

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

**July 8th, 2005
SRS Learning Center, Topeka, Kansas**

Welcome and Introductions

Members Present:

Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center
 Carolyn Nelson, (representing Secretary Bremby)
 Gayle Stuber, KSDE (Commissioner Tompkins Representative)
 Dr. Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas
 Regents Representative
 Alice Womack, SRS (Secretary Daniels Representative)
 Susan Adams, Service Provider Member
 Maria Martinez, Parent Member

Non-Members Present:

Jamie Kim, KDHE, BCYF
 Deanna Peterson, KDHE, CDS
 Karen Snell, Families Together
 Margy Hornback, KSDE
 Carolyn Weinhold, SRS
 Doug Bowman, Coordinator
 Patty Miller, Staff

Members Not Present:

Ellen Mellard, Chair, NE KS Education Service Center
 Senator David Haley
 Representative Brenda Landwehr
 Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative
 Robert Tomlinson, KS Insurance Dept (Commissioner Praeger Representative)
 Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member
 Mark Tremaine, Parent Member
 Richard Martinez, Parent Member
 Karla Kenton, Parent Member

Approval of May and June 2005 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Hixson. Sharon filled in for Ellen Mellard, Chair. There was not a quorum. Therefore, unable to approve the May and June ICC meeting minutes

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
There was NOT a quorum to approve the May and June ICC Minutes.	Patty Miller	

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing was reported for the Public Forum.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Doug Bowman reported on the Bill regarding special education funding. The bill has gone to the Governors desk to be signed. The Supreme Court will be reviewing this action later today. The Legislature proposed an additional \$35 per student to the base state aid per pupil, \$27.7 million to the at risk weighting, and \$13.5 million to special education. This translates into an estimate of \$20,500 given for Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff.

Previously, there was a capitation on the local option budget at the local district level of 25%. This has been raised to 27%. Also, an attempt will be made to pull together a legislative post audit to review the cost of education.

This action was paid for by spending additional revenues that were generated in May and June. The revenues were above the predicted numbers. Also, there was a spenddown in reserves. There were no cuts in agency budgets. Gambling or other revenues were not increased. Doug discussed that even if revenues continue to improve; there will be serious challenges in fiscal year 2007. Doug explained these include: commitments made in the past to higher education reform package, highway program, Kansas Public Employee Retirement System (KPERS) payments, and Medicaid issues.

STRATEGIC PLAN- COMMITTEES-COUNCIL MEETING DETAILS

A draft Strategic Plan handout was sent out along with the minutes. Strategies were filled in under each Goal. See attached revision.

Goal: 1) Review any proposed changes in provider licensure and make formal recommendations to appropriate governing bodies ensuring adequate personnel. Carolyn Weinhold, SRS, asked how the change in licensure is impacting the Universities. Dr. Dave Lindeman responded that some programs will not offer the early childhood licensure at their institution, some are waiting for an alternative, and others are in process of having their program reviewed for approval by KSDE. Washburn, Wichita State, KU, and Emporia have approved programs for the unified license. A recommendation will be made that two additional early childhood licenses be put in place for the university programs to offer. One would be a birth through age 5 unified license. The other temporary license would be a pre-K through grade three license for general education only. This would be a license available for only those coming in from out-of-state. After approval from the Board of KSDE, standards will need to be developed, then would go through a public comment period.

After discussion, the Strategic Plan changes will be incorporated by Doug Bowman, and Ellen Mellard. Then will send out to ICC members for review, discuss, and vote. If you have concerns, please inform Doug Bowman or Ellen Mellard.

Council Meeting Details –

Doug will create a survey regarding ICC meeting structure, and committee meeting information. The survey will be mailed out to ICC members for input, and asked to return.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Creation of Survey for ICC meeting structure, and committee input.	Doug Bowman Ellen Mellard	August 5 th , 2005
The draft Strategic Plan will have changes incorporated, and sent out to ICC members for review.	Doug Bowman Ellen Mellard	August 5 th , 2005

COMMITTEES and TASK FORCES

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

Discussion: The Funding Committee met July 8th, 2005. Doug Bowman was contacted by ZoAnn Torrey, KSDE, to begin discussing possible changes in the process of distribution of Categorical Aid in the Infant-Toddler networks. A meeting is scheduled for August 3rd, 2005. Ryan Weir, KDHE, will look at numbers for comparisons. Asked KSDE to put together number of the total amount of categorical aid that are transferred. Want the Local Networks to look at the FY 2005 exact figures on the amount of money received through categorical aid system, i.e., FTE count, Individual contract count, and transportation.

Advocacy Committee – Doug Bowman for Tom Kohmetscher, Co-Chair

Discussion: The Advocacy Committee met. There is a consensus to do a better job of informing persons of what is available in advocacy training. The brochures will be printed next week. The advocacy training has been scheduled for November 4-5. The parent training will include ICC, HeadStart, Child Care and SmartStart. The Keynote Speaker is Senator John Vratl.

The Advocacy Committee is planning to do a legislative *tiny-k* day in February or March of 2006.

Newborn Screening Task Force – Dr. Chet Johnson, Chair

Discussion: No report.

Partnerships Committee – Maria Martinez, Co-Chair, Sharon Hixson, Co-Chair

Discussion: The Interagency Agreement is still in process.

Parent Leadership Task Force - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: No report.

Interagency Agreement Task Force - Sharon Hixson, 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: See Funding Committee report.

Public Forum Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair
Discussion: No report.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the August ICC meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces Doug Bowman	August 5 th , 2005

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Waiting to hear from the Governor's office on the Council appointments.

Doug Bowman was asked to join another entity called the Early Learning Coordinating Council.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT – Robert Tomlinson was unable to attend.

Discussion: No report.

SRS REPORT - Alice Womack

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

Discussion: SRS began piloting the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) June 1st, 2005. This is a new payment system for child care providers. The pilot will continue through August 31, 2005.

Information from the piloting counties will be used to determine if any policy changes are needed prior to statewide implementation in September, 2005.

Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska applied for and received a grant from the Child Care Bureau to sponsor initiatives focusing on the rising incidence of obesity in children.

Effective June 1, 2005, SRS Medicaid and Health Care Policy staff transitioned to the new Medicaid Lead Agency, The Division of Health Policy and Finance (DHPF). SRS and DHPF are in the process of working on transition issues.

Kansas has been chosen as a pilot site for the Child Care Bureau's Improper Payments in Child Care subsidy Initiative.

Carolyn Weinhold, SRS, mentioned there will be four cluster advocacy trainings in August and September:

August 2nd in Augusta

August 4th in Salina

September 8th in Dodge City

September 30th in Topeka.

There will be a panel of experts discussing how to serve children with disabilities. Included on the panel are Doug Bowman, Margy Hornback, Carolyn Nelson, and a parent. There will be representation by HeadStart, Part B, Part C, and Parents.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Gail Stuber

Discussion: Gail Stuber introduced Margy Hornback, KSDE. Margy has replaced Marnie Campbell. Her phone number is 296-1941.

Carol Dermeyer has resigned effective July 29th, 2005.

KSDE is working on the Early Childhood Guidelines.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT – Carolyn Nelson

A copy of the KDHE report was handed out, (Attachment B)

Discussion: There will be a Coordinators meeting scheduled for August 19th, 2005, located at Old Town Hotel Conference Center, Wichita, Kansas.

The Kansas Planning Intervention Committee (KAN-PIC), Carolyn Nelson, Kim Sykes, Carol Bush, the Kansas School for the Deaf, and others are meeting to explore setting up Regional Hearing Coordinators who will act as liaisons among the Newborn Hearing Screening staff at the hospital screening level, Sound Beginnings and Infant-Toddler staff at KDHE, local audiologists, and the local Infant-Toddler Networks. They will also provide technical assistance and training for network staff working with children who are deaf or who have a hearing loss. A plan is being written; funding is being explored.

Update was given on Evidence Based Practices Initiative. The Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the Networks has been completed. To be selected as a network participant, a network must commit to extensive training and data collection. Participating networks will begin training September 12th, 13th and 14th, 2005.

Carolyn Nelson stated issue papers have been requested at KDHE. Carolyn requested an increase for Infant-Toddler funding so the amount of dollars received from the state would match the per pupil amount that is received in education.

Carolyn handed out a report from KDHE, Office of Health Promotion, regarding “what will Kansas Look Like in 2010?” The report included a collection of miscellaneous notes and statistics.

Carolyn reported they are working on Policy and Procedure Manual updates within KDHE. Then will provide suggested changes to people across the State for input.

Infant-Toddler will hold first mediation July 11th, 2005, in Wyandotte County.

KDHE has not received Part C draft regulations from the federal level.

KDHE had their first Caring For Infant and Toddlers (CFIT) leadership training on June 28th, 2005. This program will train physicians related to infant-toddler services. KDHE is working on including medical home information. There will be a conference call August 1st, 2005, to discuss how to set up meetings with physicians.

A Committee that included Carolyn Nelson, Eric VanAllen, SRS, Lana Messner, Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (KACCRRRA), Carolyn Weinhold, Head Start Collaboration Council; and Mary Weathers, Early Head Start Coordinator, reviewed RFPs from communities across Kansas to provide infant mental health workshops. Award notifications will be mailed and/or e-mailed next week.

Contracts are currently being routed through KDHE. These include contracts with KU Medical Center for Occupational Therapy consultation, KITS for technical assistance, training, resources, consultation; Families together, Inc. for child advocacy training, Parent-To-Parent assistance, parent support, consultation.

All network grants have been received. Self assessments on the new monitoring process of Infant-Toddler have been read, comments written. A monitoring report will go back out to each network.

ADJOURNMENT

The next ICC meeting is scheduled for August 5th, 2005, via teleconference. The meeting will begin at 1:00PM.