

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

MINUTES  
STATE ICC MEETING

**DRAFT**

FEBRUARY 27, 2009, 1:00-4:30 PM  
AIRPORT HILTON HOTEL  
WICHITA, KS

MEMBERS PRESENT IN WICHITA

Dr. Linda Mitchell, Chair, Public Member  
Deb Voth, Provider Member  
Dr. Dave Lindeman, Board/Regents Rep.  
Maria Martinez, Parent Member  
Thomas Kohmetscher, Provider Member  
John Meetz, Insurance Commissioner.  
Sharon Hixson, Public Member  
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member  
Carol Ayres, KS Dept. Education

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Staff Coordinator  
Jean Wilson, Sr. Admin. Assistant  
Deanna Berry, Russell Ch. Dev. Ctr.  
Colleen Riley, KS Dept. Education  
Gayle Stuber, KS Dept. Education  
Scott Kedrowski, Russell Ch. Dev. Ctr.  
Patti Gray, KSDE  
Kathy Moore, Families Together-Wichita  
Carrie Hastings, SRS

MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE PHONE

Tom Laing, Public Member  
Carolyn Nelson, KDHE  
Julie Broski, Parent Member  
Cayla Wright, KHPA-Medicaid Rep.  
Susan Carriger, Provider Member  
Bobbi Mariani, SRS Representative  
Dr. Leticia Holub Taylor, Provider Member

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Nancy Krase, Provider Member  
Kate Wolff, Governor's Representative  
Richard Martinez, Parent Member  
Tiffany Krentz, Parent Member  
Rep. Melody McCray-Miller, House App  
Senator Julia Lynn, Senate Appointee  
Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member

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Dr. Linda Mitchell, Chair, called the meeting to order with welcome and introductions around the table. She then asked those present on the conference phone to introduce themselves.

ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Eva Horn moved that the drafted January minutes be approved as distributed. Deb Voht seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one chose to speak at this time from the public.

KDEC Conference

Linda Mitchell, Chair of State ICC, stated that the Kansas Division of Early Childhood Conference (KDEC), held simultaneously February 26-27, 2009, in Wichita, seems a success. We proceeded with a sharing of stories, awards given, and sessions conducted.

Carol Ayres stated that Year 2009 is KSDE's year to set a baseline for Early Childhood Outcomes. This was the focus of one of her sessions, and was done with Tiffany Smith-Birk's assistance. Carolyn Nelson sat in and assisted with the Part C presentation.

Carol Ayres also reported Margie Hornbeck gave an advanced presentation on Early Childhood Outcomes.

Linda Mitchell presented a session about the importance of parents understanding their rights under IDEA.

Carol Ayres also announced two KDEC (Kansas Division of Early Childhood) awards:

- (1) To Deanna Berry, from the Russell Child Development Center in Garden City for exemplary performance over an extended period of time, as a service provider.
- (2) To Dr. Eva Horn, for significant contributions to the field of early intervention and early childhood special education. Dr. Horn has published books, articles, developed research grants, participated in many research projects, and achieved

honors as professor of Early Childhood at Kansas University, and the driving force in the creation of the Early Childhood Unified License (ECU). She is recognized nationally and at state levels for work in the field of early education for infants, toddlers and young children for developmental services.

### Legislative Report

Doug Bowman reported a successful *tiny-K* Day, and that many attending wore red clothing for identification, to enhance their advocacy efforts. A question and answer session occurred, with a talking points handout. Doug also provided a list of state senators and representatives' office locations. Many parents and advocates went that afternoon, to talk with their own legislatives about the funding needs of *tiny-K* Foundation, and to tell how the loss of any funding would affect *tiny-K*.

Sharon Hixson announced celebration of the *tiny-K* Foundation website launch. She handed out computer screen cleaning brushes to Council members, and to all visitors who attended the February 25<sup>th</sup> Part C *tiny-K* Day. Sharon asked everyone present to put out the message that she is willing to show the newly developed *tiny-K* video and share CD's of the video shown by Sharon at this meeting. Sharon Hixson will see that the new *tiny-K* Foundation video is placed on the State ICC website very soon.

