

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

MINUTES  
STATE ICC MEETING

APRIL 24, 2009, 1:00-4:30 PM  
SRS LEARNING CENTER, ROOM "B"  
TOPEKA, KS

MEMBERS PRESENT IN WICHITA

Dr. Linda Mitchell, Chair, Public Member  
Deb Voth, Provider Member  
Dr. Dave Lindeman, Board/Regents Rep.  
Maria Martinez, Parent Member  
Susan Carriger, Provider Member  
Carrie Hastings, SRS Representative  
Dr. Leticia Holub Taylor, Provider Member  
Nancy Kruse, Provider Member  
Sharon Hixson, Public Member  
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member  
Carol Ayres, KS Dept. Education  
Richard Martinez, Parent Member  
Tom Laing, Public Member  
Linda Kinney, KDHE  
Cayla Wright, KHPA-Medicaid Rep.

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Kate Wolff, Governor's Representative  
Tiffany Krentz, Parent Member  
Rep. Melody McCray-Miller, House App  
Senator Julia Lynn, Senate Appointee  
Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member  
John Meetz, Insurance Commissioner  
Julie Broski, Parent Member

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Staff Coordinator  
Jean Wilson, Sr. Admin. Assistant  
Robert "Bobby" Silverstein, Dir, Ctr. For  
Study & Advancement of Disability  
Policy & as Ability One Division Of  
ACCSES  
Gayle Stuber, KS Dept. Education  
Kayzetta Bigler, Families Together, Inc.  
Kathy Johnson, TARC  
Tiffany Smith-Birk, KDHE  
Carolyn Nelson, KDHE  
Lorraine Dold, Rainbows United  
Patty Gray, KSDE  
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, NKESC  
Peggy Miksch, KITS  
Dena Bracciano, ITS, Douglas Co.  
Mary Swazy, TARC-SCITS  
Lee Price, Rainbows United  
Kayze Bigler, Families Together, Inc.  
Monique Mayhugh, TARC-SCITS  
Jennie Heim, Shawnee Co. ITS-TARC  
Kelly Frit, TARC-SCITS  
Kathy Reed, OCCK, Inc.  
H. Nelson, OCCK, Inc.  
Kim Strunk, KS Council on DD  
Sarah Walters, Ottawa-Wellsville ITS

MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE  
PHONE

Thomas Kohmetscher, Provider Member

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Dr. Linda Mitchell, Chair, called the meeting to order with a welcome and introductions around the table. Then those present on the conference phone also introduced themselves.

Dr. Mitchell introduced Robert "Bobby" Silverstein, Director, from the Center for Study and Advancement of Disability Policy and from AbilityOne Division of ACCSES as one of our champions. He has helped craft the laws on all issues of disabilities; from birth to death, from a family member or a provider's perspective.

Mr. Silverstein was instrumental in the passing of basic public policy –in helping to write Title I and Part C of IDEA while a staff member in the House. Mr. Silverstein confessed they "stole" research from the 1980's and used it as the framework of best practices in writing the law. This included: focusing on the family with respect, while providing support to that child with a disability and family. The family unit can be better served by providing supports and maximizing that child's potential. The Part C legislation (in my point of view) was about "glue"- putting together the supports of existing services and resources. The State ICC has a major responsibility to not only advise but assist lead agencies. This work is enhanced by the parent membership (and others) on the Council. The functions of collaboration and cooperation - not the silos, not the agencies, further our efforts. He remarked how hard he knows that can sometimes be, and that given the numbers of children being served today, perhaps it is time to review the assumptions around Part C funds and the costs of providing direct services. Mr. Silverstein then asked for questions.

Maria Martinez stated that she has had opportunities to participate on the federal, state, and local levels. She sees the biggest barrier for families to participate is getting to know about the opportunities. State ICC always tries to think of innovative ways to bring people to the table where they can sharpen their advocacy skills and still have meaningful participation as well. Are there more discussions to make opportunities more readily available?

Mr. Silverstein answered by asking what is the policy objective? Do you have services for parents and supports? What kind of reimbursement? Do you use technology to make meaningful their participation and to be an equal partner? How well are we supporting the parent – is it a priority, are we achieving our goals?

Another question was asked about the Federal Stimulus Package. There are clear messages from the Department of Education on what to do with the stimulus money – the

message is out – spend it wisely, spend it fast, spend it to prevent job layoffs, for new hires, to provide service infrastructure. This is the official guidance that has come out in all documents Mr. Silverstein has seen. Right now, just take the money and spend it wisely. Be prepared for the documentation that will be required.

