

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

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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  
 Linda Kenney, (representing Secretary Bremby)  
 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  
 Doug Bowman, Coordinator  
 Patty Miller, Staff

Members Not Present:

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

**Approval of December 2004 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair. Tom Kohmetscher made a motion to approve the December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, meeting minutes as amended. Dr. Dave Lindeman was absent at the December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 State ICC meeting. Seconded by Dr. Dave Lindeman; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The December ICC Minutes will be posted on the Kansas ICC website as amended.	Patty Miller	January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2005

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Carolyn Weinhold, SRS, discussed a project that involves Johnson & Johnson and UCLA. In it fourteen Head Start sites use a text book called "What Should I Do When My Child Is Sick", written at the third and fourth grade levels. The trainers went back to their programs and trained parents, and staff on how to use the book. There was a 48% decline in the use of the emergency room in hospitals which made a significant savings for Medicaid. SRS would like to replicate this project in Kansas.

### **GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL EARLY CHILDHOOD**

The Governor's Proposal on Early Childhood has been postponed until January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at 1:00 PM, located at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library.

Doug mentioned a few items that might be proposed in the governor's message:

Expansion of Parents as Teachers Program  
All day kindergarten;  
Expansion of services for four year olds.

Ellen Mellard suggested that, beginning next January, 2006, the State ICC meeting should be postponed until after the Governor's State of the State address.

### **tiny-k FOUNDATION**

Doug Bowman spoke with Ed Henry, Marshall County, regarding a bill that would create a new lottery ticket game specifically for *tiny-k* services. Sponsors are Representatives Schwartz and Jerry Henry, and Senator Goodwin. Current status of the bill, it is in the revisers office. Money will be disbursed according to the formula that is used by State, and disbursement of funds through the *tiny-k* Foundation.

### **ICC POSITIONS**

Dr. Dave Lindeman was chose to represent the Regents, replacing Dr. Chet Johnson. This opens up a general public member seat on the Council. Some names mentioned for the public member seat, Dr. Heather Rainwater, Dr. Linda Mitchell, Dr. Eva Horn, Judge Tom Graeber, Tom Laing – Executive Director of Interhab. If other names are of interest, please send to Doug Bowman by January 21, 2005. Ellen Mellard will meet with Senator David Haley and Representative Brenda Landwehr regarding legislative representation to the Council.

Reauthorization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) includes language detailing the composition of State ICC, including a representative from State Medicaid Agency. Current structure is Social and Rehabilitation Services. As of July 1, 2005, the Medicaid Agency will change to the Department of Administration. Doug asked about amending the state statute so that it will be

congruent with federal law. Need clarification of interpretation of language prior to submission.

Attached is the final copy of the 2005 Committee rosters. Attachment A.

### **COMMITTEES and TASK FORCES**

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

Discussion: The Funding committee met via teleconference January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Interim Committee report includes recommendation for funding of special education. Doug Bowman will prepare a funding to the local networks impact statement. Also, possible approach of advocacy efforts would be passed on to the Advocacy Committee. Need to look at language to remind policymakers when school funding is researched, that it does have impact on children birth to kindergarten. Recommendation from the Interim Committee is to take the special education funding currently distributed on a per staff basis, then split money in half to be disseminated on the current per staff basis, and the other half would be disseminated on a per student basis K-12. Doug Bowman will draft a proposal that will show impact of Local Networks funding.

#### **Advocacy Committee – Thomas Kohmetscher, Co-Chair**

Discussion: The Advocacy Committee met. The training is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005, located at the SRS Learning Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Macvicar, in Topeka, Kansas. There will be two different tracks of training. The training will be replicated same as training from last year. A basic and advanced training will be available with a birth to five emphases. The Advocacy Committee is planning an advocacy day the week of February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005, for a *tiny-k* day, birth to three, located at the Capitol. Currently, the Advocacy Committee has primarily handled events. The Advocacy Committee will take on another role and will discuss platforms at their next meeting.

Maria Martinez discussed more parent participation is needed at the Advocacy Trainings. Flyers need to be mailed informing parents of the meetings. Carolyn Weinhold explained the opportunity for parents to do testimony. Doug Bowman mentioned the goal is to enhance skills in having conversations with legislators, School Board Members, and County Commissioners. Tom Kohmetscher discussed rather than showing the process, also explain how effective parents are when input is given.