Doug Bowman gave a further update of the 2009 legislative session. All bills introduced have to be out of their "house of origin" by the end of this week except those sent to exempt committees. These bills still have a life after the deadline time.

In regard to the 2009 budget cuts, the Children's Initiative Fund, Pre-K Pilot Programs, Smart Start, and Early Learning programs had no cuts. Special Education was cut by about \$200-\$300.00 per teacher. General education was cut to \$4,400 per student.

Bobbi Mariani of SRS stated that she had no cuts within child care. Caseloads have dropped slightly, but that is because parents must be involved in work or in training, to stay in the child support program.

Doug Bowman stated that the 2010 budget begins July 1, 2009. For this year's period, agencies were instructed by the Senate to prepare a list of budget cuts (from 10% to as much 18%).

Doug reported on his testimony to the House and Senate Sub-Committees last week on the KDHE budget, with emphasis on Part C *tiny-K* services. Copies of Doug's testimony, were given to all State ICC members today, and will be put on the "www.Kansasicc.org" website later next week.

Discussion ensued over possible budget cuts at universities by Dr. Linda Mitchell and Dr. Eva Horn. Deb Voth spoke about the Governor's concern for higher education in the next fiscal year.

Doug Bowman remarked that the subcommittees are working budgets for 2010, and many are asking how the Federal Stimulus Bill will affect programs. The amount to be expected in Kansas is: Special Education (Part B) will receive \$105-106 million; Section #619 (ages 3-5) will receive over the next two years \$4.5 million. Part C over next two years is \$3.8 million. We still do not know if this federal money is a true increase in funds or will be used to replace cuts in state funding.

Cayla Wright stated that there is currently a 60/40 split of federal monies and state funds for Medicaid. Monies from the federal sources will soon go to 66.28% - retro to October 2008. KHPA will receive adjustment checks, and when checks are cut and sent out, Cayla said providers will get a reallocation of past billings.

Tom Laing commented that state agencies find themselves in competition. Tom said any CDDO cuts will hurt many Part C *tiny-K* programs across Kansas. State aid to CDDO's (Community Developmental Disability Organizations) could also negatively impact local networks. The State's Mental Health system has had significant cuts lately too.

Deb Voth asked if the Executive Committee would work on a letter that the State ICC could put out. She felt it is time to hold fast to budgets of schools, and others, and to look at other revenues.

Linda Mitchell suggested the State ICC form an Ad Hoc Committee to formulate a letter as soon as possible. Solicitation was taken among the members present and on phone for volunteers. Tom Laing, Linda Mitchell, Deb Voth, Sharon Hixson, and Doug Bowman, volunteered for this new Ad Hoc Committee as a member

The Council noted Governor Sebelius issued amendments to the 2010 Budgets, to incorporate the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This action reaffirms the 2009 budget levels, and restores Education to the 2009 level with a revised per student dollar amount of \$4,400. Cayla Wright commented that if the Governor's amendments were adopted, further cuts to Medicaid should be avoided for Years 2010 and 2011. The same might be true of general education, special education, and Part C.

Tom Laing stated that all public policy persons involved with these budgets should review all tax cuts since 2005.

Doug Bowman remarked that there are hearings next week, including one on House Bill #2094, with funding increases for Medicaid waiver programs (the DD and PD Waivers, Frail Elderly, and Autism Waivers), Part C *tiny-K*, and others.

Dave Lindeman stated that the Council must be careful how it supports House Bill #2094 to not put the State ICC in a quandary. His concern centers around the use of diagnostic labels to drive service delivery decisions (the autism waiver).

Deb Voth stated that Doug Bowman's testimony would mean that the Council supports Part C *tiny-K*, and the entire House Bill 2094, as they have supported us in the past.

Carolyn Nelson stated that most Medicaid waivers do not cover children's disabilities in the birth to five years age range.

In response to another comment, Deb Voth stated that all waivers are written to prevent institutionalization. That language is required by the nature of the waivers.

