

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

MINUTES  
KANSAS ICC MEETING  
July 30, 2009  
Wichita, Kansas

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maria Martinez, Parent Member  
Tom Laing, Public Member  
Nancy Krase, Head Start Rep.  
Gayle Stuber, KS Dept. Education  
Linda Kenney, KDHE-BCYF  
Sharon Hixson, Public Member  
Bobbi Mariani, SRS  
David Lindeman, Board of Regents Rep.  
Senator Laura Kelly  
Representative Barbara Craft

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Staff Coordinator  
Kim Strunk, DD Council  
Shannon Schaller, Families Together  
Nancy Juhlin, REACH & SE Ks B-3  
Deanna Berry Russell Ch. Dev. Ctr.  
Scott Kedrowski, Russell Ch. Dev. Ctr.  
Carolyn Nelson, KDHE – BCYF  
Cayla Wasson, Sedgwick Co. LICC  
Melody Hunt, WSU student intern

MEMBERS ON PHONE

Cayla Wright, KHPA-Medicaid Rep

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Linda Mitchell, Chair, Public Member  
Susan Carriger, Provider Member  
Richard Martinez, Parent Member  
Jennifer Knorr, Governor's Rep.  
Tiffany Krentz, Parent Member  
Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member  
John Meetz, Ks. Insurance Commission.  
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member  
Tom Kohmetscher, Provider Member  
Dr. Tish Taylor, Provider Member  
Julie Broski, Parent Member  
Deb Voth, Provider Member

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Maria Martinez, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order with a welcome and asked for introductions around the table and for those present on the conference phone.

ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Because of a lack of quorum, approval of previous minutes was tabled for a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None was discussed from previous meetings. However, we did review the activity from the morning ICC orientation session with John Copenhaver of Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kim Strunk, of the Kansas Developmental Disabilities Council, spoke briefly about the Partners in Policy-Making program. She encouraged nominations of interested persons.

LOCAL STORY

Nancy Kruse, gave us a glimpse into the good work done by Child Start in Sedgwick County. They currently provide Head Start, Early Head Start, and Child Care Resource and Referral services. They are hopeful of good news from Washington in response to competitive grants for which they have applied.

KSDE Report

Gayle Stuber reported on the Leadership Conference that is currently underway in Wichita. She also reported that the KSDE web site is under revision.

SRS Report

Bobbi Mariani handed out a written report. Work is underway on the application for a State Advisory Council for early childhood. They hope to submit it in September. The Grandparents as Caregivers program was discontinued on July 1. All but 23 caregivers made the switch over to the Temporary Assistance to Families (TAF) program.

KDHE Report

Carolyn Nelson also provided a written report, including information on vaccinations and the H1N1 flu. Ms. Nelson complimented the KITS Summer Institute, conducted last

month. She also noted a University of Kansas sponsored conference titled: “Autism Across the Lifespan” in Wichita on November 6-7, 2009.

Insurance Report

No report.

KHPA Report

Cayla Wright provided a written report. She further discussed changes in billing for Family Service Coordination.

Staff Report

Doug stated that the vacancies around our State ICC table are soon to be filled. He welcomed the two new Legislative members. The Governor’s office will announce other appointments soon.

In response to a question, a brief discussion ensued around “maintenance of effort” as required by federal law, and how the recent budget cuts impacted this requirement. Linda Kenney agreed to do some research on the matter.

Mr. Bowman will work to clarify each Kansas ICC members wishes for committee assignments. He will also support the Chairpersons in holding a meeting before the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Anyone interested in serving on the Executive Committee should express any interest, as there may be an opportunity to serve there.

Next Meeting will be Friday, August 28, 2009 in Topeka at the SRS Learning Center.

MEETING ADJOURNED

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

**SICC Report**

**July 30, 2009**

**Part C Infant-Toddler Regional Meetings** will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Jim North from James North, Inc. will provide I-T database information and technical assistance for the first part of the meetings. The remainder of the day will be related to developing network partnerships. Attendees have been asked to invite partners from Parents As Teachers, Early Head Start, Head Start and Part B to discuss child find, transition, local ICC’s and other topics. (See attached)

**The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act** (H.R.3221) was introduced on July 15<sup>th</sup> by House Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller. It includes authorizing \$10 billion for Early Childhood Education over 10 years. These dollars would fund an Early Learning Challenge Fund program.

A recent webinar regarding the Early Learning Challenge Fund program provided the following information:

- \$1 billion a year disbursed via a competitive grant program for 0-5.
- Collaborative grants with a designated lead agency.
- Have to include all agencies with a key role in early childhood.
- Money will flow from federal to state designated lead agency. Money can flow “on down” to local agencies.
- Critical to have a State Advisory Council – “Build on activities of Council.”
- State match is required.
- Maintenance of effort is required.

See attached printout from the U.S. Department of Education for additional information.

**A Health & Environment Planning Consultant** position in Part C Infant-Toddler is posted on the Kansas Civil Service Jobs website at <http://www.da.ks.gov/ps/pub/reqinfo.asp?id=163999>. This web address will take you directly to the position description. Please share with anyone you feel is qualified for the position. Applications are accepted through August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Guidance on Allocating and Targeting Pandemic Influenza Vaccine (H1N1)** was recently published by the U.S. Government. It is intended to provide advice to support planning an effective and consistent pandemic response by States and communities. The goal of the pandemic influenza vaccination program is to vaccinate all persons in the United States who choose to be vaccinated.

