

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

December 2nd, 2005

Flint Hills Special Education Coop, Emporia, KS

Welcome and Introductions

Members Present:

Ellen Mellard, Chair, NE KS Education Service Center
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member
Dr. Margy Hornback, KSDE (Commissioner Corkins Representative)
Dr. Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas
Regents Representative
Jarod Forbes, KS Insurance Dept (Commissioner Praeger Representative)
Susan Carriger (Adams), Service Provider Member
Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Linda Mitchell, Public Member
Dr. Heather Rainwater, Public Member
Maria Martinez, Parent Member

Non-Members Present:

Judy Rockley, Flint Hills
Karen Snell, Families Together
Nancy Davenport, Flint Hills
Stacey Handly, Flint Hills
Nikki Heinen, Flint Hills
Jonni Brown, Flint Hills
Deb Voth, Rainbows United
Doug Bowman, Coordinator
Patty Miller, Staff

Members Not Present:

Carolyn Nelson, (Secretary Bremby Representative)
Alice Womack, SRS (Secretary Daniels Representative)
Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative
Senator Carolyn McGinn
Mark Tremaine, Parent Member
Richard Martinez, Parent Member
Julie Broski, Parent Member
Nancy Kruse, Parent Member

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair.

Flint Hills Special Education Coop – Update on Evidence-Based Practice

Flint Hills Special Education Coop was selected to be one of 5 Part C test sites pilot for the new coaching model in the State of Kansas. Coaching in early childhood is an interactive process of observation and reflection in which the coach promotes the caregiver's ability to support the child. The goal is to facilitate families, and care providers to enhance the child's development in skills, and other areas. One issue includes billing with Medicaid, and accessing other funding.

Approval of November 2005 Minutes

Tom Kohmetscher made a motion to approve the November 18th, 2005, meeting minutes. Seconded by Dr. Dave Lindeman; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The November ICC Minutes will be posted on the Kansas ICC website.	Patty Miller	December 6 th , 2005

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT – Jarod Forbes attended for Bob Tomlinson.

Discussion: No report.

Ellen Mellard, Chair, asked Jarod Forbes, Kansas Insurance Department, if they would like to be included in discussions regarding billing private insurers. Doug Bowman will follow-up with the Part C Coordinator, KDHE.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing discussed.

COMMITTEES and TASK FORCES

Funding/Finance Committee – Dr. Dave Lindeman, Co-Chair

Discussion: The Funding Committee met November 28th, 2005. The Funding Committee discussed issues of funding, specifically accessing categorical aid for the infant-toddler networks. Some options to provide services discussed are; 1) Leave categorical aid as is, 2) Re-examine the possibility of an Interagency Fund transfer. 3) Create a new inter-local to support networks to collect categorical aid through FTE, 4) Support networks to develop relationships with an existing Local Education Agency (LEA). The Funding Committee is developing questions, and will collect data to put together a more detailed document relating to the options discussed. Historically, about 7 local infant-toddler networks have used individual contracts to access categorical aid.

Advocacy Committee – Tom Kohmetscher, Co-Chair

Discussion: The Advocacy Committee met. The Advocacy Committee would like to bring to the next ICC meeting issues for discussion.

Doug Bowman reported on the use of electronic birth certificate data to identify babies born with certain risk factors. This system identifies children that are born with low birth weight, or low Activity Pulse Grimace Appearance Respiration (APGAR) scores. The parents would receive a letter regarding available services.

Partnerships Committee – Maria Martinez, Co-Chair

Discussion: No report.

Interagency Agreement Task Force –

Discussion: No report.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the January ICC meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces Doug Bowman	January 6, 2006
Funding Committee will meet and give recommendation regarding accessing Categorical Aid for local infant-toddler networks.	Dr. Dave Lindeman, Co-Chair	March, 2006

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Doug Bowman reported on the 2006 State ICC meeting schedule. The dates are:

- January 6, 2006, located at the SRS Learning Center, Topeka
- February 3, 2006, located at the SRS Learning Center, Topeka
- March 3, 2006 (In conjunction with KDEC meeting)
- March 31, 2006
- May 5, 2006
- June 2, 2006 (Strategic Planning Meeting)
- July meeting CANCELLED
- August 4, 2006 via Teleconference
- September 8, 2006
- October 6, 2006

November 3, 2006
December 1, 2006

Doug Bowman will continue to work half-time through December, and will start back full-time in January.

Letter was sent to Secretary Bremby, KDHE, requesting information on the level of funding for infant-toddler services that was submitted to the Division of Budget.

SRS REPORT - Doug Bowman for Alice Womack
A copy of the SRS report was handed out, (Attachment A).

Discussion: The Parent Education Project began as the result of the Zero to Three National Infant-Toddler Initiative in 2003 is being expanded. The focus of the project is to educate and engage additional family practitioners and pediatricians across the State.

There was discussion regarding children in foster care and referrals not consistently getting to local networks. Doug Bowman will contact SRS regarding the status of policy change. SRS will report back to the State ICC in January.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT – Doug Bowman for Carolyn Nelson
A copy of the KDHE report was handed out, (Attachment B)

Discussion: KDHE continues to support and assist Wyandotte County as they look for a new Part C lead agency. The Community Capacity Building Team presented a concept paper to the Health and Human Services Cabinet Team (HHSCT) on November 8th, 2005. The report proposes a pilot project in a Kansas county that will demonstrate to its community's "ability of representatives from the HHSCT to collaborate with county and community organizations and entities to streamline and integrate planning process."

The Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council has been meeting. KDHE staff, continue to meet and address that mental health also includes young children.

Part C Infant-Toddler staff completed and forwarded to stakeholders for review, a draft of its Six-Year State Performance Plan (SPP). The SPP has been submitted to Washington.

KDHE Infant-Toddler is developing web-based Family Services Coordination Training Staff and KITS to complete requirements of a General Supervision Enhancement Grant (GSEG).

Planning continues for the Caring for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (CFIT) training for Physicians, and nurses.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Dr. Margy Hornback

A copy of the KSDE report was handed out, (Attachment C)

Discussion: Discussed issues with transition from Part C to Part B. Some issues are:

- Costs associated with reliable data collection, entry, and validation
- Meeting compliance issues

The reported percentage of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who were found eligible for Part B with services initiated by their third birthday is lower than expected primarily due to the lack of individual child matches in our data systems. In addition, a child moving from one LEA to another during the referral process, is a reality in Kansas.

Improvement Activities will address identified issues that are needed for continued improvement toward meeting the 100 percent compliance target. Within one year from the date Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) accepts the plan, Kansas will identify noncompliance in districts and districts will correct noncompliance or will develop corrective action plans.

A TaskForce is being formed in which Doug Bowman and Tom Laing will represent the Council and assist KSDE to work through issues on transition from Part C to Part B.

The Beach Center is convening a group of invited state and national leaders to address the current status of family services and supports for children birth-6. The meeting is on January 23-24 in Lawrence.

ADJOURNMENT

The next State ICC meeting is scheduled for January 6th, 2006, in Topeka, Kansas at the SRS Learning Center, 2nd and Macvicar, South West East Circle Drive South, Building 2600, Room A. The meeting will begin at 1:00PM. Tom Kohmetscher made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dr. Dave Lindeman.