Doug Bowman asked the question, what happens in that third year when the ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) funds will disappear?

Mr. Silverstein answered that it must be asked, are we changing eligibility rules, making it more or less restrictive? If not, can you do more in the next two years without creating another responsibility? That money may not be there in three years. Then, that is part of the necessary discussion process. It may well be that more services can be performed, or there were infrastructure issues, or more advocacy or parent training, or data collection issues to improve the quality of individuals with disabilities and their families. Perhaps there is less money that Special Education will have to pay in the future as a result, but do you have the data to prove that. Protect yourself, be careful that you are not doing things that when the money runs out you are in a difficult situation – yes, this is part of the equation.

Kim Strunk of Kansas Council of DD (Developmental Delay) asked Mr. Silverstein to explain the D.C. view of the “family”. Her question is brought up due to the fact that many grandparents are raising their grandchildren. Many have problems getting services for that grandchild. Yet, anyone or a grandmother can sign off on some paperwork, but cannot get other services covered because they do not have legal custody. What is the Washington view about these situations? The fact is, many grandparents are raising their grandchildren, many who have disabilities.

Mr. Silverstein commented a belief that there must be absolute flexibility to include grandparents in the family concept or as a basic core principal of “family”. The second question is parental consent - a hard one to answer. Mr. Silverstein was not prepared to detail the legal nuances with respect to consent, but overall delivery of services should not be an issue.

Mr. Silverstein asked everyone to consider whether they impede or facilitate progress. For example, the U.S. Department of Education form details what kinds of services and support goes to the infant. That is not the thrust of this program, currently. The thrust is; to enhance their capacity. When the provider of the services leaves after the half hour time, the family is still there. They implement the intervention throughout the day, every day. If the data collection requirements send the wrong message, we have a responsibility to fix it. In the end, if at the “top of the page”, we maintain family respect and enhance the capacity of the family, and then everything (including data collection) should support that policy objective.

In further discussion of the ARRA, Cayla Wright urged everyone to keep a holistic view with people losing their jobs, and to help people pay their insurance coverage, as we see a huge “cliff” coming but are hoping to overcome these problems.

Linda Mitchell commented that the State ICC needs to think about the coming grassroots problems - how to solve collaboratively after the stimulus money is gone.

Carolyn Nelson stated that there is further federal guidance coming; you must keep the money in a separate account and account for using many avenues of accountability. The guidelines are still under construction (see website) for Part C and Part B.

Carol Ayres of KSDE stated that the federal government has the entire ARRA Act out there on the website with links to all of kinds of documents.

#### ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Mitchell asked anyone if there were any more changes or corrections to February and March minutes: for February 2009 minutes corrected, Tom Laing made a motion to approve as amended, and Sharon Hixson seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. For March minutes, Nancy Krase made the motion to adopt as edited, seconded by Tom Laing. Vote passed unanimously.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Maria Martinez referenced the comments made last month by Scott Bruner at the State ICC meeting about HealthWave. She had heard that some local ICC's had a few concerns or questions. There was a report of families putting an application in, having difficulty making contact with the staff they needed to contact, and not getting much response back. Particularly, in Southwest Kansas, I'm hearing from families that have applied; they've gotten a packet, with a list of providers, that are available, and they are not truly available. They have made several phone calls to practitioners stating that they have HealthWave and then that medical office says they don't take them, even though they are listed. The biggest concern is a feeling that it is a false pretense of providers listed and the agency does not know it.

Cayla Wright of KHPA, remarked that she will look into Maria's situations, double-checking the circumstances. As expected and discussed in the past, with an increase of eligibility for SCHIP, and with the increase in unemployment rate, there is a huge influx of applications or enrollees coming in to KHPA. They have explained this to the legislature: that these factors were going to cause delays in services. Yet, KHPA holds 26 current positions open and is expected to make further cuts to staff.

Cayla will direct Maria Martinez' information through the chain of command to Scott Bruner to get it addressed. Providers have the right to put a cap on the number they see from Medicaid. The providers are allowed to set a cap because they have so many applying. When cap is reached, KHPA's system will put them on hold. In certain circumstances, when a provider is seeing one child, they will see another child within that same family.

Maria Martinez stated that some practitioners are just stopping them at the door and saying "No". We are filled and not taking anyone else. Those that do accept clients are

bursting at the seams. Garden City is one area Maria is hearing from, really lacking healthcare and in need of help.

