

**KANSAS INTERAGACY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**June 1, 2007
SRS Learning Center, Topeka, KS**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Alice Womack, SRS Representative
Sharon Hixson, Public Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Linda Kenney, KDHE Representative
Deb Voth, Provider Member
Nancy Krase, Provider Member
John Meetz, Insurance Dept.
Dr. Linda Mitchell, Public Member
Julie Broski, Parent Member
Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Colleen Riley, KSDE Representative
Dr. Dave Lindeman, Regents Representative
Tiffanie Krentz, Parent Member
Patrick Woods, Governor's Representative

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Richard Martinez - Chair, Parent Member
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member
Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member
Tom Kohmetscher, Provider Member
Rep. Melody McCray-Miller, House Member
Sen. Julia Lynn, Senate Member
Scott Bruner, Kansas Health Policy Authority

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

Doug Bowman, CCECDS Coordinator
Rae Anderson, National Child Care Information Center
Debbie Mai, Rainbows United and SG & BU LICCs
Lillian Howell, Nurturing Families
Kendall Burr, Wyandotte Co ITS
Carolyn Weinhold, HS Collaboration
Kathy Johnson, Shawnee Co ITS
Tiffanie Smith-Birk, SRS Early Childhood Mental Health
Peggy Miksch, KITS
Michelle Luppen, Marshall CO ITS
Nancy Caffrey, Marshall CO ITS
Misty Van Nostrand, Families Together
Deanna Berry, Russell Child Dev. Center

In the absence of Chairman Richard Martinez, Maria Martinez Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

The minutes from the last ICC meeting should be edited to include Lesli Girard from Families Together to the list of those present. Tom Laing made a motion that was seconded by Linda Mitchell to approve the May 5, 2007 minutes as edited. Passed Unanimously.

Linda Mitchell spoke to the Council regarding the newly proposed federal regulations for Part C of IDEA. First, public comment regarding these proposed regulations can be made in person or online. The online comments need to be made before July 23. Second, the Beach Center on Families and Disabilities at the University of Kansas is seeking our assistance in evaluating these proposed regulations. Specifically, how these regulations address five issues related to services to families. After brief discussion, several Council members volunteered to join the Beach Center in providing this evaluation.

In general, it was decided to spend time today reviewing our recent past and looking forward to the anticipated issues of the near future. Then, each committee will submit a proposal to the full ICC of work to be completed next year. Specific task forces will be created to handle specific assignments with short deadlines.

Mr. Bowman did a review of last year's strategic plan, complete with brief commentary on the progress made in accomplishing tasks. **Regarding our ICC Internal Operations:**

Goal ONE referred to our by-laws. This revision was accomplished. We need to reconvene the task force one more time to clean up language concerning voting and the Executive committee.

Goal TWO concerned the Executive Committee. This entity has been functioning since last fall.

Goal THREE referenced other coalitions and organizations. After substantial discussion last fall, the ICC decided to NOT formally join any advocacy groups, but to continue to collaborate.

Goal FOUR referenced our 20th Anniversary Celebration, which was successfully completed last December. Mr. Bowman thanked Sharon Hixson and our partners in Reno County. We might want to ask: "How can we build upon this event?"

Goal FIVE concerned enhancing communications/interactions with our Local ICCs. Much progress was made in this area, but there are still needs to be addressed.

Concerning External Issues Impacting Services to Young Families:

Goal SIX referenced Education funding Issues. Progress was made in the area of categorical aid.

Goal SEVEN concerned Personnel Issues. Much significant work continues in the area of higher education as we implement the Birth to Age 8 Unified teaching license.

Goal EIGHT focused upon Medicaid and Insurance access. The recently passed Health Care Reform Act will make significant changes.

Goal NINE provided a miscellaneous category for other service concerns.

After Mr. Bowman's summary of last year's strategic plan, those in attendance were divided into small groups. These small groups were assigned the task of reviewing these past goals. After discussions, they were to set priorities, and then look to the future. A summary of the various small group reports made back to the full group are attached.

In reporting back, some trends were observed. The Executive Committee should continue its work. The By-Laws need to be reviewed. Funding is a very high priority – Birth to Five. Enhanced communications with our LICC partners is also a priority. Advocacy work should continue, with clarification of the staff role. Partnership with other organizations is a must. Personnel shortages should be addressed. Other issues getting mentioned include: autism, respite care, CAPTA, foster care, and health care reform.

After a brief discussion about future ICC meetings, the dates for the next year were set. There was some conversation around changing the times of our meetings, but there was no decision to make a change.

The ICC meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be July 13th over the Interactive TV system in Topeka. Kansas City, Wichita, Hays, Parsons, and Garden City.