

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

MINUTES

KANSAS ICC MEETING

December 18, 2009, 1:00 PM

LakeMary Center, Paola. Kansas

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Eva Horn, Chair & Public Member
Carol Ayres, KS Dept. of Education
Dr. Tish Taylor, Provider Member
Carolyn Nelson, KDHE
Jill Bamber, Parent Member
Julie Broski, Parent Member

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Coordinator
Kayzy Bigler, Families Together
Kathy Johnson, Shawnee Co. – ITS
Tiffany Smith-Birk, KDHE
Dr. Bill Craig, LakeMary Center
Liz Stone, LakeMary Center

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Deb Voth, Provider Member
Richard Martinez, Parent Member
Dr. Pamela Shaw, Public Member
Sharon Hixson, Public Member
Misty Van Nostrand, Parent Member
Senator Laura Kelley
Representative Barbara Craft
Dr. David Lindeman, Board of Regents
Tom Kohmetscher, Provider Member
Nancy Krase, Head Start Rep.
Tiffany Krentz, Parent Member
John Meetz, Ks. Insurance Dept.

MEMBERS ON PHONE

Cayla Wright, KHPA - Medicaid
Dr. Dale Walker, Public Member,
Bobbi Mariani, SRS
Jennifer Knorr, Governor's Rep
Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Katherine Kersenbrock Ostmeyer,
Provider Member

NON-MEMBERS ON PHONE

Scott Bears, KHPA

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

ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At this time, we did not have the required quorum. Staff was directed to send out an electronic message and garner approval by that means.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one chose to speak.

LOCAL STORY

Liz Stone and Dr. Bill Craig gave an overview of the LakeMary Center. Services include: Part C of IDEA for more than three counties, school related services, service coordination and residential services for persons with disabilities.

For their Infant-Toddler portion, the LakeMary Center employs four full-time staff. They have seen a spike in numbers of children with autism spectrum disorders. The Part C budget has been mostly steady, while every other segment of their agency has suffered as a result of recent budget cuts.

Recent developments noted for the LICC were enhanced communication with their local Parents-As-Teachers programs, additional training on HealthWave and Medicaid, and new partnerships with Children's Mercy Hospital.

OLD BUSINESS - RESPONSES TO SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MR. COPENHAVER

A document summarizing the work of the task force and its responses to suggestions made by Mr. Coppenhaver last fall was distributed. In October, the Kansas ICC had discussed the first three items on this list. Very little discussion followed the acceptance of the remainder of the task force's document.

STRATEGIC PLAN

In a fashion similar to the Nov.minutes, staff will send this out for approval by e-mail.

KSDE Report

Carol Ayres handed out a written report (Attached below). She shared congratulations around Parents as Teachers. At the recent national conference, the Leavenworth PAT program was recognized for its excellence and Alice Jones of the same program was one of five parent educators honored nationally. Carol spoke of the recent survey to assess the outcomes of our recent joint meeting of the Kansas ICC and SEAC (Special Education Advisory Council). In response to feedback, Carol will see that the survey gets re-sent to ICC members.

Concerning budget cuts, the KSDE staff continue at a 25% + vacancy rate. Positions that are deemed critical are being filled, but few others. The most recent round of budget cuts (November) did not directly impact special education, but did lower the Base State Aid Per Pupil funding of general education. Many Local Education Agencies are struggling.

SRS Report

Bobbi Mariani provided a written report, which can be found attached below.

Bobbi also provided some details on recent budget cuts. Among the issues be given consideration by SRS are: the 10% reduction across the board for all Medicaid payments, a \$1.3 Million reduction in family supports for those with developmental disabilities, a \$3.9 cut to Mental Health Centers, and others. The General Assistance program will now have a 12 month lifetime limit, impacting 480 adults.

KDHE Report

Tiffany Smith-Birk provided the written version of the KDHE Report, attached below. Every attempt was made to absorb the impact of budget cuts at the state level and to minimize reductions to local providers of services.

In response to questions, Carolyn Nelson spoke to concerns around the recent targeted cut to Part C and its impact upon our requirement in federal law to maintain our funding efforts. She commented that similar concerns had been shared with the Secretary and his immediate staff, before the cut was announced.

Insurance Report

No report.

KHPA Report

Cayla Wright announced that she had resigned from KHPA (effective on Christmas) and would be taking a position with the Kansas Association for the Medically Uninsured.