Sharon Hixson made a motion to support the Part C *tiny-K* portion of HB 2094; seconded by Deb Voth. The motion passed, with Tom Kohmetscher wishing to be recorded as a negative vote.

Tom Kohmetscher stated that he cannot support the motion, because this bill is about increasing funding into all disability waiver systems. He wants us to support the entire bill. He reiterated the past support of Part C *tiny-K* by the larger disability community.

Tom Kohmetscher made a motion to testify and support the entire House Bill #2094 (including autism). Deb Voth seconded the motion. The motion passed, although the following persons wished to be recorded as voting "nay": Carol Ayres, Dave Lindeman, Eva Horn, Sharon Hixson. John Meetz abstained. All others members voted "yes".

Carol Ayres concluded that the Council should remain in a position of integrity. We need to change the values and mission or adhere to the word of the by-laws.

#### Advocacy Committee

Sharon Hixson stated that on *tiny-K* Day February 25, 2009, at least 60% of the legislators were visited. Over 30 providers and parents attended that day. March 4<sup>th</sup> is Early Learning Day, and we should participate to demonstrate our collaboration with the entire early learning community. Sharon concluded by announcing that the Advocacy committee will meet again on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:30 PM.

#### Funding Committee

Dave Lindeman reported that this committee had not met; there is no report today.

#### Policy Committee

Tom Laing and Julie Broski stated that the Values section of the by-laws had been reviewed. After some discussion, the third paragraph was restored to its original language in their proposal. The other changes were sent to all for consideration.

Julie Broski moved that these changes now be adopted and approved. Tom Kohmetscher seconded the Values Statement changes. The vote passed unanimously.

#### Improving Services

Eva Horn reported on this committee's conference call of February 12<sup>th</sup>. She stated Pam Keller of SRS worked hard with their committee to clarify current requirements for professionals who provide services under the autism waiver. Eva commented Pam was very open and interested in the qualifications for a unified teaching license for early

childhood. Pam is meeting with us again soon to discuss with their contractors the provisions of training for the autism waiver. Eva was very pleased with progress made with SRS personnel, and with Dr. Leticia Holub Taylor's tactfulness in handling the situation. The committee meets again next month.

### AGENCY REPORTS

#### KHPA Report.

Cayla Wright reported that family service coordination is going to be moved to case management effective July 1, 2009. She will inform the Council later on Stimulus Package impacts.

#### KSDE Report

Gale Stuber announced the Kansas Fatherhood Summit Conference will be held April 2-3, 2009, at Holiday Inn Select in Wichita, KS. Anyone interested in these sessions should mail registrations to The Donna Veach Group, LLC, Attn: 2009 KS Fatherhood Summit, 233 SW Greenwich Drive, Suite 105, Lees Summit, MO 64082. Questions: Call (816) 537-7801, Fax: (816) 537-7802.

Gale announced KSDE's Annual Performance Report was sent to OSEP February 2, 2009. Included were Early Childhood Indicators 7 and 12, which focus upon transitioning from Part C to B.

Carol Ayres also reported that it is a pivotal year for KSDE to establish newly set targets for Early Childhood Outcomes.

#### KDHE Report

Carolyn Nelson commented that the Federal Stimulus package information is out on "familiesusa.org" website.

#### Insurance Report

John Meetz stated Senate Bill #12 requiring health insurance coverage of autism services was going to have a hearing before it goes to the Senate and House. The overall climate is still not very open for health insurance mandates.

#### Chair & Staff Reports

Linda Mitchell gave one more week before the deadline to review and submit Doug Bowman's performance evaluation form to her.

Doug Bowman stated that all State ICC members are welcome to attend the ICC members' orientation scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2009, in Wichita in conjunction with the KSDE Leadership Conference.

Bobbi Mariani will give a report next month on the provisions for a State Early Learning Advisory Council called for in the most recent federal Head Start authorization.

Discussion ensued among ICC members. Preparation of a possible draft letter will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. A team of Council volunteering members: Eva Horn, Carol Ayres, Maria Martinez, Sharon Hixson, and Doug Bowman may also be used for this task.

