

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

**February 5, 2007  
Kansas Department of Education**

**Welcome**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Scott Bruner, Kansas Health Policy Authority  
Susan Carriger, Provider Member  
Sharon Hixson, Public Member  
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member  
Linda Kenney, KDHE Representative  
Nancy Krase, Provider Member  
Tiffanie Krentz, Parent Member  
Tom Laing, Public Member  
Dr. Dave Lindeman, Regents Representative  
Senator Julia Lynn, Senate Appointee  
Maria Martinez, Parent Member  
Richard Martinez - Chair, Parent Member  
Ellen Mellard, Provider Member  
Dr. Linda Mitchell, Public Member  
Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member  
Dr. Gayle Stuber, KSDE Representative  
Alice Womack, SRS Representative

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Julie Broski, Parent Member  
Thomas Kohmetscher, Provider Member  
Rep. Melody McCray-Miller, House Member  
Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Department  
Kate Wolff, Governor's Representative

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ann Aytes, Nurturing Families, Inc.  
Doug Bowman, CCECDS Coordinator  
Lynne Bourne  
Lori Eigenman  
Patricia Ferias  
Kelly Frantz  
Bonnie Gonzales  
Sandy Greus  
Kate Hamilton  
Ed Henry  
Amy Henry  
Cathie Huckins  
Kathy Johnson, TARC  
Cheri Kersenbrock-Bartlett  
Brenda Kipers, Secretary  
Krista Krigger  
Shara Meyer  
Peggy Miksch  
Ramona Miller  
Candace Moten  
Rachel Munoz  
Debby O'Neill  
Dana Romary, Ottawa-Wellsville ITS  
Claudia Shannon  
Kimberly Shaw  
Sabra Shirrell  
Deb Voth, Rainbows United

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the 01/05/07 meeting were considered.

Tom Laing moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Sharon Hixson. It passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Maria Martinez said on The View television program, they did an entire program on children with autism. Those families did not have to pay for services under the law.

Dr. Dave Lindeman clarified that under the law not all services are necessarily provided at no cost – it is at the discretion of the state. The law does specify that some services (e.g. service coordination) are to be at no cost. However, states can make the decision to have fees associated with some of the required services. At this point in time, Kansas has not instituted a fee structure, resulting in the services under Part C being provided at no cost.

## **LOCAL STORY**

An overview was given by Kathy Johnson of TARC and Shara Meyer of Topeka Public Schools. Much improvement has been seen in transitioning children at age three years and in serving children in least restrictive environments after that age.

## **STAFF REPORT - OTHER STATES**

First, Doug Bowman went over the packets of information that were mailed out to ICC members.

- What is required to build a Part C program?
- NECTAC List of Part C Lead Agencies
- Procedure Manual for Infant-Toddler Services in Kansas
- Kansas Infant-Toddler Services Technical Assistance Bulletins
- 2004 Statute PL 108-446 Part C – Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities
- IDEA 2004 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act vs. IDEA '97
- Reauthorized Authorized Statute Part C Amendments in IDEA 2004
- IDEA – Reauthorized Authorized Part C option: Age 3 to Kindergarten Age
- Various correspondence

Doug Bowman reported on his conversation with other states regarding lead agency. He spoke to Jamie Martin, ICC Staff in the state of Louisiana. She commented that things have gotten much worse. It is unclear which of several factors have contributed to the difficulties they face. She would prefer the Governor's office to be the Lead Agency, the State ICC resides there currently.

Colorado recently underwent a change from Education to Human Services. Very little notice was given and even less input sought from stakeholders. It has not been a smooth transition.

In Nebraska, Education and Health & Human Services share the Lead agency designation. The Part C Coordinator thinks it works very well, and can't imagine any other option.

Doug also spoke to Brenda Duhamell, Part C Coordinator of Rhode Island. She said they went from the Department of Health to the Department of Human Services. Although the process was ugly, the end result was positive. There has been very little impact on families.

<b>Task</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>Follow-Up with Vermont</b>	<b>Doug</b>	<b>02/23/07</b>

## **LEAD AGENCY SELECTION PROCESS**

Discussion began around our time frame. A consensus emerged to move up the vote on our recommendation. Tom Laing moved that we advertise an April 2 deadline for formal written feedback from the public. Further, that the February 23 meeting of the ICC be to collect public testimony and to refine our format of the document. Further, that we vote on our recommendation on April 13, and submit our recommendation to the Governor no later than May 4. Seconded by CCECDs-February 5, 2007

Susan Carriger. Passed Unanimously.

Task	Who	When
<b>Contact Local Partners RE: ICC timeline on lead agency</b>	<b>Doug</b>	<b>02/12/07</b>

Sharon Hixson suggested that a Task Force be created to write a draft of our ICC recommendations. Motion by Tom Laing to create a task force comprised of the following volunteers: Tom Laing, Richard Martinez, and Ellen Mellard. The task force would be joined by representatives from KDHE, SRS, and KSDE in an ex officio capacity. Seconded by Sharon Hixson. Passed Unanimously.

Ellen Mellard moved that Dave Lindeman be added to the task force. Susan Carriger seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Task	Who	When
<b>Create Task Force to write draft of Lead agency document</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>02/23/07</b>

### **FUNDING COMMITTEE**

Dr. Dave Lindeman reported that inquiries would be made regarding the training of KSDE auditors and Part C. The intent would be made to see if additional information would enhance their understanding of Part C. He also reported that Mr. Dale Dennis has offered to meet jointly with local leaders from Part B and Part C to enhance collaborations.

Task	Who	When
<b>Explore training of KSDE auditors</b>	<b>Dr. Lindeman</b>	<b>March 15, 2007</b>

### **ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

Doug Bowman said that the Advocacy Committee has set a date of March 13, 2007 for tiny-k Day.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

Alice Womack provided **handouts. (Attachment)**

Dr. Mitchell asked Alice whether or not training is provided to childcare providers regarding children with delays and/or disabilities, as finding quality childcare for children with disabilities is a real concern to families in Kansas. In response to this question from Dr. Mitchell, Alice commented that support is available for childcare providers to serve children with special needs. Cost can sometimes be a barrier. Maria Martinez added that childcare providers need to be informed. They don't know about enhanced rates.

Doug Bowman reported on a proposed Medicaid Waiver for young children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Covered services would include:

- Respite
- Parent Training
- Intensive Training
- Case Management

Ellen Mellard made a motion to write a letter to Secretary Jordan that a member of the ICC and one or two local partners be included in the small group writing this Waiver proposal. Seconded by Susan Carriger. The motion passed unanimously.

<b>Task</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>Letter to Sec. Jordan RE: autism waiver process</b>	<b>Doug</b>	<b>02/09/07</b>

Doug Bowman announced that Dr. Heather Rainwater has formally stepped down. We now have a provider vacancy. Mr. Bowman has announced this to our local partners.

Jennifer Crow does not work for the Governor's office. Kate Wolf will be the Governor's Liaison.

Jennifer Crow went to SRS.

Sharon Hixson asked if Sound Start was in anyone's budget. Doug Bowman informed her that he was unsure if it made it into the Governor's. (Note: it was requested by the School for the Deaf, but not recommended. The Ways & Means Sub-Committee "flagged" it for consideration in Omnibus)

Meeting Adjourned.

The next meeting will be in Wichita on February 23 – in conjunction with the KDEC conference.