Cayla Wright offered to be that one to call. Cayla will get an update to these problems at the next State ICC meeting.

Nancy Krause wanted to discuss the Pre-school Summit that occurred earlier this month. The issue concerns community-based non-profit organizations applying for Pre-school money. They struggle to add indirect costs to help defray the costs. Otherwise, we would not be able to afford to conduct Pre-school services, without that indirect assistance.

Carol Ayres stated that Gayle Stuber has had a conversation with KSDE auditing and it is her understanding that those with further questions, were to call Gayle directly.

In response to a question from Nancy, Carol noted that this year, Gayle put both the Pre-school program and the four-year old at-risk program together. She sent out as one RFP (Request for Proposal) with different requirements as there are different criteria for each of those programs. The four-year old at risk money is derived from state general education funds. The Pre-school program is funded by CIF. This is a source of concern to Mr. Dennis, because he feels that this money going into indirect costs, is taking away monies that could be going directly to services for children. The message Carol heard from Gayle at the Pre-K Summit was that those who had indirect costs in their budgets, needed to contact her directly, to work that through so they could figure it out for this year.

Tom Laing remarked it made sense for KSDE to request some justification for indirect costs, but much of the whole world uses indirect cost allocation; state universities, state agencies, etc. Is there a resolution to account for indirect costs in general?

Carol Ayres stated the KSDE Policy is there will be no indirect costs in the budget for Pre-K. Questions on how costs could be captured within their budget should be directed to Dr. Gayle Stuber at KSDE.

Dr. Linda Mitchell reiterated that KSDE has already set down what the rules are for these grants, but there is still this avenue (call Gayle Stuber), to ask, "Here is a barrier to even writing this grant – how can we resolve this so that we can still go forward?"

Carol Ayres confirmed this was accurate.

Nancy Krase stated it is a challenging situation. She asserts that many community-based non-profit organizations are not going to write any grants without the use of indirect costs. Nancy stated that her board of directors would probably say, "Don't do it".

Dr. Linda Mitchell asked Carol, "Who would be the best person to advocate for a change in future grants so that indirect costs can be built in?"

Carol Ayres stated that KSDE needs to know about and address these issues for the Pre-School Program, as this new entity is being developed. We need to involve Gayle here.

Deb Voth reflected today's "Bobby" Silverstein's message. Deb thought the original purpose of the Pre-K Pilot would be to build a collaborative mix of providers – a broad spectrum of service providers. She believed that limiting in-kind contributions (indirect) will prevent community-based programs from applying in the future. Schools have large infrastructures upon which to rely, and not for profits do not always have it.

Sharon Hixson asked if community-based programs had been able in the previous years of Pre-K Pilots to submit indirect costs? Doug Bowman stated that this program was administered by the Children's Trust Fund previously, and it was allowed.

Kim Strunk stated she was making the following comments as a grandma, with a 4-year old granddaughter. Mali did participate in the four-year old "at risk" program and this is her last year. She has benefited. When Mali started to school she did not talk. Today, she told me she wanted a mayonnaise sandwich when I left.

Dr. Linda Mitchell thanked Kim for sharing her personal story today, with the State ICC.

Dena Bracciano of Douglas County, brought to the ICC a concern about Torticollis plagiocephaly. In laymen's terms this is an abnormally developing skull formation. She stated that their county is seeing a huge percentage increase of children with this condition. It appears to be a local decision whether communities will pay for helmets for these children. Private insurance and Medicaid are not covering the cost of these helmets, which are \$2,500 apiece. If we leave it up to local communities, I fear communities will not pay and parents will not get them if they are not covered. I am very concerned for the future of these children. We purchased five or six helmets in the last three years for kids. Research coming out, is that these children are experiencing more developmental delays than normally developing children. If those affected children are not continuing to be seen and the condition is not resolved, they are showing up in kindergarten with significant issues. It can affect all parts of their body, such as leaving them with hip dysphasia. It is significant and Douglas County needs some guidance.

## AGENCY REPORTS

### KSDE Report

Carol Ayres reported that the Early Learning Guidelines have been re-written and new copies are available. Please let Gayle Stuber know if you are interested in copies.

Janet Newton reports new Parents as Teachers trainings next. She has had a few educational entities withdraw from the PAT program this year because of funding. It is hopeful there will be others step up who are interested.

KSDE did have the Pre-School Summit meeting on April 9, 2009 and there was a good turnout with lots of discussion. Both Gayle and Janet have to report in June on their

programs to the Board of Education. Gayle Stuber has a pre-school teacher conference set on June 25, 2009. Gayle will be sending out more information on this.

Colleen Riley wanted to be sure that all of the State ICC members are invited to the November 18, 2009 SEAC Meeting at KSDE in the Board Room. An RSVP is required because lunch will be provided. She welcomes any agenda items that the State ICC would like to see discussed at this meeting. Early Childhood will have several workshops in the Leadership Conference in July. Additionally, we are exploring an orientation session for ICC members in Wichita the morning of July 30<sup>th</sup>. A flier was handed out.

(See full KSDE report)

### SRS Report

Carrie Hastings stated that with the ARRA funding, Kansas is expecting to get a substantial amount of funds for child care and the child care development block grant. How the money will be spent – those decisions have not yet been made, and are still waiting for federal guidance. SRS will continue to support the various conferences as best they are able on a restricted budget. On October 31, 2008, the Kickapoo Tribe was approved to handle their own child support enforcement program. About 100 cases in Kansas will be transferred to them. Currently, SRS is the lead agency for administering the federal child care and development fund. SRS has drafted a new state plan available at the SRS website at [www.srskansas.org](http://www.srskansas.org). Please send comments to Sally [Paige.kahle@srs.ks.gov](mailto:Paige.kahle@srs.ks.gov). Community and public hearings will be Thursday, April 30, and Monday, May 11, at 6:3-8:00 pm, 2009 at different sites.

(See full SRS report).

### KDHE Report

Carolyn Nelson provided the KDHE report, starting with the ARRA Act. The primary concern across all states is sustainability after the next two years. The federal funds can be spent through 2011 and that is when Kansas will revert back to previous funding levels, if nothing further is done. Tiffany recently sent out a request to the *tiny-k* networks asking for their input and suggestions as to how they would like to use the \$3.8 million federal ARRA funds. Responses included; equipment, personnel training, direct services, student loan as a tool to recruit staff. Accountability and setting up a separate account for this funding is very important. The first half will be distributed soon, and the second portion will come on September 2009. No applications will be needed for these funds. More information will be forthcoming at the Coordinators' Meeting, Thursday, April 30, 2009 next week in Salina.

(See full KDHE report).

### KHPA Report

Cayla reported on the “Legislative pulse” on the KHPA website with the link. She will attempt to keep State ICC apprised. KHPA will be sending out letters to Part C Coordinators and lead agencies around May 1, to have them renew their family service coordinators. KHPA has to do this because CMS requested that we change Family Service Coordination Codes to Targeted Case Management. Just sign the attestation letter, double-check your FEIN and tax code. Cayla’s phone number, etc. is on the KHPA report, if you have questions.

(See full KHPA report).

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Advocacy Committee

Sharon Hixson stated that they will be talking next Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

#### Policy Committee

Tom Laing stated they have not met.

#### Improving Services Committee

This committee is still working with autism issues. Dr. Leticia Holub Taylor will be taking the training of providers working on the autism Medicaid waiver. This is an intense training in May for six half days. The committee will meet again May 14, 2009.

#### Funding Committee

Dave Lindeman reported that this committee had not met; there is no report today.

#### Legislative Report

Doug Bowman stated that the legislators have been on break for most of April, having finished up the first budget bill. Since then, the consensus estimating group reviewed many factors and produced a target for the budget balance for FY 2010. They project about \$350 million shortfall, requiring either additional cuts and/or enhanced revenues. House Appropriations started work on Tuesday of this week. The Senate Ways & Means came back Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The full legislature will return Wednesday of next week. They must work the budget on their respective floor and then reconcile in a Conference Committee the different versions. There is finally some discussion about the revenue side of the equation. Currently they are proposing about a 3.8% cut for education and 5% for everyone else. For the most part the Children’s Initiative Fund has been left alone. An exception is the House is proposing to reduce the new Early Learning Block grants by one-third. The Senate does not make this cut.

Discussion ensued among ICC members about the possibilities of Kansas’ future budget.

Doug will send an email out next Monday to inform local partners and to assess the impact of budget cuts. The next ICC meeting will be at the Topeka Library in the Menninger Room #206, from 1-5:00 PM. It will also be a Video Conference with six

remote sites available. Please email Jean Wilson for requests of copies of any monthly agency reports, at [jwilson@kdheks.gov](mailto:jwilson@kdheks.gov), or call 785-296-1294.

MEETING ADJOURNED

(All AGENCY REPORTS FOLLOW)

### **Kansas State Department of Education Overview** **Report to the SICC – April 2009**

The Kansas Early Learning Document is FINALLY available! Copies are available if requested. The two new sections are: How to use the Guidelines; and, How to use the Standards. Both provide some good information for providers and teachers. 2000 hard copies and 500 CDs will be available by the end of April.

Parents As Teachers: Parents As Teachers National Center has a couple of great training resources for working with child caregivers. Supporting *Care Providers Through Personal Visits* contains personal visit plans, special topics, and handouts for care providers and parents. The *Supporting Infant/Toddler Caregivers* curriculum provides strategies to give any care provider an increased understanding of parenting and child development. Twelve units cover attachment, motor development, intellectual development, language development, social emotional development, inclusion, routines, nutrition, partnerships with families, wellness, sleep issues, understanding cues. Each unit includes provider educator plans, provider educator resources, activity pages, care provider handouts, and parent pages. Both curricula can be purchased through the PATNC website at <http://friinc.onet.net/cgi-bin/ver3/login.cgi?userName=PUBLIC&password=14224PAT> and not limited to Parents As Teachers programs or educators. These are very user friendly, research-based materials that build care provider skills and knowledge while connecting providers with parent education.

Pre-K Pilot Summit: This was rescheduled for April 9 and was a great meeting. About 35-40 people came and discussed issues and solutions to barriers for a Kansas Preschool Program modeled on the Pre-K Pilot. We are using this information to move toward the development of the new program: Kansas Preschool Program. More will be out by the end of the summer (or before!) Another meeting will take place this fall to continue the discussion!

Kansas Preschool Program: The current Four Year Old At-Risk program and Pre-K Pilot (now Pre-K Program) have a combined application. It has a different format than in years past and is a bit complicated to walk through. There is no new funding for Pre-K Programs, but we hope to have funding available for new Four Year Old At-Risk. More information will come after the legislature votes on the budget –probably in May.

Preschool teacher Conference: We have the date set—June 25<sup>th</sup> and the location: the Best Western Airport Hotel in Wichita. More will be out soon, but this is for all teachers who teach preschool children (3-5). Results from the data collection in Four Year Old At-Risk and the Pre-K Pilot will be shared. There will also be discussion about future data collections (School Readiness Project) and professional development topics for teachers. Please put this on your calendars!

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Project and professional development topics for teachers. Please put this on your calendars!

**PART B – Section 619**

Colleen Riley on behalf of SEAC invites SICC member participation:

November 18, 2009  
 9:00 am – 4:00 pm – lunch included  
 KSDE Board Room

Council members wishing to attend should RSVP to Deb Burns at [dburns@ksde.org](mailto:dburns@ksde.org) for a lunch count. The SICC is invited to attend all or a part of the day. Any items for the agenda should be sent to Deb in advance.

KSDE is polling local districts through regional KASEA meetings to help guide the discussions at the Leadership Conference on July 30 and 31 in Wichita. The Early Childhood workshops are scheduled on Friday in back to back sessions emphasizing what Special Education Directors need to know about the Part B Early Childhood Indicators 6, 7 and 12. This is a great opportunity for council members to hear firsthand the guidance that is given to the districts regarding the newest information from OSEP and its impact on their programs.

Other topics at the Leadership Conference include: Teacher Education and Licensure, MTSS, Legal Issues, Budget and Fiscal Accountability, NIMAS/NIMAC (textbooks for visually impaired), LEAMIS Report Generator (data system report functions), Kansas Integrated Accountability System (process of the electronic file review), Indicators 1 and 2- Graduation and Drop-out; Indicator 4 - Suspension and Expulsion; Indicator 13 – Secondary Transition; Indicator 3 - Statewide Assessment and Indicator 5 – LRE (6-21).

KSDE invites your participation in this opportunity to learn about the State Performance Plan and the responsibilities related to that for the school districts and the state education agency.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT  
PART C INFANT-TODDLER SERVICES

APRIL 4, 2008

Tiffany Smith-Birk will begin duties as Kansas' Part C Infant-Toddler Coordinator this month. Tiffany's education and experience is in children's mental health and social welfare. Her current position is with SRS as their Early Childhood Mental Health Technical Assistance Director.