MEETING ADJOURNED

**SRS Report for State ICC Meeting  
February 27, 2009**

- LIEAP -The LIEAP application period is entering its sixth week. Currently, the volume of applications received is at 373,827 while approved applications are at 19,788. This overall volume is 13.04% ahead of last year and the approved volume is 10.29% higher than last year for the same period. The average benefit is currently \$718.23 and total funds obligated to date are \$14,212,239.
  - The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Federal Economic Stimulus Package will most likely impact the Economic and Employment Support Division in both the benefits and services provided to consumers. Funding may be available with in the Food Assistance Program, TANF, Early Education and Child Care services, and with in the Food Commodities program. Guidance and clarification continues to be provided to state agencies from federal agencies on the availability and use of these dollars.
  - Child Care Providers Together (CCPT) Union Agreement - This agreement is a result of the Governor's Executive Order No. 07-21 that instructs the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Secretary of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) to recognize the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees -Child Care Providers Together Kansas Union as the exclusive majority representative of all persons who are registrants and licensees of family day care homes, licensed day care homes and group day care homes. This mutual written agreement between the State and the Union represents each parties' good faith efforts to work together on: child care quality standards; Provider training and professional development opportunities; rates for subsidized child care benefits; payment methods; health and safety conditions, monitoring and evaluation of Providers; and recruitment and retention of qualified Providers, and otherwise increase the overall quality of child care programs in Kansas. The Agreement will be signed February 27, 2009. It will be effective for three (3) years until February 28, 2012.
  - The Kansas Fatherhood Coalition presents the Kansas Fatherhood Summit: Strengthening Father Involvement on April 2 and 3 at the Holiday Inn Select in Wichita. The Coalition Mission Statement is : To promote healthy father involvement in the lives of children. Featured keynote speakers are: Jay Fagan, M.S.W. D.S.W., Associate Professor of Social Work in the School of Social Administration at Temple University; Randall Turner, PhD., Child and Family Therapist who specializes in working with children and adults with ADD/ADHD, and in working with men and fathers; and Ron Willis, Ph.D., Mental Health Consultant and president of Green Porch Swing Productions. He is frequently called the "Mr. Rogers of Corporate Mental Health". Conference outcomes include:
    - ☞ Promote awareness of father/male involvement
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## AID TO LOCAL tiny -k NETWORKS

Year	state/federal funds	total funds	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> # of children	PER CHILD Funding		
				State \$	Fed \$	Combined
FY 99	1,992,000 (SGF) 2,167,609 (fed)	4,159,609	1,649	1,208	1,314	2,522
FY 00	2,492,000 (SGF + CIF) 2,764,859 (fed)	5,256,859	1,884	1,322	1,468	2,790
FY 01	2,492,000 (SGF + CIF) 3,042,831 (fed)	5,534,831	2,187	1,139	1,391	2,530
FY 02	2,492,000 (SGF + CIF) 3,414,224 (fed)	5,906,224	2,485	1,003	1,374	2,377
FY 03	2,371,305 (SGF + CIF) 3,499,633 (fed)	5,870,938	2,738	866	1,278	2,144
FY 04	2,792,000 (SGF + CIF) 3,199,639 (fed)	5,991,639	2,828	987	1,131	2,118
FY 05	2,871,305 (SGF + CIF) 3,113,206 (fed)	5,984,511	2,749	1,045	1,132	2,177
FY 06	2,871,305 (SGF + CIF) 3,113,207 (fed)	5,984,512	2,947	974	1,056	2,030
FY 07	4,721,305 (SGF + CIF) 3,113,208 (fed)	7,834,513	2,985	1,582	1,043	2,625
FY 08	4,721,305 (SGF + CIF) 3,113,208 (fed)	7,834,513	3,117	1,515	999	2,514
FY 09	5,721,305 (CIF) 3,113,208 (fed)	8,834,514	3,210	1,782	970	2,753

FY 2009 Base State Aid was reduced to \$4,400 divided by 2 - and taken times the 3,425 children = \$7.5 M

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