In discussing the impact of the across the board 10% reduction in Medicaid rates, Cayla commented that the result will be a loss of almost \$60 Million in federal funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Awareness Committee

Plans continue for tiny-K Day. We will encourage everyone to participate in BOTH early learning day and tiny-k Day. We may choose to emphasize the transition of children at age three years, as an attempt to engage our Part B partners in tiny-K Day.

This committee will meet again on January 11, at 3pm.

Improving Services Committee

This committee did not meet this month. It plans to meet on January 22 at 1pm.

Policy Committee

Tom Laing, Co-Chair provided a written report (Attached below). They are scheduled for the next meeting at 2:000 on January 22

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next meeting of the Kansas ICC will be on Friday, February 26 in Wichita at the Airport Hilton, in conjunction with the KDEC Conference.

SRS Report for State ICC Meeting December 18, 2009

LIEAP: USA-800 Update

SRS has finalized a contract with USA-800 to promote the LIEAP program and to provide centralized intake and processing of applications during the upcoming LIEAP season. It is hoped that by centralizing and automating the processing of LIEAP applications we can achieve greater efficiencies and improve the response time in getting benefits to qualified recipients. The new LIEAP application will begin on January 19, 2010 and we are estimating that 60,000 households will be approved for benefits during the processing period.

Business Access Distance Learning Program

The Business Access Distance Learning Program provides Work Program mandatory recipients of Temporary Assistance to Families (TAF) a lap top computer with 12 months of wireless connection and over 1000 curriculum choices of on-line instruction. Each

customer is given hands on instruction for the operation of the computer and the learning web site. Mentors work directly with customers to develop courses of study, monitor hours of participation and achievements. In addition to the participant, up to 5 family members may have email and internet access. Internet access is limited to family appropriate web sites. Upon completing the designed course(s) of study the customer is allowed to keep the computer and may continue to take courses up to year from the date of referral.

Benefits of this program for TAF customers are:

- Most of the courses are designed for employment demands here in Kansas.
- The customer will have 24/7 access to a virtual support community.
- The customer can determine their own schedule for work program participation.
- Transportation and child care do not have to be provided for this activity.
- Customers have up to one year to complete course work and earn a free computer.

Benefits of this program for SRS:

- Intensive case work is provided by mentors
- SRS has 24/7 access to customers participation hours and achievements.

At this writing 63 percent of the participants in this program are meeting the required hours of federal participation with this program as their only activity.

Statistics: EES

EES's Public Assistance Report (PAR) provides current information on the multiple programs within the EES Division of SRS. The PAR is updated regularly on the SRS Public website at <http://www.srskansas.org/reports.htm>.

Statistics: DBHS

HCBS waiting list numbers as of the end of November 2009.

Autism waiver has 228 children waiting for services.

DD waiver has 2,075 persons waiting for services who currently receive no services and an additional 915 who are receiving some service but have requested additional services.

PD waiver has 1,605 individuals waiting for service.

**Note: The 10% Medicaid rate reduction effects all waiver services and will be implemented January 1, 2010.

Statistics: CFS

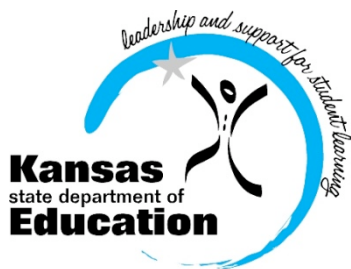
CFS has many reports. Below is information from the CFS Management Team report which is a snapshot of indicators used by the Management Team. This report is tracked

monthly and produced quarterly. Additional information on children in foster care is available on the SRS website at <http://www.srskansas.org/CFS/datareports2010.htm> . In a separate attachment is a copy from this website of the age and gender report earlier requested.

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CFS Management Team Report

	Current FY			Previous fiscal year	
	FY 10	FY 10	FY 10	FY09	FY09
Statewide	This month	Total YTD	Monthly Average YTD	Monthly Average YTD	Year End total
CINC Reports Received		12,836	4,279	4,224	56,207
CINC Reports Assigned		6,480	2,160	2,143	27,340
% Assigned as Maltreatment Investigations	67%	67%	68%	68%	67%
Percent of Reports w/ Substantiated Findings		6.1%	6.0%	5.8%	5.2%
# FPS In Home Referrals	250	615	205	219	2,283
Children in SRS custody ¹	6,144		6,162	7,019	6,702
Children in SRS custody and in out of home placement ²	5,012		5,000	5,511	4,987
Total OOH Reintegration/ Foster Care Referrals (SCRIPTS)	325	904	301	275	3,040
Total OOH Reintegration/ Foster Care Removals (FACTS)	301	838	279	281	3,119
Children in Relative Placement ³	1,344 / 26.6%		1,330	1,390	1,346
Children in Group/Residential Placement ⁴	349 / 7.34%		367	430	425
Children on Runaway Status ⁴	63 / 1.31%		66	93	80
Children who have been reintegrated, but still in SRS custody ⁴	187		212	275	271
Children available for adoption ⁵	885		862	876	872
Finalized Adoptions	48	195	65	67	816



