pass it on to the Supreme Court for judicial review.

Doug stated there is 127 million to 1 billion dollars of new money in the budget plan. 85% of excess cost of special education funds. \$4,107 for base state aid. Increase local option budgets from 25% to 27%, then up to 30% cap.

Senator David Haley reported Senate Bill 306 passed unanimously. This bill allows the Medicaid Program, and the responsibility as lead agency for Medicaid in reporting to the Federal Center for Medicaid and Medicare services, will transfer from SRS to the newly created Health Care Authority (HCA). HCA will be a branch of the Department of Administration. Doug Bowman stated that the Council may need to create another seat in response to this change.

Doug Bowman mentioned the Smart Start funding remains as status quo. For *tiny-k*, the same \$200,000 allocated in '05 for infant toddler was re-allocated as a direct transfer. This is not an additional \$200,000 over and above last year's budget. The Child Care Subsidy was not addressed at this time. Alice Womack stated they may need to raise co-pay, cap hours, or lower income eligibility amounts.

Child Care Licensing received an increase in funds.

Doug Bowman reported that the *tiny-k* lottery, House Bill number 2427, was assigned to the House state and federal affairs committee. It had a late hearing, but did not move.

Senator David Haley reported there is an increase in revenue. The March figures are above projections. The legislature is looking at other sources for funding, i.e. Gaming.

COMMITTEES and TASK FORCES

Funding/Finance Committee – Doug Bowman reported for Dr. Dave Lindeman, Co-Chair
Discussion: Focused on issues regarding Categorical Aid. According to ZoAnn Torrey, KSDE will revisit, and revise guidelines for special education funds. Sedgwick and Johnson counties access categorical aid on a per child basis. There are billing issues when categorical aid is accessed on a per pupil basis. The Funding Committee will work on a draft of a proposed funding formula, and will have the draft proposal ready for the May State ICC meeting.

Advocacy Committee – Doug Bowman reported for Debbie Mai, Co-Chair
Discussion: Last year, the Newborn Screening bill passed. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) liked the grant, approved it, but it was not funded. There was discussion to do a pilot with Wyandotte County. On other matters, Mr. Bowman mentioned doing an analysis of the effectiveness of our Advocacy Training. Maria Martinez mentioned partnering with other organizations, i.e. Head Start.

Newborn Screening Task Force – Dr. Chet Johnson, Chair
Discussion: No report.

Partnerships Committee – Maria Martinez, Co-Chair
Discussion: A presentation was made at KDEC. Maria may do a presentation at the Pottawatomie Indian Nation. Parents will be included in the training sessions.

Parent Leadership Task Force - Maria Martinez, Chair
Discussion: No Report.

Interagency Agreement Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair
Discussion: Met on February 21st, 2005, from 1:00 to 3:00. The next meeting is scheduled for April 19th, 2005, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM located in the Curtis State Office Building, California Trail Conference Room.

Ad Hoc Committee - Maria Martinez, Chair
Discussion: Maria Martinez will review historical correspondence.

Governmental Affairs Committee - Tom Kohmetscher, Chair
Discussion: No report.

Categorical Aid Task Force - Dr. Dave Lindeman, Chair
Discussion: See Funding Committee report.

Public Forum Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair
Discussion: No report.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the May State ICC meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces Doug Bowman	May 6 th , 2005
Funding Committee will work on a draft funding formula	Dr. Dave Lindeman	May 6 th , 2005

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman
Discussion: Doug reported the Council funding will likely not cover expenses in our fourth quarter. The Council hopes to receive supplemental funding from KDHE.

A meeting to plan for the Governor’s initiative of Early Childhood is scheduled in Lawrence for April 7th and April 8th, 2005, located at the University of Kansas.

The next State ICC meeting is scheduled for May 6th, 2005, at 1:00 PM, located at the SRS Learning

Center, Room A.

The all day Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for June 3rd, 20005, located at the SRS Learning Center in rooms A & B. Doug Bowman is working on getting a facilitator.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Send out e-mail to the Local Networks to save the date for the June 3 rd , 2005, Strategic Planning Retreat.	Doug Bowman	April 4 th , 2005

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Gail Stuber

Gail Stuber reported working on the General Supervision and Enhancement Grant. The grant focuses on family outcomes, positive relationships, and skills.

KSDE is working on the Early Learning Guidelines with SRS and other partners. Some issues are to support school readiness, and developing instructional support for parents.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT – Carolyn Nelson

A copy of the Health and Environment report was handed out, (Attachment A).

Discussion: On April 11, 2005, Deanna Peterson will begin her duties as Kansas' Part C Coordinator.

Kansas' Part C Annual Performance Report (APR) has been submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) for review.

Work has begun on Part C Infant-Toddler Services' grant application which is due in Washington, D.C. on May 2nd.

Part C Regional Meetings are being planned for May 2005. Joe Porting is finalizing logistics and will be forwarding meeting information to the networks the week of April 4th.

Though Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) takes effect on July 1, 2005, OSEP reports that they will not have a draft of related regulations completed until December 2005.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT – Michael Steiner for Robert Tomlinson

Discussion: No report.

SRS REPORT - Alice Womack

A copy of the SRS report was handed out, (Attachment B).

Discussion: Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska are participating in a grant funded project through

the Midwest Research Consortium sponsored by the University of Nebraska to evaluate Quality Rating Systems in each of the four states.

Beginning in early 2003, 11 counties within the SRS Southeast Region of Kansas began a pilot working with relative caregivers. The purpose will provide a strategy to support the entire family and to be supportive of and to develop a relationship with relative caregivers.

As a part of the 2005 Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (KACCRRRA) contract for the Infant/Toddler Project, a project called Excellent Care for Early Learning (EXCEL) was implemented. The goals of the EXCEL project are to enhance the quality of early learning programs by making all environments safe, secure, nurturing and stimulating places for children.

ADJOURNMENT

The next ICC meeting is scheduled for May 6th, located in Topeka, Kansas at the SRS Learning Center, 2nd & Macvicar, South West East Circle Drive South, Building 2600, Room A. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM.