

COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

August 2, 2002

Teleconference

Notes

<u>Members Attending:</u>	<u>Others Attending:</u>
Sharon Hixson , Chair, Russell Child Development Center	Peggy Miksch , Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Carolyn Nelson (representing Secretary Graeber)	Tracy Wohl , Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Marnie Campbell (representing Commissioner Tompkins)	Doug Bowman , Coordinator
Representative Ethel Peterson	Patty Miller , Staff
Maria Martinez , Parent Member	

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Hixson, Chair. This meeting was held by teleconference. Introductions were made. The July 12, 2002 Interagency Coordinating Council meeting minutes were not approved due to the lack of quorum.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT - Carolyn Nelson

Carolyn Nelson reported Peggy Miksch, Coordinator and Diane Alexander went to a data meeting in Washington, District of Columbia. This is related to automation systems and federal data information that is sent in annually. The consensus is the federal government is looking toward more accountability from the Part C programs. Peggy Miksch added the state would need to show improvement in functional abilities of children and improvement in family ability. You can access this information on the web at

<http://www.ed.gov/inits/commissionsboards/whspecialeducation/reports.html>.

Carolyn Nelson reported the enhancement grant that was written by the Kansas Department of Education with the assistance of Infant-Toddler Services staff has been completed and mailed. If awarded to Kansas, this will enable Infant-Toddler to track those children who leave the Infant-Toddler programs to determine whether or not they are entering special education in later school years.

Carolyn Nelson mentioned they have hired Jane Stueve as the Newborn Screening Coordinator, effective August 18, 2002.

Carolyn Nelson reported they are working on Newborn Hearing Screening regulations through a contract with Doctor Lori Michel. They hope to have hearings and public comment period after the first of the year.

Carolyn Nelson reported there is a new lead agency in Leavenworth County: The Hartley Family Center out of Kansas City. Dawn O'Brien is the coordinator.

Ginger Gearheart of Wyandotte County Infant-Toddler Services has resigned. Therefore, a new coordinator will be hired.

Clay, Washington, Marshall Interagency Coordinating Council will remain one network for now. Marshall County had considered starting their own network.

Carolyn Nelson reported the automation system may be ready for testing next week.

The Children's Cabinet Questionnaire has been completed. To support data submitted with the questionnaire, Infant-Toddler Services included the Kansas Early Intervention Longitudinal Study report, and the Office of Special Education Programs Self-Assessment reports.

The Lions Club is interested in the photo screener program that Infant-Toddler Services piloted a couple of years ago. Participating Infant-Toddler networks are seeing success in identifying children with vision problems who pass the "regular vision screening". The Lions Club hopes to have a vision screening next week for children in Shawnee County. Some network staff will be assisting them with the photo screener.

The Patrick Kennedy Early Intervention Improvement Act (attached), contains his recommendations for early intervention.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Marnie Campbell

Marnie Campbell reported Kansas State Department of Education had their leadership conference in Wichita. Information and guidelines were put on a disk including the agenda and evaluation form. The conference went well with attendance of 240 persons.

Marnie Campbell looked at district coops that are going to be monitored this year. There are sixteen different places. Marnie would like to go out ahead of time while the local steering committees are putting together their data and work with the early childhood staff. This could be a way to prevent problems, to assist having children placed in early childhood settings that are typical.

The Kansas Inservice Training System will be doing training. The dates are:

September 12, 2002 in Great Bend regarding Inclusion in serving pre-school children. September 13, in Emporia the morning schedule will include the Inclusion in serving pre-school children. The afternoon of September 13 will be the next meeting for the Early Childhood Taskforce of Faculty Members across the State. October 1, 2002 the Annual HeadStart meeting with early special education staff. October 3 and 4, 2002 Midwest Faculty Institute located in Kansas City.

SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES REPORT - Alice Womack

No report given.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT - Julie Stell

No report given.

CHILD CARE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES VACANCIES -

Doug Bowman

Doug Bowman reported that Child Care Early Childhood Development vacancies have been discussed in previous meetings, it has been advertised over the list serv, and have been discussed at public meeting. The response to the Child Care Early Childhood Development vacancies is minimal. Doug will proceed to send out the Child Care Early Childhood Development vacancy information over the list serv, fax out to the local networks and follow-up to those persons who have expressed interest, but did not respond back. Doug Bowman will also contact Families Together and the Disability Determination Council.

STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW - Doug Bowman

The next Interagency Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2002 located at Aboud's in Topeka. A map will be available. There will be a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The Strategic Plan from last year has been edited down to two pages, see attached.

Discussion from the Enhancing Quality of Services section of the Strategic Plan, Marnie Campbell mentioned we need to think about what kind of resources and information would be most helpful to local communities. Check to see if this has already been prepared, such as categorical aid and what additional information may be needed, then prioritise.

Discussion from the Interagency Coordinating Council Internal Operations, Doug Bowman mentioned the two web sites, tiny-k and Interagency Coordinating Council web site. There will be coordination for non-duplicative information of the two web sites.

Doug Bowman reiterated Peggy Miksch's emphasis on identifying ways in which we can assist the local Interagency Coordinating Councils so they can do their job at the local level as effectively as possible.

Maria Martinez mentioned the need of providing technical assistance, advocacy tools and access of resources for parent members. Marnie Campbell mentioned the Assistive Technology conference scheduled for September 27, 2002 in Hutchinson. (Brochure attached)

Doug Bowman discussed changes needed to the existing Part C Memorandum of Understanding for purposes of clarification regarding respective responsibilities of state agencies.

ADJOURNMENT - The teleconference meeting adjourned at 3:00.

The next meeting will be September 6, 2002, at 9:00 am, located in Topeka at Abouds at Western Hills, 8533 Southwest 21st.