

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

MINUTES  
KANSAS ICC MEETING  
August 28, 2009, 1:00 PM  
SRS Learning Center, Topeka, Kansas

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Eva Horn, Chair & Public Member  
Senator Laura Kelley  
Representative Barbara Craft  
Carol Ayres, KS Dept. of Education  
Richard Martinez, Parent Member  
Nancy Krase, Head Start Rep.  
Carolyn Nelson, KDHE – BCYF  
Sharon Hixson, Public Member  
Dr. David Lindeman, Board of Regents  
Susan Carriger, Provider Member  
John Meetz, Ks. Insurance Commission.  
Dr. Tish Taylor, Provider Member  
Julie Broski, Parent Member  
Deb Voth, Provider Member  
Cayla Wright, KHPA - Medicaid  
Dr. Dale Walker, Public Member,  
Assoc. Research Professor - KU  
Jill F. Bamber, Parent Member  
Katherine Kersenbrock Ostmeyer, Provider  
Member  
Dr. Pamela Kay Shaw, Public Member,  
KUMC, Prof. of Pediatrics

MEMBERS ON PHONE

Misty R. Van Nostrand, Parent Member  
Tom Kohmetscher, Provider Member

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Staff Coordinator  
Maria Martinez, Past Parent Member  
Jean Wilson, Staff Admin. Assistant  
Kayzy Bigler, Families Together, Topeka  
Dr. Gayle Stuber, KS Dept. Education  
Tiffany Smith-Birk, KDHE  
Tate Toedman, KSDE  
Kathy Johnson, Shawnee Co. – ITS  
Kim Strunk, KS Council on DD  
Amy Burris, Families Together

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Tom Laing, Public Member  
Bobbi Mariani, SRS  
Jennifer Knorr, Governor's Rep.  
Tiffany Krentz, Parent Member

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Dr. Eva Horn, new Chair to State ICC, called the meeting to order with a welcome and asked for introductions of new members around the table, other visitors, and from those present on the telephone.

ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sharon Hixson moved for approval of the previous minutes for May with final review of the Executive committee to consider some edits. The motion was seconded by Nancy Krase, and passed Unanimously. Dr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes for June with a few minor edits. Motion was seconded by Richard Martinez, and passed unanimously. Motion was made by Dr. David Lindeman to approve the July minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded by Nancy Krase, and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

A small token of appreciation was given to Maria Martinez in recognition of her many years of service to the Kansas ICC.

Richard Martinez spoke of his admiration for his daughter's school; its educators, and administration. At his urging, they are to hold an educational training in October for children with disabilities.

Kim Strunk, of the DD Council and also a parent of a child with disabilities, spoke up about the parent advocacy and leadership training, called "Partners in Policy". They are seeking names of those interested in the next cycle.

Dr. Dave Lindeman spoke about an opportunity for training sponsored by KU; titled: "Autism Across the Life Span," to be held in Wichita, November 6-7, 2009. KSDE and others are providing support, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Sharon Hixson passed out a pamphlet from the Kansas Health Institute.

Homelessness Issues Presentation by Tate Toedman, KSDE

Mr. Toedman related his background as a teacher who taught children with disabilities at all levels, as an athletic director, and a counselor. He stated most people are not aware of the law concerning the education of homeless children. Homelessness is very broadly defined. The law provides for transportation to allow for educating the homeless child back in his or her original school district. When transportation occurs across school district boundaries, each district shares in the costs. Long distances may require a case-

by-case analysis. Mr. Toedman handed out a report with district homeless liaisons in local schools in Kansas with their websites and addresses.

For details, refer to Mr. Toedman's report, "Education For Homeless Children & Youth, 2009-2010 Fact Sheet." You can contact Mr. Tate Toedman at (785) 296-6714, or email: [ttoedman@ksde.org](mailto:ttoedman@ksde.org).

