

**KANSAS INTERAGACY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**February 23, 2007
Airport Hilton - Wichita**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Martinez - Chair, Parent Member
Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Sharon Hixson, Public Member
Linda Kenney, KDHE Representative
Thomas Kohmetscher, Provider Member
Nancy Krase, Provider Member
Tiffanie Krentz, Parent Member
Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member
Ellen Mellard, Provider Member
Dr. Linda Mitchell, Public Member
Dr. Dave Lindeman, Regents Representative
Jennifer Spencer, KSDE Representative
Alice Womack, SRS Representative
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Julie Broski, Parent Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Senator Julia Lynn, Senate Appointee
Rep. Melody McCray-Miller, House Member
Kate Wolff, Governor's Representative
Commissioner Sandy Praeger, Insurance Dept.
Scott Bruner, Kansas Health Policy Authority

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bowman, CCECDS Coordinator
Brenda Kipers, Secretary
Dr. Gayle Stuber, KSDE Representative
Dee Steinbach, Reno County & Families Together
Wanda Grubb, Parent – Reno County Smart Start
Don Youts, Parent, Grandparent, KACCRRRA Board
Tim Emerson, Parent - Wichita
Homer Welker, RUI
Cayla Wasson, Connecting Point
Shawnda Hays, KSDE
Steve Roecker, RUI
Sonja Ostrander, RUI
Jane Schwartz, RUI
Kimberly, Becker, RUI
Lorraine Dodd, RUI

Jeff DeGraffenreid, RUI
Lauri O'Shea, Parent, Parsons
Stephanie Harder, RUI
Mary Schulte, Infant Specialist/Reno Co. I/T Coordinator
Tim & Tracy Crow-Rosas, Parents – Reno County
Cathy Costa, General Public (exhibitor)
Liz Stone, ITS Coordinator
Claudia Shannon, Wyandotte Special Ed. Coop./ITS/KCKPS
Kathy Eastutly, Olathe District Schools Harvey Co.
Chelie Nelson, Harvey Co.
Sarah Walters, Ottawa-Wellsville Infant-Toddler
Michelle Eastman, RUI
Deb Voth, RUI
Debbie Mai, Rainbows United, Inc.
Sierra Bauer, Parent
KASEA Representative
Diane Vereecke, Parent - Wichita
Nancy Jefferson, IT Coordinator
Judie Deal, CL-Rep IT Services Part C
Kathy Johnson, Parent - Shawnee Co. ITS & Head Start
Cathie Huckins, TARC
Jennifer Oborny, ECSE teacher USD428
Cathy Estes, Sunflower Early Ed Coordinator
Ginny Butts, Futures Unlimited, Inc.
Margy Hornback, KSDE
Peggy Miksch, KITS
Deb Walker, Juniper Gardens Children's Project
Phoebe Rinkel, KITS
Laurie O'Shea, Parent
John Rocker, School Psychologist
Liz Stone, Lake Mary Center
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Parent – Northwest Ks.
Educational Service Center
Doug Greer, Hays Area Children's Center
Dena Bracciano, TinyK of Douglas Co.

Richard Martinez, Chair started the meeting by welcoming everyone and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sharon Hixson made the motion to accept the minutes of 02/05/07. The motion was seconded by Ellen Mellard. Dr. Lindeman wanted deletion of the second sentence under the **Public Forum.** The motion passed unanimously as amended.

PUBLIC FORUM

Sierra Bauer, a parent, described the wonderful services her family had experienced. Although initially unaware of who was administering *tiny-k*, she now supports SRS as lead agency.

Don Youts, recently retired from United Way of Wichita and a grandparent, explained that he had extensive experience collaborating with both agencies and noted that there was a difference in the nature of collaboration in comparison. He supports SRS as lead agency.

Steve Roecker, a school psychologist from Wichita and a grandparent, spoke from years of experience working with both state agencies. He supports SRS as lead agency.

Tracy Crow-Rosas and her husband Tim are Reno County parents with two children receiving Part C services. She has been visiting with many other parents from several surrounding counties. She is concerned about the stigma around SRS, and supports Education as lead agency.

Dee Steinbach, a parent from Reno County, also is also active with Families Together (and she read a letter from their Board of Directors supporting KSDE). Transition at age 3 was seamless for her child, and services remain high quality. She supports Education as lead agency.