It is recognized that vaccine supply to meet this goal will likely not be available all at once so vaccination priorities were tailored by pandemic severity into target groups, categories and tiers. (See Table 1)

Figure 1 illustrates pandemic vaccination tiers and target groups for a severe pandemic. (Handout) Note that infants and toddlers are indicated high risk and are in Tier 1. Infant contacts (staff, parents) are in Tier 2. This is an age group that we work with daily. We need to be cognizant of community plans for a pandemic and what everyone can do to assist in these preparations and in a pandemic if it occurs. We also need to be cognizant of vaccination availability, assistance needed by families to get their child vaccinated and tools that staff and the families they serve can use to fight the spread of influenza when a pandemic emerges.

**KHPA Report for State ICC Meeting  
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- FSC/TCM Policy Update
  - Policy implementation was implemented July 1, 2009
  - Reenrollment of Family Service Coordination is required
    - Re-enrollment packets mailed 05/05/09
    - Must bill FSC with new provider number
  
- Expansion of ECI services
 

Many ECI network providers have requested additional services to be covered. Due to the current fiscal budget cuts, new policies to expand services are on hold.

**SRS Report for State ICC Meeting  
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**LIEAP.** Processing and payment of approved benefits for the LIEAP regular season has been completed. Final figures for the regular season are as follows:

Total Applications Received:	50,099
Total Applications Approved:	41,802
Average Benefit Paid:	\$ 420.76
Total Benefits Issued:	\$ 17,588,231.50

Work has begun to prepare for the issuance of a supplemental benefit to each of the households that received a benefit during the regular season. Funds available for issuance through the supplemental process total \$4.7 million. This will result in an average supplemental benefit of \$112.43 and will raise the overall total average benefit to \$533.19. It is anticipated that the supplemental benefit will be issued in early July.

Supplemental benefits were issued in July to households that qualified for a regular LIEAP benefit this season. Total funds available for the supplemental issuance were approximately \$6 million. This resulted in an average supplemental benefit of approximately \$127. Total benefits issued for the entire 2009 season are at \$39.6 million with an average benefit of \$844.

**Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver Renewed.** The Home and Community Based Services Waiver which serves individuals who have sustained traumatic brain injuries, has been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a renewal period of 5 years. This approval allows SRS to continue serving individuals in their homes as opposed to an institutional setting. This program covers services for over 200 Kansans annually, ages 16 through 65, assisting them to live independent and productive lives.

**Unity Award for Mental Health.** SRS was presented with the Unity Award by the mental health Consumer Advisory Council at the Mental Health Recovery Conference. The Unity Award is presented for exemplary efforts to unite mental health consumers and non-consumers to enhance mental health in a cooperative manner. The Kansas Mental Health Recovery Conference is one of largest in the nation.

**Alcohol and Drug Treatment provider to close.** DCCCA, Inc. has announced they will discontinue providing services in Great Bend, KS on July 17, 2009 citing economic conditions and a lack of referrals. DCCCA, Inc., which is based out of Lawrence, KS, opened an office in Great Bend in November of 2007 and has served 175 individuals to date. The grant funds originally allocated for 2010 will be transferred to other providers in the region.

**General Assistance.** Effective August 1, 2009 a flat \$100.00 monthly benefit will be implemented for all General Assistance recipients. Approximately 3,031 GA customers who currently receive an average of \$173.23 monthly will be affected. Customers will be notified via a mass mailing sent on or before June 26, 2009. Customers will be instructed to contact their SRS Case Managers with questions. SRS will continue to work with customers to see if they are eligible for other SRS programs (i.e. food assistance) and for referrals to other community resources.

**Domestic violence program.** Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) and SRS were invited by a consultant hired by the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence to provide training to New Mexico Human Services, the NM coalition, and the New Mexico Works contractor (NMW). Kansas was asked to participate due to our unique partnership between KCSDV and SRS. Our directive was to present the policies, procedures and best practices SRS and KCSDV have developed when working with the same customers. There were approximately 40 attendees representing the NM coalition and New Mexico's Human Services department.

**NACCRA Ratings.** The National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) released its most recent rating of individual state child care licensing systems this spring. Kansas remained at 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation in terms of quality. Strengths of Kansas' system include (1) KDHE staff who inspect child care facilities are required to have a Bachelor's degree; (2) child care center staff must have training in fire safety (although not in CPR training); and (3) there are health and safety standards in 9 of 10 areas. Weaknesses include (1) there is an average caseload of 151 per licensing inspector (50 is recommended); (2) licensing inspection reports are not available on-line for consumers; (3) no CPR training is required for providers or center classroom teachers;

(4) no use of fingerprints or sex offender registries for adult criminal background checks (which puts children at risk); and (5) ratios of children per adult are too large. Furthermore, registered homes are never inspected. The NACCRRRA report is titled “We Can Do Better”.

**Grandparents as Caregivers.** The Grandparents as Caregivers Assistance program provides monthly financial assistance to grandparents or other qualifying relatives raising children. The transition of the state-funded Grandparents as Caregivers program to the federally funded Grandparents as Caregivers program for Fiscal Year 2010 has been implemented. Approximately 160 state-funded GPCG cases will close June 30, 2009. System and manual notices, along with applications, will be mailed the week of May 26, 2009 informing customers of the changes to the program. Grandparents will be instructed to complete and return the application so on-going eligibility can be determined for July 2009. SRS will ensure that every recipient is informed of the changes and helped during the transition process.