Annual grant information will be distributed to networks on April 14<sup>th</sup> at a Part C Coordinators' meeting. Unless additional SGF are allocated, dollars available for network SFY '09 grants will remain the same as the current year. Grants will be due to KDHE on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Federal grant dollars to Kansas Part C decreased for the upcoming grant year by \$5968. Total grant estimate is \$3,887,531.

Sometime within the next two weeks, the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) will be providing input on each state's Annual Performance Report. Concerns that will affect a state's determination (e.g., meets expectations, needs assistance, need intervention, needs substantial intervention) will be identified and discussed. Each state then has about 2 weeks to correct and resend before OSEP determinations are completed.

The annual Head Start Collaboration conference will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Tallgrass Country Club in Wichita. This conference is planned annually by Head Start, Early Head Start, KSDE Part B, KDHE Part C, Head Start Collaboration and others. Conference topic is blended teaching and braided funding for services.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT  
SICC REPORT

April 24, 2009

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 –

Kansas has received notice that it can begin spending the first 1.9 million dollar allotment of these funds. The other 50 percent will be awarded on September 30, 2009. These awards are in addition to the regular fiscal year (FY) 2009 IDEA Part C awards that will be made on July 1, 2009. All IDEA Part C ARRA funds must be obligated by September 11, 2011.

Kansas did not need to submit a new application to receive the first 50 percent of the Part C Grants ARRA funds because these funds are being made available to Kansas based on the state's eligibility established for FY 2008 IDEA Part C funds and its provision of the certification required by section 1607 of the ARRA. The assurances, certifications, and other information provided in the state's FY 2008 application will

apply to these ARRA funds, as well as the requirements of the ARRA. In order to receive the remaining funds, Kansas will need to submit, for review and approval by the US Department of Education (OSEP), additional information that addresses how the state will meet the accountability and reporting requirements in section 1512 of the ARRA. The second half of the award to Kansas Part C will be made on September 30, 2009 upon approval of the state's recordkeeping and reporting submission.

ARRA requires that recipients of funds made available under that Act separately account for, and report on, how those funds are spent. The US Department of Education has assigned a new CFDA number to the IDEA IRRA funds in order to facilitate separate accounting for the funds. KDHE is in the process of establishing a separate account for Kansas Part C ARRA funds. Recipients, including Part C local networks, will need to maintain accurate documentation of all ARRA expenditures to ensure that the data reported is accurate, complete, and reliable. Kansas will be expected to monitor providers to help ensure data quality and proper expenditures of the ARRA funds.

Reports containing information required under section 1512(c) of the ARRA must be submitted not later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter. OMB is expected to issue government-wide guidance on the ARRA reporting requirements and procedures in the coming weeks. These will be forwarded to network receiving ARRA funds as soon as received by the State.

The ARRA does not provide any authority for the US Department of Education to grant waivers under IDEA for Part C's MOE (which are Part C's supplement not supplant) requirements under section 637(b)(5)(B) of the IDEA and 34 CFR §303.124. These provisions require each lead agency to ensure that the total amount of state and local expenditures on early intervention budgeted for a particular fiscal year are at least the amount of such funds expended in the prior fiscal year.

Sustainability of funds after 2011 is a primary concern of all states' Part C programs.

Part C Coordinators' meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Salina Holiday Inn. Some topics to be covered are their upcoming grant applications, monitoring information, Outcomes Web System data and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Elizabeth (Liz) Abbey, Sound Beginnings Newborn Hearing Screening Coordinator, will be providing Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE) equipment training, Sound Beginnings Newborn Hearing Screening information and hearing loss information for Russell Child Development Center (Part *tiny-k* network in SW Kansas) on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. RCDC received funding for this OAE from the Sound Beginnings' grant funds.

**KHPA Report for State ICC Meeting  
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- **Legislative Pulse (KHPA Legislation newsletter)**  
<http://www.khpa.ks.gov/pulse/default.htm>
  - <http://www.khpa.ks.gov> > **Health Policy > Legislative Information**  
  
**Legislative Pulse Newsletter**
  
- **FSC/TCM Policy Update**
  - Policy implementation scheduled for July 1, 2009
  - Effective for DOS on and after July 1, 2009
  - Reenrollment of Family Service Coordination is required
    - Simplified the process
    - Attestation letter and paperwork will be sent by May 1, 2009.
    - FSC must be billed under new provider location
    - Limitation is required, 800 units
  
- ✚ **Expansion of ECI services**

Many ECI network providers have requested additional services to be covered. Due to the current fiscal budget cuts, new policies to expand services are on hold.

