

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

**February 4th, 2005
SRS Learning Center, Topeka, Kansas**

Welcome and Introductions

Members Present:

Ellen Mellard, Chair, NE KS Education Service Center
Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center
Ryan Weir, (representing Secretary Bremby)
Gail Stuber, (representing Commissioner Tompkins)
Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member
Alice Womack (representing Secretary Daniels)
Dr. Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas
Institute of Higher Education (IHE) Representative
Susan Adams, Service Provider Member
Michael Steiner, (representing Commissioner Sandy Praeger)
Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Karla Kenton, Parent Member
Richard Martinez, Parent Member
Mark Tremaine, Parent Member

Non-Members Present:

Carolyn Weinhold, Head Start
Collaboration Coordinator, SRS
Dena Bracciano, Douglas County ITS
Debbie Mai, Rainbows United
Deb Voth, Rainbows United
KaAnn Graham, Reno County
Karen Snell, Families Together
Angela Schleper, NE KS ITS
Doug Bowman, Coordinator

Patty Miller, Staff

Members Not Present:

Senator David Haley
Representative Brenda Landwehr
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative

Ellen Mellard, Chair, introduced Gail Stuber, Kansas State Department of Education. Gail Stuber will be the new representation from KSDE. She will replace Marnie Campbell on the Council. Gail Stuber gave an update on Marnie Campbell's condition.

Approval of January 2005 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair. Tom Kohmetscher made a motion to approve the January 7th, 2005, meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Sharon Hixson; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The January ICC Minutes will be posted on the Kansas ICC website as amended.	Patty Miller	February 7 th , 2005

PUBLIC FORUM

Dena Bracciano, Douglas County, discussed how Douglas County ICC has benefited from the Collaboration with the Success by Six Coalition and Smart Start funding. The Coalition is comprised of many agencies, parents and others who work together to improve the lives of young children. Success by Six applied for the first Smart Start Kansas Grant funded through the Children’s Cabinet. Dena read a success story of a family that was referred to Douglas County ICC.

Dena discussed another initiative that will begin this year. The funding also came through the Smart Start Grant. A part-time early childhood special education teacher will work with three home child care providers and two center based classroom teacher to improve the overall quality of programs.

Maria Martinez asked about the status of Reauthorization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Gail Stuber, KSDE, stated that at a meeting she attended, Rod Bieker mentioned that the proposed changes to the State law are based on changes in the federal law. Deb Voth stated draft legislation is on the KSDE website under new items. The draft legislation includes everything in Kansas statute now and adopting everything that is new in IDEA, except the limited definition of parent. Kansas is not adopting foster care parent as a parent without going through the advocacy training. Doug Bowman mentioned the deadline to introduce legislation is next week.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Monitor IDEA legislation and Inform Council as IDEA legislation proceeds.	Doug Bowman	February, 2005

GOVERNOR’S PROPOSAL EARLY CHILDHOOD

Doug discussed the Governor’s proposal. She clearly understands that prevention is better than intervention. Governor Sebelius also supports all day kindergarten. The school finance formula will be re-worked by the legislature in the next month or two. Other programs include: expansion of services for four year olds, and expansion of Parents as Teachers. Gail Stuber stated the Governor emphasized that this is just the beginning and she is supportive of Early Childhood. Another aspect of the plan is additional access to HealthWave.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Doug Bowman reported that the bill to revise state law to comply with IDEA Reauthorization has not been introduced yet. If we need to add language about the Medicaid agency, (with the Governor's reorganization order) we may amend the Education bill or work into the next session.

Another bill being worked is the child safety seat law.

House Bill 2024 involves capitating special education funding at 88%. (It has since been amended). Dr. Dave Lindeman reported Pat Roberts is introducing a child care bill in Congress.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) budget will begin in the Senate. The subcommittee is chaired by Vicki Schmidt. The subcommittee will recommend to the full committee next week reinstating the proviso language from last year, leaving *tiny-k* level-funded. Additional \$450,000 state money went to child care licensing to help locals with inspections.

Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) budget will begin in the House Appropriations Subcommittee with hearings next week. A House select committee will work on the school finance formula.

Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) budget will begin hearings in the House next week.

COMMITTEES and TASK FORCES

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

Discussion: Deb Voth reported Local Networks that attended *tiny-k* Advocacy Day. Consensus was to ask the Council to make a motion of funding for *tiny-k*. Review special education funding for birth to three.

A Categorical Aid TaskForce of the ICC will meet and draft a proposal and will bring back to the full Council next month. Tom Kohmetscher made a motion to approve funding request of one-half of the Base State Aid per Pupil for *tiny-k*. Seconded by Sharon Hixson; passed unanimously. Request to send a press release to generate media reaction.

