

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

MINUTES
SICC STRATEGIC PLANNING CONFERENCE
JUNE 6, 2008, 10:00 AM

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS BUILDING
TOPEKA, KS

MEMBERS PRESENT IN TOPEKA

Dr. Linda Mitchell, Chair, Public Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Nancy Krase, Provider Member
Misty Goosen, KS Bd/Education (KITS)
Deb Voth, Provider Member
Carolyn Nelson, KDHE
Cynthia Price, KS Insurance Commissioner
Julie Broski, Parent Member
Cayla Wright, KHPA-Medicaid Rep.
Dr. Dave Lindeman, Board/Regents Rep.
Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Richard Martinez, Parent Member
Kate Wolff, Governor's Representative
Thomas Kohmetscher, Provider Member
Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Tiffany Krentz, Parent Member
Bobbi Mariani, SRS Representative

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Staff Coordinator
Jean Wilson, Sr. Admin. Assistant
Tiffany Smith-Birk, KDHE
Kathy Johnson, Shawnee Co. ITS
Deanna Berry, Russell Ch. Dev. Ctr.
Karen Beckerman, SRS Representative
Rebecca Clancy, Garden City, Smart
Start
Jennifer Crow, Coalition-4-School
Readiness
Paco Price, Rainbows Unlimited
Debbie Mai, Rainbows Unlimited
Lee Stickle, KUMC-Autism
Peggy Miksch, KITS
Monique Mayhugh, Shawnee Co. TARC
Ann Aytes, Leavenworth County
Kathy Kerstenbrock-Ostmeyer, N.W.
Educational Service Center

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Sharon Hixon, Public Member
Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member
Senator Julie Lynn, Senate Appointee
Dr. Eva Horn
Dr. Letitia Holub Taylor
Representative Melody-McCray-Miller

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Dr. Linda Mitchell, Chair, called the meeting to order with welcome and introductions.

ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tom Laing moved that the draft May minutes be approved. Tom Kohmetscher seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one chose to speak at this time.

CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Linda Mitchell started off the meeting with the work review for the day, introducing Rae Anderson, our group's facilitator from the National Childcare Information and Technical Assistance Center Services. Rae's services were provided as an "in-kind" contribution from Social Rehabilitation Services (SRS).

Staff Committee Report

Doug Bowman stated that the Executive Committee had requested we consider moving the SICC meetings from the first Friday of the month, to the third. Much discussion ensued. A motion and second for the third Friday of the month was withdrawn. After more discussion, Tom Laing moved that SICC have meetings on the fourth Friday of each month. Richard Martinez seconded this motion, adding that change would happen after January 1, 2009, keeping the time of day the same, 1:00 pm-4:30 pm. The final vote was unanimous.

Doug remarked that at this time, there are no open seats in SICC, but that there will be at least seven members leaving next summer. He suggested that SICC get started earlier at nominating new Parent Members and Public Members. Doug Bowman stated that there is one person whose term expires this fall on the Executive Committee, but encouraged other interested members to apply. Linda Mitchell explained that each month, the Executive Committee meets by phone to handle issues that need action and then they bring to the full Council what they discussed.

Maria Martinez suggested SICC look back at past Public Forums as a place to start looking for new members.

Julie Broski suggested that SICC use more ITV or technology. She suggested that there is a room in the Capital with ITV that is available to set up meetings, SICC could use. Staff will explore this possibility with Julie's help.

Doug Bowman then led a discussion of the 2007 Strategic Plan; what was finalized in December 2007, and review of the handout covering SICC's Four Focused Goals for 2007.

Year 2007 goals were:

Goal #1: Maximize all funding for the Birth through Age Five System

Goal #2: Enhance ICC Role in Advocacy for Young Children and Families

Goal #3: Improve Services for Young Children and Families

Goal #4: Monitor Legislative/State Agency Policies

Tom Laing asked if there needed to be follow-up on the letter sent to our Governor concerning P20 Alignment. Doug Bowman stated this will be a goal to monitor the status of all the discussions around Early Childhood, that it needed to get into SICC's plans this afternoon.

At that time, Kate Wolff responded to these questions. Kate stated that Early Learning Coordinating Council (ELCC) will be taking the lead and focusing on these Early Childhood alignment issues.

Doug Bowman asked Kate Wolff about Part C Lead Agency. Kate stated that they do not want to make anyone move twice. The SICC will be actively involved in the discussions later this summer.

Kate responded to a question, that ELCC meetings were open to the public. Jim Redmon will give out information to SICC, when those meetings will start and keep SICC informed.

Tiffany Smith-Birk stated that she felt the Mental Health system be included in with Early Childhood Block Grants. SICC can help through education – giving policymakers understanding and keeping it simple and family friendly.

Kathy Johnson stated it was difficult to address and advocate at the local level; it is vital they keep up and enhance their communication with the State level.

Peggy Miksch stated that she felt Goal #1 needed expanded to include all services for children with special needs.

Tom Kohmetscher stated he was worried that perhaps SICC needed to go back to a more narrow focus of helping our LICC's.

Linda Mitchell stated SICC should review how any ICC activity fits our role of supporting the Local ICC's. SICC could better support and link from State to Local ICC levels.

There was discussion on how vital it was to keep up strengthening relationships of the advocacy roles – being a conduit between State and Locals. Tiffany Smith-Birk stated that SICC members need to be part of other advocacy efforts too. There are opportunities for parents as advocates to be able to speak as educated persons to legislators. Advocacy and education go hand in hand.

Peggy Miksch hears messages that the Local Networks are struggling. Peggy felt SICC needed stronger messaging: strengths of programs, needs of programs. There could be marketing issues and perhaps state agencies can help with brochures, media services, etc.

Maria Martinez is gathering an evaluation of this SICC Strategic Planning and asked all present to fill out the pink Evaluation Sheet before leaving at end of day, for her to get input.

Deb Voth thanked Karen Beckman for getting the special needs rates for childcare that she requested in the May ICC meeting.

Rae Anderson led off after lunch. She asked if the present 2007 Goals, the standing committees, values, and bylaws were still relevant. If not, to think how SICC should go about changing these. Four work groups broke out to begin the work for the rest of the afternoon. Reports from the four small group activities are available.

Tom Laing recommended a Policy Committee be formed for advice and assistance. The standing committees could be with a Chair and/or a Co-Chair. Executive Committee can decide the resources needed. Tom suggested that there be Conference Calls for each group.

SICC staff will send volunteers email copies to complete or round out the first draft of SICC Goals for the Year 2009. Volunteers are: Deb Voth, Tom Kohmetscher, Susan Carriger, Tom Laing, and Tiffany Smith-Birk.. This first draft copy of the SICC 2009 Goals will be reviewed and discussed again at the July 11, 2008 meeting at the SRS Learning Center, Conference Room B, 2nd & MacVicar, Topeka, Ks.

Deb Voth stated that this conference was very productive. Julie Broski stated that the Kansas Association of School Boards' building was a great location to meet. Cayla Wright expressed that the conference provided a great opportunity to get to know everyone. Paco Price stated that it was a very positive meeting for SICC.

Maria Martinez announced meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED