

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

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

Welcome

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Bruner, Kansas Health Policy Authority
Representative
Sharon Hixson, Public Member
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member
Thomas Kohmetscher, Provider Member
Tiffanie Krentz, Parent Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
John Meetz, Kansas Insurance Department
Richard Martinez - Chair, Parent Member
Ellen Mellard, Provider Member
Dr. Margy Hornback, Kansas Dept. of Education
Alice Womack, SRS Representative

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Linda Kenney, (Secretary Roderick Bremby),
KDHE Representative
Rep. Melody McCray-Miller, House Member
Senator Carolyn McGinn, Senate Member
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bowman, CCECDS Coordinator
Brenda Kipers, Secretary
Ann Aytes, Nuturing Families, Inc.
Kyle Kessler, SRS
Bobbi Marriani, SRS
Rachel Katuin, SRS
Carolyn Weinhold, SRS-HSSCO
Claudia Shannon, KCKPS, WY Co. ICC
Kimberly Shaw, Wyandotte Comp. Sp. Ed.
Gayle Stuber, KSDE
Jennifer Spencer, KSDE
Colleen Riley, KSDE
Kerry Otlinger KSDE
Lesli Girard, Families Together, Inc.

DODGE CITY

MEMBERS PRESENT

No ICC Members Present

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NON-MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Tasset, Arrowhead West, Inc.
Deanna Berry, Russell Child Dev. Ctr.
Shirley Goldsberry, SKACD #613
Barb Johannsen, SKACD #613

HAYS

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member

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NON-MEMBERS PRESENT

Beth Fisher, EL Co.
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, NW KS. Ed.
Svc. Ctr.
Becky Rogowski, GO Co.
Doug Greer, Hays Area Ch. Ctr.
Vicki Runge, DSNWK

LAWRENCE

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NON-MEMBERS PRESENT

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Julie Broski, Parent Member

LENEXA

NON-MEBERS PRESENT

Phoebe Rinkle, KITS

Lynn Owen

PARSONS
MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Dave Lindeman, Regents Representative

PARSONS
NON-MEMBERS PRESENT

SALINA
MEMBERS PRESENT

SALINA
NON-MEMBERS PRESENT

WICHITA
MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Krase, Provider Member
Linda Mitchell, Public Member

WICHITA
NON-MEMBERS PRESENT

Lee Price, Rainbows United
Homar Wellar, Rainbows United
Cayla Wasson, Connecting Point
Connie Zienkewicz, Families Together
Chelie Nelson, Harvey Co. Sp. Ed. Coop.
KaAnn Graham, Early Education Center,
Reno County
Shonda Hayes, USD#259
Frieda Noller, USD#259
Nancy Juhlin, REACH, Winfield
Stephanie Harder, Rainbows United
Debbie Mai, Rainbows United

The meeting was called to order by Richard Martinez, Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 12/15/06 meeting were considered. Dr. Lindeman requested adding a sentence to his comments at the end of that meeting concerning the content of IDEA and state lead agency. Dr. Hornback requested an edit to include several persons who were in attendance, but not listed in the draft list.

Tom Laing moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, with the two edits. The motion was seconded by Tom Kohmetscher. It passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lynn Owen joined us from Johnson County, speaking as a mother, grandmother, interested citizen, and former KSDE employee. She recently had spoken with several parents, and it was unanimously reported that they prefer the Kansas State Department of Education serving as lead agency for Part C.

KSDE STATE PERFORMANCE PLAN TARGETS

Dr. Margy Hornback lead a discussion on the State Performance Plan. She is seeking input into the process of selecting targets on certain sections of this important document. Dr. Hornback provided details around a parent survey being used. Particular emphasis is placed upon the concept: "My school facilitates parent involvement." A pilot study done in six states showed a positive response rate of only 17%. Early results in Kansas indicate a 33% positive response rate.

Next, Kansas will be surveying ALL parents in the state with special education children aged 3-21 years. What should be our target? What factors should be considered in setting our target?

Dr. Mitchell commented on the importance of parent participation. We should strive to set our target high. Will the state support local school districts to improve parent participation? Dr. Hornback responded affirmatively. The state performance plan can be found on the KSDE web site.

