

COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

August 1st, 2003
Meeting Minutes

<u>Members Attending:</u>	<u>Others Attending:</u>
Deb Voth, Rainbows United, Wichita	Peggy Miksch, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Children Youth and Families
Carolyn Nelson (representing Secretary Bremby)	Carolyn Weinhold, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Alice Womack (representing Secretary Schalansky)	Kim Strunk, Developmental Disabilities Council
Susan Kunard, Johnson County Infant and Toddler Services	Linda Kenney, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Doctor Chet Johnson, University of Kansas, Child Development Unit	Doug Bowman, Coordinator
Marnie Campbell (representing Commissioner Tompkins)	Patty Miller, Staff
Doctor Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas Center on Developmental Disabilities	
Maria Martinez, Parent Member	

Doug Bowman mentioned Sharon Hixson was unable to attend due to staffing issues. The meeting was called to order by Deb Voth. Marnie Campbell joined the meeting via speaker phone. There was not a quorum, therefore the June Interagency Agency Coordinating Council meeting minutes have not been approved yet.

Doug Bowman discussed the viability of the current Interactive Television system. He is exploring the option of using the KAN-ED system and the Department of Education system for video conferencing. We will continue with the current Interactive Television session for October. Doug will have research on Interactive Television with new systems at the September 5th retreat. The January 2004 Interagency Agency Coordinating Council meeting will reflect any decision on the use of the Interactive Television sessions.

PUBLIC FORUM

Doug Bowman received an e-mail concerning issues surrounding the Shawnee Mission school district. Concern is regarding children who have autism, and the way the school district provides 3-5 services. Marnie Campbell explained that in a phone conversation with Zo Ann Torrey, the Director stated Shawnee Mission is not closing the developmental preschool program as alleged in the complaint. Changes will be considered at each of the Individualized Education Program meetings during the year.

Maria Martinez passed around a brochure called Choosing Quality ChildCare for a Child with Special Needs. The phone number is 1-800-424-2246. This brochure can assist families when in transition, and to help with self assessment. The brochure is available to order from the website at www.childcareaware.org. Deb Voth mentioned adding the brochure to the Council website. Doctor Chet Johnson mentioned the faculty at the Developmental Disabilities Center has reorganized. Specifically looking at the behavioral problems with children who have

developmental disabilities. For more information you can visit the website at www.kumc.edu/ddc .

Peggy Miksch mentioned there will be a meeting September 11th, 2003 consisting of persons who worked on the Kansas Early Intervention Longitudinal Study.

Kim Strunk, Developmental Disabilities Council requested information on parents interested in “partners in policy-making”, which is an advocacy training program for parents of children who have disabilities. Doug Bowman explained this program could be advertised over the listserve.

EDUCATION POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS - Doug Bowman

Doug Bowman passed around a draft handout called Education First: Investing in the Future of Kansas. Recommendations of Governor’s Education Policy Team, (see attachment A). One of several Budget Efficiency Savings Teams, the Education Policy Team, has met since January 2003, and is ready to unveil draft recommendations. There will be a series of regional meetings; September 11, 2003 in Goodland; September 12th in Garden City; September 17th in Kansas City; September 18th in Topeka; September 22nd in Pittsburgh; and September 23rd in Wichita.

Marnie Campbell explained that early childhood was defined as the age range from birth through grade three. The education taskforce was examining preschool through college. Part of the preschool proposal involved sending all funding through a centralized location, but Marnie stated the state has no authority to change how federal funds are distributed. Carolyn Nelson reiterated funds are designated specifically for some purposes, and change would be difficult. The information will be sent to the Local Networks, and other organizations.

PREPARING FOR THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION - Doug Bowman

The Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for September 5th, 2003, located at Abouds @ Western Hills, 8533 SW 21st, Topeka, Kansas. Deb Voth stated presentations from Education Budget Efficiency Savings Team, Children’s Cabinet, and BIG TENT would be helpful along with the presentation from Duane Goossen, State Budget Director. Doug Bowman will check with Ray Anderson to see if available to be a facilitator for the Strategic Planning Session.

Maria Martinez asked about discussing the reauthorization of HeadStart or Individuals with Disabilities Education Act at the September 5th retreat. Doug Bowman mentioned can send an e-mail out on the Listserv. Deb Voth stated persons receiving the invitation through e-mail can also forward the message to others that may be interested.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Marnie Campbell

Marnie’s report is attached, (see attachment B). Marnie reported the Annual Leadership Conference was held in Wichita, targeting special education administrators and staff. Kansas ended up with a “Needs Improvement” rating for the Federal Preschool Least Restrictive Environment indicator, and a well-attended breakout session featured the Preschool Least Restrictive Environment Improvement Plan.

Marnie discussed No Child Left Behind 2002 bill that reauthorized the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act. This act includes increased funding for K-12, but doesn’t cover increases in required state assessments. The website is at www.nochildleftbehind.gov/

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT - Carolyn Nelson
Carolyn Nelson handed out a copy of her report, (see attachment C). Carolyn reported the 37 local networks have turned in 2004 grants. The vouchers for the 2004 payments have been processed. The local networks should receive their first check in two weeks.