#### **Partnerships Committee - Maria Martinez, Chair**

Discussion: The Partnerships Committee met. A person from the Council should accompany someone who may come in for Public Policy. The Public Forum will be added to the Advocacy training and include an invitation explaining protocol. Change will be made to the agenda.

#### **Parent Leadership Task Force - Maria Martinez, Chair**

Discussion: Has not met. Maria Martinez mentioned the Parent Leadership Task Force will work on an orientation piece for new members.

Some members of the Parent Leadership Team will attend the KDEC Conference in February to participate in a forum.

**Interagency Agreement Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair**

Discussion: Carolyn Nelson is working on modifying language similar to Baby Net Interagency Agreement. Work is being continued on the birth to three part of agreement.

**Newborn Screening Task Force – Dr. Chet Johnson, Chair**

Discussion: No report.

**Ad Hoc Committee - Maria Martinez, Chair**

Discussion: No report.

**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: See discussion above under Partnership Committee.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the February State ICC meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces Doug Bowman	February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2005

**COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman**

Discussion: The National Early Childhood Technical Conference (NECTAC) is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, in Washington DC. Ellen Mellard and Richard Martinez will be attending the Conference. Doug thanked Carolyn Weinholt, Head Start Collaboration, SRS, for her generosity in funding the Parent Member to be able to attend.

SRS supported the Infant Mental Health Regional meetings and conferences to occur. The Shawnee County version will occur January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005, located at the Pozez Center in Topeka.

Ellen Mellard discussed changes for the monthly calendar of ICC events. Attachment B.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Finalize changes to the Monthly Calendar of ICC Events	Ellen Mellard Doug Bowman	February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2005

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT** – Linda Kenney  
Linda Kenney reviewed Carolyn Nelson’s report. Copy was handed out, (Attachment C).

Discussion: The Part C Coordinator position remains vacant. Applications have been received, and will continue to interview. The position will continue to be posted until filled.

Dr. Howard Rodenberg has been hired as Director of Health for KDHE. He will commence duties in this position February, 2005.

Kansas’ Infant-Toddler Services will receive a .09 cut in federal dollars for federal fiscal year 2005. The projected allocation for Kansas for 2005 is \$3,928,290 which is \$35,351 (.09) less than 2004’s allocation.

States’ Part C Annual Performance Reports (APR) are due to The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

OSEP has requested public comments regarding the recent Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). At the end of their public comment period, comments will be considered, and then the IDEA regulations will be updated.

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** – Marnie Campbell was unable to attend.

No report.

**SRS REPORT** - Alice Womack

A copy of the SRS report was handed out, (Attachment D).

Discussion: Effective July 1, 2005, the Medicaid Program, and the responsibility as lead agency for Medicaid in reporting to the federal Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services, will transfer from SRS to the newly created Health Care Authority (HCA). HCA will be a branch of the Department of Administration. On July 1, 2005, SRS will have a new name, the Kansas Department of Human Services.

The Economic Employment Support Services Section (EES) has reorganized. Child Care Assistance will be in the Program Section, all quality initiatives, Head Start Collaboration and Early Head Start will be in the Capacity and Resource Development Section.

As of January 1, 2005, unregulated out-of-home relative child care providers will receive a reduced rate from SRS for caring for children eligible for child care subsidy payments.

The grant period for the National Infant/Toddler Initiative has ended. Work on the Parent Education Pilot Project is continuing. Implementation will occur in January, 2005. Lana Messner, Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (KACCRRRA), and Georgina Peacock, and Jessica Foster, pediatricians at KUMC will coordinate doctor recruitment and training.

**INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT** – Michael Steiner for Robert Tomlinson

Discussion: Health Kansas handout. Attachment E. Michael Steiner discussed the new Health Care Initiative. The Business Health Partnership provides low cost insurance to employees of small companies. The second initiative is to reduce administrative cost to health care. A data base will be created by the Kansas Insurance Department where providers and insurance companies can register information. The information will be made more accessible, and the data base will cut down on excess paperwork.

The Kansas Insurance Department legislative proposal was introduced a few weeks ago.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next ICC meeting is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, located in Topeka, Kansas at the SRS Learning Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Macvicar, South West East Circle Drive South, Building 2600, Room B. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. Tom Kohmetscher made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Susan Adams.

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