#### Follow-up To July 30<sup>th</sup> Session

Carol asked the Executive Committee to review the notes taken at the July 30, 2009 Orientation Session with Dr. John Copenhaver, in Wichita. Mr. Copenhaver has stated that he is available for follow up.

Dr. Eva Horn stated that there is to be an orientation for all new members appointed since the July 30 session. Everyone is welcome to participate. It will be held the morning of October 23, 2009, at the Topeka City Library, in Menninger Room #206.

Nancy Krase made a motion that the Executive Committee review and summarize all notes taken at the Orientation Session of July 30, 2009, with John Copenhaver present as facilitator. Deb Voth seconded the vote. The vote was unanimous.

#### Executive Committee Elections

Because of changes in appointments, we needed to fill two open seats on the Executive Committee. Several names were submitted in nomination, and a few were withdrawn. Members were instructed to vote for two spots out of the four nominations.

After votes were counted, the new Executive Committee members for 2010 are:  
 Chairperson Dr. Eva Horn (Public Member)  
 Vice-Chair Dr. Dave Lindeman (Rep., Bd. Of Regents)  
 Past Chair Richard Martinez (Parent Member)  
 Sharon Hixson (Public Member) elected to a one-year term  
 Deb Voth (Provider Member) elected to a two-year term

#### KSDE Report

Carol Ayres handed out brochures for the KS Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) and copies of the KSDE Report to the Kansas ICC. We are still planning a joint meeting for November 18<sup>th</sup> with both SEAC and the Kansas ICC. Carol stressed the point of getting young children into services early. Refer to the written report distributed by Carol Ayres, and attached below.

#### SRS Report

Bobbi Mariani was not present, but sent a written report to be distributed. Doug Bowman reported verbally about the decision by SRS to use federal stimulus funds to offset the parent portion of fees for child care subsidy. Some will see their fees eliminated, while others will be halved. Details can be read in the written SRS Report, attached below.

### KDHE Report

Tiffany Smith-Birk has conducted Part C Regional Meetings over the State recently. State collaborative partners from KSDE, SRS, and the Kansas ICC were present to encourage the strengthening of local ICCs. Tiffany also gave a detailed accounting of the use of federal stimulus funds in Part C. Please refer to the KDHE Report, attached below.

### Insurance Report

John Meetz was present but had no report.

### KHPA Report

Cayla Wright was present but had no report.

### Staff Report

Doug reported that after the Strategic Planning Session in June and the July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting in Wichita, the Advocacy Committee is asking, "Do we need to change our committee's mission, or change our course?" Much discussion ensued about this question. The Advocacy Committee will report back on this matter after their next conference call.

Another invitation to all Kansas ICC members was extended by Doug and Dr. Horn to join a committee for the coming year. The committees are: Advocacy, Policy, or Improving Services Committees.

#### Improving Services Committee

Dr. Tish Taylor gave notice of the conference call meeting on September 10, at 10 AM. At that time, they will look at how services are provided. She invites anybody interested about this, to email her at [thelub@usd497.org](mailto:thelub@usd497.org), and consider joining the committee.

#### Policy Committee

Tom Laing, Co-Chair was not present. No report.

#### Advocacy Committee

Doug is to set up a meeting time to match a date for everyone including Dr. Horn to discuss the direction of this committee.

The Strategic Planning and Annual Reports (two years of reporting) are tabled, to determine how to make them more user friendly and more generally understood.

Dr. Eva Horn asked that planning be completed by September 24, 2009, for the full joint day with SEAC, on November 18, 2009. These items will be discussed at the September 25, 2009 State ICC Meeting, Topeka City Library, Menninger Room #206.

### MEETING ADJOURNED



## Report to the Kansas Coordinating Council on Developmental Services

### August 2009

#### Parents as Teachers (Submitted by Janet Newton)

Parents As Teachers programs have completed their Annual Program Reports for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Preliminary data is as follows:

1. Research of PAT finds that families participating in PAT over time gain knowledge of age appropriate child care development.
  - Retention of families in the PAT program was 86.1%.
    - 46.5% of the families that left the PAT program, moved out of the service area.
    - 2,873 out of 16,348 families exited from the PAT program when their child reached age 3.
  - 96.7% of parents reported being highly satisfied with the Parents As Teachers program.
2. Parents will have an increased support network of other parents.
  - 33.1% of families in the PAT program attended group meetings in addition to the personal home visits.
3. Children will have fewer unidentified and unremediated developmental and health delays.
  - 92.5% of all children eligible received developmental and health screenings.
  - 2,732 children or 17.2% of the children screened were referred for further evaluation for development, hearing, vision or social emotional concerns.
  - 1,792\* children received evaluation services (some programs did not collect this data in 2008-09).
  - 93.6% of 2 year olds were fully immunized.
  - 94% of the PAT programs reported consistently providing specific referrals to HealthWave.
4. Kansas KSDE funded PAT Programs will provide high quality program services to families with fidelity to the PAT National Model.
  - 100% of KSDE funded PAT Programs had completed the Quality Standards Assessment including on-site verification and had a Continuous Quality Improvement Plan in place.

#### Four Year Old At Risk Program (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year for the program and 187 districts have applied for funding. Six programs are new ones. The State Board approved the applications at their June Board meeting and letters were sent out immediately afterwards.

### **Pre-K Program** (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

This is the fourth year of the Pre-K Program (formerly the Pre-K Pilot). The funding from the Children's Initiative Fund (CIF) was kept the same at \$5 million. The same sites as last year will be in the program. RFP's were sent out in late spring and the State Board approved the applications at their June Board meeting. Letters were sent out immediately afterwards.

### **School Readiness Project** (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

The School Readiness Project will focus on following the children who participated in the Pre-K Pilot and in the Four Year Old At-Risk Program last year into Kindergarten. If funding allows, kindergarten teachers will be asked to complete a Kansas Early Learning Inventory (KELI) on approximately 2000 children. The results from this data collection will provide early childhood educators with information about the impact of Pre-K programs on the skills of entering Kindergartners.

### **Section 619** (Submitted by Carol Ayres)

- Agency work has begun on the Annual Performance Report due to be submitted on February 1, 2010. Our first meeting was yesterday.
- The KSDE Leadership Conference was a success. 300 participants were present at the conference.
- Approximately 80 administrators attended the Early Childhood sessions co-presented by Tiffany Smith-Birk and Carol Ayres. Thanks to the support from KITS and Doug Bowman, our birth – 5 programs were well represented.
- A huge THANK YOU to Tiffany Smith-Birk for the opportunity to join with the Part C Regional Meetings to highlight our efforts at the state level to bring Birth – Five programs together. Janet Newton (PAT), Carrie Hastings (Head Start Collaborative Office), Doug Bowman, (State ICC) and myself had a meaningful message to share that was very well received.

### **Homeless Programs**

Tate Toedman presented at the meeting on 8/28/09. Please refer to his materials.

### **Migrant Programs**

Updates will be shared periodically.

### **Additional Early Childhood Updates**

**MTSS** (submitted by Margy Hornback)

This school year there are five preschool Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) pilot sites. The main goal of MTSS is for schools to use their resources in ways that enables every child to be successful. This is accomplished by:

- Being prevention oriented: knowing who needs support as early as possible each year and putting those supports in place
- Implementing evidence-based interventions for all students and tailoring interventions based on student's needs
- Using progress monitoring data to know when to make a change in instruction

Each preschool pilot site is assigned a pilot site coordinator who is a member of the MTSS Core Team to guide the mutual learning process. The three year plan is to update all MTSS training material to reflect preschool, elementary and secondary information. Refer to <http://www.kansasmtss.org> for additional information on MTSS.