The Office of Local and Rural Health issued a report on “Primary Care Underserved Areas” in Kansas. You can access at the website http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/SD_hpsa_maps.htm.

The Infant Mental Health Conference is to be held in Wichita in September. Kansas Department of Health and Environment will provide some monetary assistance due to the receipt of a Maternal and Child Health grant written by Linda Kenney, Director of the Bureau for Children, Youth and Families.

A work plan for development and implementation of a funding formula that is acceptable to the majority of the *tiny-k* networks has been developed by staff, (see attachment D).

The American Speech Language and Hearing Association, can bill and receive Medicare reimbursement for cochlear implant analysis and reprogramming. The memorandum can be viewed on the website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/AB03070.pdf.

SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES REPORT - Alice Womack
Alice Womack handed out a copy of the Social and Rehabilitation Services report, (see attachment E). The childcare (subsidy) program will make three policy changes effective October 1, 2003.

The full report from the Kansas Child Care Industry Study is available on the Mid-America Regional Council website www.marc.org/mccc.

Social and Rehabilitation Services (Social and Rehabilitation Services) participated in a survey studying models of inclusion in childcare, specifically children with emotional or behavioral challenges.

The Interagency workgroup is developing standards for school readiness to link 0-5 with K-12.

The Head Start Collaboration Office is working on an early literacy and childcare project.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT - Robert Tomlinson was not in attendance.
No Report.

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman
Doug Bowman passed out a handout for Kansas Advocacy Protective Services, (attachment F). And Notice of Public Comment, (attachment G). Rocky Nichols is the new Executive Director of Kansas Advocacy Protective Services. Kansas Advocacy Protective Services is designated protection and advocacy organization for Kansans with disabilities.

Doug noted we are waiting decision from the Governor’s office for new appointments to the Council.

Doug reported the Council has slightly overspent for fiscal year 2003. We will be vigilant with the budget in fiscal year 2004. Doug discussed cost of sending persons to Washington, District of Columbia, Interactive Television sessions, and cost incurred for monthly Interagency Agency Coordinating Council meetings. The Council directed staff to consider sending one staff and one parent to the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System national meeting.

Carolyn Weinhold mentioned a Parent Leadership Training scheduled for October 24 and 25, 2003, in Topeka at the Capitol building.

Doug Bowman will track Interim Committees. The Appropriation Way and Means committee will meet August 25, 2003 to discuss Medicaid reimbursement rates.

The Insurance Committee will review mandated health insurance coverage. The Legislative Budget Committee will review the Community Developmental Disability Organization system.

The Legislative Education Planning Committee will discuss positive behavioral support and school district consolidation. Special Education issues from Southeast Kansas will be reviewed.

The Joint Committee on Children's Issues will be focused on foster care issues. Foster Care and Mental Health August 19th and 20th. Foster Care and Adoption September 23rd and 24th. Court proceedings October 21st and 22nd.

Doug Bowman will be out of the office on vacation the first two weeks in August. Doug will be reviewing planning grants for the Children's Cabinet. Doug will also work on a rough draft of special education categorical aid document. Doug will work on a draft, potential contract between Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Council to delineate roles.

Deb Voth discussed staff from Wichita attended training of Individual Education Plans in California. This will assist staff to be facilitators at an Individual Education Plans meeting.

Doug Bowman will be trained to do site monitoring at Local Education Agencies.

COMMITTEES

Funding Committee -

Deb Voth stated the feds have done the Medicaid audit. Deb reported the Local Education Agency bundled rate for Medicaid audit visits have been done in Kansas City, Wichita and Shawnee Mission. There is concern of funding as there may not be bundled rates in the future.

Doug Bowman will follow-up with Brenda Kuder regarding birth to two Medicaid billing for Fiscal Year 2003.

The SmartStart grant funding currently is at 3.2 million currently. Some advocates are going to request for it to go to 10 million next fiscal year.

Deb Voth requested that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary intervene in regard to categorical aid payments for individual student contracts. Carolyn Nelson

summarized, for others present, that categorical aid funds are regulated by the Kansas State Department of Education. Kansas State Department of Education has indicated that programs cannot receive these funds for transportation if they are also receiving them for individual student contracts. Due to this decision, an infant-toddler network can lose significant funding. Linda Kenney spoke about an issue paper written on categorical aid that has gone forward in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment process.

Advocacy Committee -

The Advocacy Committee is scheduled to meet August 26th in Wichita at Kids Cove facility. The fiscal year 2005 agenda will be formulated.

Newborn Screening Committee -

The Newborn Screening Committee met by telephone in Kansas City in mid-July. The bill introduced last year will be revitalized in committee.

The Categorical Aid Taskforce met with Doctor Tom Skrtic, University of Kansas to discuss various means of distributing special education funds.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be a retreat scheduled September 5th, 2003, from 9:00am to 4:00pm, located in Topeka at Abouds at Western Hills, 8533 Southwest 21st. Lunch will be provided.