Advocacy Committee – Debbie Mai, Co-Chair

Discussion: Advocacy Day was held January 21st, 2005, located at the SRS Learning Center. There were two different tracks of training. A basic and advanced training was available with a birth to five emphases. Tom Laing, InterHab, was the keynote speaker. He gave a historical perspective, as well as, how we give messages today with impact. Matt Fletcher, InterHab also gave a presentation.

The Advocacy Committee is planning a *tiny-k* advocacy day for February 17th, 2005. Doug will send information out next week.

Maria Martinez asked how information would be disseminated to families and/or individuals wanting to participate at *tiny-k* day. Doug Bowman will send information out over the list serv and e-mail to local networks. Debbie Mai discussed the local networks have had training opportunities to engage parents to come to Topeka to testify, make a phone call or to write a letter to legislator(s). Debbie Mai stated local networks contact parents. Tools have been given to parents to assist in communication.

Newborn Screening Task Force – Dr. Chet Johnson, Chair

Discussion: No report. Still waiting on word from Centers of Disease Control (CDC) for issuance of grant to KDHE.

Partnerships Committee – Maria Martinez, Co-Chair

Discussion: No report.

Parent Leadership Task Force - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: Maria Martinez and Richard Martinez, from the Parent Leadership Task Force, will attend the KDEC Conference in February to participate in a forum.

Richard Martinez will attend the 2005 National Early Childhood Conference in Washington DC.

Interagency Agreement Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: Meeting is scheduled on February 21st, 2005, from 1:00 to 3:00.

Ad Hoc Committee - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: Putting together ideas. Also, may include past members from the Council.

Governmental Affairs Committee - Tom Kohmetscher, Chair

Discussion: No report.

Categorical Aid Task Force - Dr. Dave Lindeman, Chair

Discussion: No report.

Public Forum Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: No report.

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Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the March State ICC meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces Doug Bowman	March 4 th , 2005

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Head Start Advocacy Day is scheduled for February 9th, 2005. Child Advocacy day is scheduled for February 22nd, 2005. Parents as Teachers Advocacy Day is scheduled for March 2nd, 2005. InterHab Advocacy Day is scheduled for March 1st, 2005. Independent Living Day is scheduled for March 3rd, 2005. Families Together is scheduled for February 12th, 2005.

The Missouri Governor has announced the new budget. In it he eliminated Part C.

Doug announced the revenue numbers for January show a spike upward.

Doug mentioned four Council seats will become vacant in the summer.

Ellen Mellard will meet with Senator David Haley and Representative Brenda Landwehr regarding representation to the Council prior to the next Council meeting.

Preparation is underway for the June Strategic Planning Session. Names of persons who may be a good facilitator for this meeting were given.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Letter to Governor regarding new appointment to the Council.	Doug Bowman	February 7 th , 2005
Letter to Select Committee on School Finance formula	Doug Bowman	February, 2005
Contacts will be made for a facilitator for the June Strategic Planning Session.	Doug Bowman	March 4 th , 2005
Monitor revisions special education realignment with IDEA	Doug Bowman	Ongoing
Press Release funding for <i>tiny-k</i> day	Doug Bowman	February, 2005

Anniversary Announcement, finalize date	Doug Bowman	February, 2005
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INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT – Michael Steiner for Robert Tomlinson
Discussion: Michael Steiner asked if there were any questions from last months legislative agenda.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT – Ryan Weir
Ryan Weir handed out a copy of the Part C Annual Performance Report. The report is due March 31st, 2005 to Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). Please review and give feedback. There will be continued discussion at the next State ICC meeting.

Discussion: The Part C Coordinator position remains vacant. Interviews have been done, and are in process of checking references at this time.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Gail Stuber

No report.

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

Discussion: Information provided regarding the SRS budget information from Stakeholder’s meeting. Alice mentioned for the current fiscal year there is a million dollar deficit for Child Care Assistance Caseload Increase. There is a 5 million dollar deficit for fiscal year 2006. Options for funding cuts will be researched.

SRS is currently in the process of completing the biannual Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan due to the federal Child Care Bureau by July 1, 2005.

Topics of interest were listed for the Head Start Program staff and Foster Care staff to discuss issues of mutual concern.

SRS now has a contract for translation services that is being used to translate agency wide program forms and documents into Spanish.

ADJOURNMENT

The next ICC meeting is scheduled for March 4th, 2005, located in Topeka, Kansas at the SRS Learning Center, 2nd & Macvicar, South West East Circle Drive South, Building 2600, Room D. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. Sharon Hixson made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Susan Adams.

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