## **SRS Report for State ICC Meeting August 28, 2009**

**Grant Award.** Kansas has been selected as one of five states to receive a \$50,000 DHS Circle of Parents national grant for the period September 30, 2009 - September 29, 2010. Funds will be used to increase the capacity of two local community or faith-based home visiting programs to provide support and education that promotes responsible parenting among expectant and new fathers. Kansas Children's Service League is the Kansas Circle of Parents state grantee and will be accepting applications from potential programs until July 29, 2009. Notification of awards will be made no later than Wednesday, August 25, 2009.

**Child Support Enforcement Federal offset of USDA subsidies.** In early August, the US Department of Agriculture will begin participating in the Federal Treasury Offset project. For many years, Kansas Child Support Enforcement (CSE) has participated in that collection process, which automatically intercepts payments going from federal agencies to individuals owing past due child support. The addition of the USDA as a participating agency means that future agricultural subsidies payable to a support debtor may be intercepted, unless that individual satisfies the support debt before the subsidy is issued. Nationwide, the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement estimates \$77 million will be collected annually on behalf of children and families. The Kansas CSE program will continue to work closely with the federal OCSE office to report the state-specific impact.

**Child Care Subsidy.** The Child Care Subsidy program provides monthly benefits to families for use in purchasing child care services so they may work or participate in work related activities. Currently, families with incomes above 70% of the federal poverty level (FPL) have a family share based on their gross monthly income and household size. The amount of their family share is used to reduce their total benefits, and the family receives the net amount.

Effective October 1, 2009 and continuing through September 30, 2010, funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will be applied to the family share deductions of families receiving child care assistance to assist them with their out of pocket child care expenses. Families with income below 100% of the FPL will have zero

family shares. Families with incomes from 100% to 185% of the FPL will have their family shares cut by approximately 50%.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
 State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)  
 August 27, 2009

Regional Meetings- Topeka, Garden City, Newton

Part C Database discussion- Jim North

Sound Start Best Practices- Carol Busch

Partner Collaboration: Parents As Teachers- Janet Newton,

Head Start Collaboration- Carrie Hastings, KSDE Part B 619 – Carol Ayres,

KDHE Part C- Tiffany Smith Birk, State ICC- Doug Bowman

Break Out Session for Local Communities

Infant Mental Health Endorsement Presentation

ARRA Funding 1<sup>st</sup> YEAR 1.9 Million Per Year

\$1.4 Direct Services to Networks

\$500,000 KDHE Infrastructure & Statewide Professional Development

1. \$1.4 million dispersed through I-T funding formula. (See attachment.)  
 Each network will track this funding separately and report how they did not supplant. Must be used for short-term investments that have potential for long-term benefits. Local agencies must be cognizant that personnel hired with these funds may be temporary. Maximize transparency and accountability of funds authorized under the ARRA of 2009. Must submit detailed report for May 1, 2009- June 30, 2010 and track and account for ARRA funds separately from regular Part C funds. Must keep receipts and supporting documents for all expenditures submitted. 50% of funds have been released, 25% on or about November 1 and 25% on or about March 1, 2010.\*
2. \$130,000 KITS- A) Family Service Coordinator Web-Based Toolkit & Resources- To develop an interactive Family Service Coordination (FSC) toolkit that will be housed on the KITS website. B) Early Intervention 101 Web-Based Training Modules- Identify, modify, and/or create a foundational early intervention module set which will include information on early intervention practices, early childhood development, assessment, evaluation, IFSP development, development of functional IFSP outcomes, concepts of family centeredness, information on working with parents/family members/caregivers, information on relationship based early intervention, and information on evidence based practices-primary coaching with parents and colleagues. C) Train the Trainer- Expansion of the Part C train the trainer model.\*
3. \$50,000 KAIMH Infant & Early Childhood- Expand and enhance the early childhood professional development with the early childhood mental health