Tom Kohmetscher asked if they have looked at any other indicators and how they would coordinate with Head Start outcomes. Margy assured that this was under consideration. Sharon Hixson would like to see what improvements are planned for five years and beyond. Dr. Eva Horn suggested having a trend line for the data. She also liked keeping separate early childhood data from overall special education. Dr. Hornback agreed.

Dr. Hornback then thanked the Council for its helpful feedback and input.

AGENCY REPORTS

Alice Womack, reporting from SRS, announced that Secretary Gary Daniels had retired, and that Don Jordan is the acting Secretary. She also gave a written report (Attached)

Dr. Margy Hornback, reporting from KSDE, noted that the deadline for submission of the State Performance Plan is in February. She also announced that KSDE is using Juniper Gardens to analyze data for child outcomes. The Part C and Part B (aged 3-5 years) are working collaboratively on this project for children aged birth to five. She also wanted anyone interested to reserve training dates of February 2nd in Topeka, February 16th in Hays, and March 16th in Hutchinson. We are working on getting everyone trained this year. Next year we will have entry and exit data for all children for the year.

Additional outcomes are being monitored in the areas of transitions at age three, and least restrictive environment for services provided to children aged 3-5 years. Dr. Hornback told us that the KSDE web site has feedback from the US Department of Education resulting from the site visit last fall. No findings of non-compliance were noted.

No reports were provided from KDHE or Insurance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Dave Lindeman reported that there would be a Funding Committee meeting next week on Tuesday, January 9. The morning will be focused upon categorical aid, specifically those who utilize individual student contracts. The afternoon will be on that and other, more general, topics.

Doug Bowman, noted that the Advocacy Committee has not met since December. Maria Martinez asked if there would be a *tiny-k* advocacy day, and when would it be? The date has not been set yet, but will be very soon. Tom Kohmetscher remarked the committee will meet in the next few weeks.

LEAD AGENCY SELECTION PROCESS

Doug Bowman summarized a telephone call with Ruth Ryder, of the US Department of Education.

Ms. Ryder answered several questions, most on the topic of anticipated federal regulations for Part C. These regulations are not available now, and won't likely be available even in draft form for quite some time. She also provided information about other states that have re-visited the topic of state lead agency. Ms. Ryder reminded us of a deadline to submit the state's application for the federal grant before April 20, 2007. It was clarified that this does not constitute a deadline for the CCECDS-January 5, 2007

Council's recommendation.

Dr. Horn asked about the concept of a seamless system for services birth to age five, as allowed in the recent IDEA law. Not state has chosen to pursue that option, mostly because of funding concerns.

Richard Martinez repeated that the Governor has clearly said to take the time necessary to make a well-thought recommendation.

Doug responded to a request to see all of the correspondence sent to the Governor's office on this topic. The Governor's staff replied favorably, but needed to collect this information from several sources and needed some time

Julie Broski asked if there was further information from the two agencies. Doug replied that he had a document from SRS with answers to a series of questions submitted by the Council's Executive Committee. KSDE staff said that their responses are in final draft status. These two documents will be provided to all Council members early next week, and then posted on our web site: kansasicc.org

Dave Lindeman mentioned that there might be some helpful information found in the current Part C policy manual (referred to as the "yellow book"). After clarification, it was determined that Council staff will send a copy of this material to all ICC members.

Ellen Mellard asked if the Council would establish a process and a timeline. After much discussion, the following was decided:

Sharon Hixson moved that our next meeting be set for Monday, February 5th in Topeka. Tom Laing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. That meeting will include a review of the Part C policy manual, an overview of other states, and a refinement of the process to be undertaken by the Council in its making of a recommendation.

Tom Laing moved that we confirm our February 23rd meeting in Wichita at the KDEC conference. The motion was seconded by Tom Kohmetscher, and passed unanimously. This session will feature an opportunity to hear once more from local partners.

Tom Laing then made a motion that we have a meeting on April 13th in Topeka. The motion was seconded by Tom Kohmetscher, and passed unanimously. This meeting will feature a final presentation from both SRS and KSDE. Work on a recommendation will likely begin.

Our regularly scheduled meeting in Topeka for May 4th may be the meeting at which a final decision is made. Many factors, including the possible introduction of a bill in the legislature, might change this timeline. Staff was asked to confirm this schedule and publish it widely.

Meeting Adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5th at 1pm in Topeka at the TARC offices located at 2701 Randolph.