Report to the Kansas Coordinating Council on Developmental Services December 2009

Parents as Teachers (Submitted by Janet Newton)

The PAT National Conference was in St Louis Nov 8-11 and included an energizing celebration of the 25th anniversary of PAT. Kansas was well represented in award recipients for 2009. Mary Alice Jones, Leavenworth PAT Heroes at Home was recognized as 1 of 5 Parent Educators of the Year. The Leavenworth PAT program was also a recipient of the Losos Prize for Excellent for their innovation and creativity in pursuit of program excellence. Due to their long standing partnership with military families at Ft. Leavenworth, the USD 453 Leavenworth PAT program was instrumental in the development of the PAT National Center Heroes at Home curriculum. Sue Stapleton, National Center PAT CEO will honor the local program in Leavenworth at their Open House on December 14. In addition, 59 PAT programs were recognized for their completion of the PAT self-assessment process using the Standards of Quality as a crucial way for programs to demonstrate their commitment to program quality. There were only 191 programs recognized for this achievement nationally.

4 Year Old At Risk (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

KSDE is working to develop the 2010-2011 RFP to be available in the spring of 2010.

Pre-K Program (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Members of the current pre-K Pilot Program and other pre-k programs were invited to the fall meeting of the Pre-K programs on November 5, 2009. Attendees were asked to bring information on funding and numbers of children served. Complete notes can be provided if requested. Please send an email to Gayle Stuber at gstuber@ksde.org Programs gain funding through various sources including CIF, Smart Start, EC Block Grant, United Way, USD funding, and other sources. Most programs spend their funds on teacher salaries and benefits. Other costs included the Family Social Worker, transportation, supplies and curriculum.

The Practitioner Group met last week and are working to help develop the details of the Kansas Preschool Program.

School Readiness Project (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Data are being collected from teachers in the three communities participating in the Demonstration Early Learning Community EC Block grant. Teachers completed KELI-4 forms on their children except for the three year old program. Those teachers completed a similar assessment for the children in their classrooms. Teachers will complete the pre-KTP in January and do a second KELI-4/3 year old assessment in the spring. Parents have also been asked to complete forms and those are currently being collected.

Kindergartners who were in the Four Year Old At-Risk program and the pre-K pilot program last year were tracked using the KIDS number system. Teachers were asked to complete the KELI on each of them and send forms into KSDE. This is in

process--results will be available in the Spring. The Kindergarten teachers will be asked to complete the KTP in January.

Section 619 (Submitted by Carol Ayres)

The Section 619 Consortium meeting took place on Sunday afternoon. We heard from a variety of organizations that we could affiliate with, as we are not a formally “organized” unit. We suggested that in the future, we strive to include some “overlap meeting with Part C Coordinators, SICC and Parent attendees. A “new approach” is taking this conference to the summer (August 2 – 5) and creating a “mega conference” which provides a unique opportunity for the entire community (OSEP and partners) to engage in a collaborative dialogue and achieve a common understanding regarding our shared responsibilities for improving results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities. The Early Education OSEP conference took place December 6 – 9, 2009. The conference, “Strengthening Partnerships to Improve Early Learning and Development for Young Children”, focused on the ARRA funding and the integrated work that is being modeled at the federal level by Head Start, Child Care, Early Intervention (Part C), Section 619 (Early Childhood Special Education). Presentations are available at:

<http://www.nectac.org/~meetings/national2009/mtgpresentations.asp>

Homeless Programs (Submitted by Tate Toedman)

In November over 20 staff members from 13 school districts plus myself attended the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth in Denver. The sessions were well received and considered excellent and all the participants felt that it was well worth the money and the time they spent. This year's conference was a sell out and some people were turned away showing the concern for this every growing population of students. Next year's national conference will be in November in Houston, Texas. Currently districts are submitting data for homeless students identified prior to December 1st for the 2009-2010 school year. This is the first year that we are collecting mid-year data from school districts in our effort to continually improve the quality of our data.