- endorsement system to create a uniform set of standards for Part C infant-toddler professionals and to support the development of infant and family professionals. This endorsement system would assure that the Part C Early Intervention providers/partners have access to foundational early childhood mental health/social emotional development, one of the five developmental domains infant-toddler providers evaluate for eligibility requirements.\*
4. \$22,272 FIT/OT Project- EBP Coaching- To provide training, technical assistance and consultation for occupational therapist (O.T.), physical therapists (P.T.) and team members currently providing services in the Infant-Toddler Networks to infants and toddlers with developmental delay/disability and their families. OT services, describing best practices are required components of the Infant-Toddler program (Part C of IDEA).\*
  5. \$50,000 Autism Diagnosis and Training- Provide professional development trainings for early childhood professionals working with children ages 0 -3 on diagnosis and intervention strategies of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). These professional development trainings will provide the expertise and knowledge to local Infant-Toddler networks to assist children and their families to prepare for a successful future.\*
  6. 50,000 KSD Sound Start Train the Trainer- These services include providing the Infant/Toddler networks providers with knowledge and skills related to this population through training and technical assistance.\*
  7. \$23,972 Assistive Tech Project - Access to accessible information on demand for local providers including a simple “how to” electronic tool that can be left with parents, family members, and caregivers with step by step directions on how to use a device. Also a basic library of information on assistive technology devices that would remain relevant to providers and families for three years based on past development cycles in technology. \*
  8. \$30,000 Part C/OSEP Fiscal Requirement Training for KDHE - Provide consultation to KDHE Part C staff to assist in the preparation of fiscal procedures that said staff can use when conducting site visits of local Infant Toddler Services networks that are currently providing services to infants and toddlers with developmental delay/disability and their families. KDHE responsibilities for fiscal oversight are required components of the Infant-Toddler Services program (Part C of IDEA). The purpose of this project is to help assure the fiscal/financial responsibility as required by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and Part C of IDEA.\*
  9. 13,000 Laugh2Learn- Present two and one half days of intense mediation training focusing on mediation for Part C of IDEA. Provider will provide master copies of all teaching materials. Mediation is a required component of the Infant-Toddler program (Part C of IDEA).

10. 92,068 Start-up Assistance for two networks (Dickinson and Leavenworth County)
11. \$4,250 The Kansas Statewide Low Vision Project coordinated by the Kansas State School for the Blind Outreach Department, has piloted Pediatric Low Vision Collaboration Clinics with Dr. Linda Lawrence, an ophthalmologist from Salina, KS. Dr. Lawrence specializes in working with infants and toddlers, many who have been diagnosed with additional challenges. This collaboration clinic is to assist families and services providers in better understanding the child's eye condition, within the context of the child's overall birth and medical history. Dr. Lawrence conducts a functional eye examination, and shares a child specific impression and plan, which will assist the child in using his/her vision more efficiently. These clinics are held at the tiny -k program (or local community site) to maximize family and team members participation.\*

**Year 1 TOTAL 459,312**

**Remaining 40,688**

12. Child Find/Public Awareness Video/Brochures, Medical Community

- Two year projects with commitment to second year of \$373,494 (26,506)
- 1.5 million dispersed to local networks

#### Upcoming Training Available

ASQ-3 ASQ-SE (Ages and Stages Questionnaires Third Edition and Social Emotional) September 25, Junction City

Getting Started with Responsive Teaching Workshop for Professionals October 1 & 2, Manhattan (Infant-Toddler Services of Riley County)

7 Childhood Treasures, Dr. Carol Scott, October 2-3, Garden City

Autism Society- Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism, Saturday October 3, KU Edwards Campus

Autism Across the Life Span: A Conference for Professionals and Families  
November 6-7, 2009

Hilton Wichita Airport Executive Conference Center

Web site: <http://www.kcart.ku.edu/autism-across-lifespan/index.shtml>

#### Advise & Assist

Parent Leadership Conference

October 2&3 2009 Holiday Inn Topeka

Children with Special Needs- This session will focus on available resources and support for families that include a child with a disability. IFSP's and IEP will be

explained with an emphasis on parents' rights and responsibilities within the process.

H1N1 Report