**Cayla Wright**

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**SRS Report for State ICC Meeting  
April 24, 2009**

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provides for the opportunity to stimulate the economy in Kansas. Child Care and Early Childhood Education programs are a beneficiary of these funds. Child Care funds in SRS come through the CCDBG Act as Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Discretionary Funds. Agencies are being asked to collaborate and coordinate on a statewide level in the use of these funds. Agencies and programs are looking at systemic/statewide initiatives that meet the intent of the Act, as well as initiatives and activities that meet their own agency mission.

In the first program instruction received by SRS regarding CCDF ARRA funding the purpose of the funding is outlined as such:

- To assist those most impacted by the recession
- To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery
- To provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health
- To invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits
- To stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, key stakeholders were invited to visit with the Secretary and SRS staff to assist with the development of recommendations of priority areas for the use of these dollars. Four common themes were a result of this discussion. These were: Professional Development, Technology, Quality Enhancement Initiatives, and Family Support Initiatives. Funding decisions regarding the use of these funds have not been made.

- The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fatherhood Summit was held in Wichita on April 2 and 3, 2009. Nearly 150 persons attended—a good mix between fathers and professional practitioners who work with parents. The three (3) inspirational keynote speakers were Jay Fagan, Ph.D., Associate professor of Social Work at Temple University; Randell Turner, Ph.D, Child and Family Therapist; and Ron Willis, Ph.D, Green Porch Swing Productions. Participants chose from 5 presentations to attend in each of four sessions plus the pre-conference Father's Place: An Experiential Learning Workshop by Michael Schiller and Kathleen Holt. Each participant could receive CEUs or 12.25 clock hours for the event. This event was sponsored by Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services Head Start State Collaboration Office (SRS HSSCO) and Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC). Members of

the Kansas Fatherhood Coalition represent SRS, KDHE, JJA, Head Start, Health Care, University of Kansas, KPIRC, and National Center on Fathering.

- The LIEAP application period has ended. The volume of applications received and registered is at 56,681 (which exceeds last year's overall total of 50,101) while approved applications are at 41,046. This overall volume is 12.78% ahead of last year and the approved volume is 9.92% higher than last year for the same period. There are currently 8,000+ applications awaiting eligibility determination. The average benefit is currently \$718.44 and total funds obligated to date are \$29,489,113.
- Project FRESH Start (Finding Reliable Employment Success at Home). The Southeast Kansas Community Action Program (SEK-CAP) and the SRS S.E. Region are launching a new project to engage TAF consumers in becoming a licensed child care provider. Seven counties will be impacted: Cherokee, Crawford, Labette, Allen, Bourbon, Neosho, and Montgomery. Key collaboration points include:
  - TAF consumers will be screened by SRS staff and referred to SEK-CAP.
  - SEK-CAP will provide start up dollars and technical assistance to TAF consumers.
  - FRESH Start will allow TAF consumers to meet SRS work requirements.
  - Training will be provided by SEK-CAP to TAF consumers to receive a Child Development Training (CDA) credential.
  - A CDA credential qualifies an individual to work in a child care facility and/or start a child care business.
- On October 31, the Kickapoo Tribe was approved for comprehensive tribal IV-D funding. The federal funding will provide for development of the first tribal child support enforcement program in Kansas. Once established, it is estimated over 100 current cases will be transferred to the tribal program. New child support cases will be established and enforced, as requested. A formal implementation date has not yet been determined.
- SB 134 contains the CINC provisions contained in the GBR, allowing SRS to implement the program changes necessary to address the budget reductions associated with these policies:
  - Limits courts' jurisdiction in CINC cases to the child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday or graduation from high school, contingent upon a court approved transition plan
  - Limits the authorization of SRS custody for CINC-NAN cases to ages 15 and younger, unless the child has no identifiable parental or family resources
- Although the bill ending the Grandparents as Caregiver Program did not pass, no money was appropriated for the program. Since this program is "subject to

appropriations” we are beginning the process of moving the clients to the TANF supported program effective July 1, 2009.