Wanda Grubb is a Reno County parent, special education teacher, and staff to Smart Start. She would like to see a unified system and supports Education as lead agency.

Deb Voth, of Rainbows United, spoke to the historical perspective. Deb also shared some data concerning the 36 local *tiny-k* networks. Those networks accessing varied funding streams tend not to have schools as the local lead agency. She supports SRS as lead agency.

Tim Emerson, a Wichita parent, feels that the global needs of young children must be addressed, not just educational needs. He supported SRS as lead agency.

Jeff DeGraffenreid, a Wichita attorney, spoke to the audit issues he has struggled with concerning Education in recent years, while none exist with SRS. He supports SRS as lead agency.

Kathy Johnson is from Shawnee County ITS, Head Start, and is also the parent of an adult child with disabilities. Kathy has concerns about the future status of private funding sources if Education is named lead. She supports SRS as lead agency.

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer administers services for both Part B and Part C in Northwest Kansas and is the parent of a child with special needs. Among her reasons for supporting Education as lead agency: a seamless system, reducing duplication, a focus on education, consistency across the state, concerns around SRS stigma, and Education's record for collaboration at the state and local level.

Liz Stone, LakeMary Center, was not convinced of the arguments concerning a seamless system. She mentioned that transitions at age three are vastly improved in the current system with another agency serving as lead. She supported SRS as lead agency.

Doug Greer, of Hays ITS and a parent of a child who graduated from Part C, noted the staff and program similarities from birth to five years. He also commented on the stigma associated with SRS and categorical aid support for networks. He supports Education as lead agency for Part C.

Diane Vereecke, a Wichita parent, spoke to her perceived focus on her son's deficits since he entered the school system. She supports SRS as lead.

Shonda Hayes, representing the Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators, spoke about a unified system of services for young children. She supports Education as lead agency.

Dena Bracciano, Douglas County ITS, spoke about how the recent move to create regional SRS offices had made accessing services difficult. She supported Education as lead agency.

Richard Martinez thanked everyone for contributing his/her point of view. We will forward our recommendation to the Governor later this spring. We are fortunate that both state agencies desire to serve as lead agency. Some states have not had that situation occur.

FURTHER WORK ON LEAD AGENCY RECOMMENDATION

Staff e-mailed out a draft document created with the assistance of a task force (R. Martinez, D. Lindeman, T. Laing, and E. Mellard) that will organize our recommendation to the Governor.

Jennifer Spencer, asked what criteria was used to determine the contents of the draft. Many aspects including IDEA requirements, previous testimony, and agency comments were used.

Dr. Eva Horn believes the draft document does a great job of giving us a baseline.

The Council gave varied feedback to the task force on specific items, which will be incorporated into the next version of the draft document.

Dr. Linda Mitchell made a motion for the ICC recommendation document be made available to the public using various means of distribution for the purpose of informing and to make possible public comments. It should be clear that the time for public hearings before the Council is over.

Dr. Eva Horn seconded. And the motion passed 11 – 4 on a show of hands.

Task	By Whom	When
Distribute ICC recommendation document	Staff	April 20th

Dr. Linda Mitchell moved that the ICC lead agency recommendation should be made by a written ballot, distributed in advance, and counted without attribution of member's votes. Further, that we clarify the means by which agency members cast their votes. Motion was seconded by Tom Kohmetscher and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

There was some conversation around conflict of interest and how it impacts voting.

Task	By whom	When
Seek legal counsel on issues of voting and conflict of interest	Staff	March 9

Dr. Lindeman moved that Susan Carriger serve as liaison to the Task Force that is writing the proposed Medicaid waiver for young children with autism spectrum disorders. Susan Carriger seconded the motion. It passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Dr. Lindeman made a motion to have Tom Kohmetscher serve on the same Task force. Sharon Hixson seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Dr. Lindeman moved that we send a letter to Senate President Morris clarifying the actions recently taken by the State ICC in the area of lead agency designation. Sharon Hixson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Dr. Lindeman moved that we send a second letter to Dr. Abby Thorman also clarifying the actions recently taken by the State ICC in the area of lead agency designation. Dr. Linda Mitchell seconded the motion. It passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Task	Whom	When
Letter to Sen. Morris	Staff	March 1
Letter to Abby Thorman	Staff	March 1

Our next meeting will be Friday April 13, 2007 in Topeka at the SRS Learning Center.

MEETING ADJOURNED