- Legislation was passed in 2006 allowing SRS to place a restriction on the driver’s license of all IV-D cases in which a person owes over \$500 in arrears. In October 2008, letters were sent to 3,000 Non Custodial Parents (NCP) who owed at least \$500 and hadn’t made a payment in 90 days informing them how to avoid the restriction process. Since October 2008, Child Support Enforcement has sent 100 letters per month to NCPs urging them to make child support payments in order to avoid license restriction. In April 2009, the process to notify NCPs via certified mail that their license will be restricted due to lack of child support payments has begun. Twenty five NCPs will be identified each month and will receive notification via certified mail. Once this notice is generated, NCPs have three options: payment agreement, appeal or license restriction.
- Kansas Disability Determination Services (DDS) received the Objective Award for Outstanding Performance in 2008. This is the 4th annual performance award DDS has received in as many years. Staff has worked hard to achieve this recognition and it means Kansans are receiving excellent service. The award will be formally presented to the DDS Director in May during their annual meeting in Detroit.
- Improving outreach and employment outcomes for transition-aged youth with disabilities is one of the major priorities for SRS/Rehabilitation Services, the state’s vocational rehabilitation (VR) agency. A review of performance indicators shows that the agency is getting results. For example:
  - The number of transition youth interested in pursuing employment through VR has more than doubled over a two-year period, from 755 in FFY 2006 to 1,648 in FFY 2008.
  - The number of new plans for employment has increased 133%, from 369 in FFY 2006 to 859 in FFY 2008.
  - Wages of transition youth with disabilities achieving employment through VR have increased to a statewide average of \$9.84 an hour, exceeding the federal VR requirement of \$8.78 for that time period. The average is highest, at \$10.88 an hour, in the West Region of the State.
  - In SFY 2008, 388 youth with disabilities achieved employment through VR services, representing 24% of the agency’s total number of rehabilitations.
- Reminder. The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is the lead agency administering the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). CCDF supports the Child Care Subsidy Program (financial assistance to low-income families) as well as early learning quality initiatives such as child care provider professional development, child care resource and referral, Kansas Early Head Start, and regulation and licensure of child care facilities. A draft of the new CCDF State Plan is available on the SRS web site at [www.srskansas.org](http://www.srskansas.org).

Comments may be submitted by mail to SRS EES, DSOB, 915 SW Harrison St., Suite 580, Topeka, KS 66612, Attention: Sally Paige Kahle or through email to Sally Paige Kahle at [SallyPaige.Kahle@srs.ks.gov](mailto:SallyPaige.Kahle@srs.ks.gov). Please identify in the Subject Line: CCDF State Plan Comments. Interested parties may attend one or both of the scheduled public hearings. A schedule of the dates and locations of the public hearings is attached. Comments will be taken through **May 25, 2009**.

### **PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE FOR CCDF STATE PLAN**

#### **Thursday, April 30, 2009**

10:00—11:30 am

#### **Monday, May 11, 2009**

6:30—8:00 pm

Atchison SRS  
410 Commercial  
Atchison, KS 66002  
913-367-5345

Hays SRS  
3000 Broadway  
Hays, KS 67601  
785-628-1066

Pittsburg SRS  
320 South Broadway  
Pittsburg, KS 66762  
620-231-5300

Chanute SRS  
1500 West 7<sup>th</sup>  
Chanute, KS 66720  
620-431-5000

Hutchinson SRS  
600 Andrew  
Hutchinson, KS 67505  
620-663-5731 ext. 303

Salina SRS  
901 Westchester  
Salina, KS 67401  
785-826-8000

Dodge City SRS  
1509 Avenue P  
Dodge City, KS 67801  
620-227-8508

Kansas City SRS  
402 State Ave.  
Kansas City, KS 66117  
913-279-7000

SRS Learning Center  
2600 SW East Circle Dr.  
Topeka, KS 66606  
785-296-4327

El Dorado SRS  
410 N Haverhill Road  
El Dorado, KS 67042  
620-321-4200 ext. 267

Lawrence SRS  
1901 Delaware  
Lawrence, KS 66044  
785-832-3700

Wichita SRS  
230 East William  
Wichita, KS 67201  
316-337-7000

Garden City SRS  
1710 Palace Drive  
Garden City, KS 67846  
620-272-5800

Manhattan SRS  
2709 Amherst  
Manhattan, KS 66502  
785-776-4011

Great Bend SRS  
1305 Patton Road  
Great Bend, KS 67530  
620-792-5324

Overland Park SRS  
8915 Lenexa Drive  
Overland Park, KS 66214  
913-826-7300

Centra Symposium, a web-based information delivery system, will be used to help facilitate the meetings at the locations listed across the state on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>.