

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

MINUTES
SICC STRATEGIC PLANNING CONFERENCE
JUNE 26, 2009, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS BUILDING
TOPEKA, KS

MEMBERS PRESENT IN TOPEKA

Dr. Linda Mitchell, Chair, Public Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Nancy Kruse, Provider Member
Deb Voth, Provider Member
Carolyn Nelson, KDHE
Carol Ayres, KSDE
Julie Broski, Parent Member
Dr. Dave Lindeman, Board/Regents Rep.
Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Richard Martinez, Parent Member
Thomas Kohmetscher, Provider Member
Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Bobbi Mariani, SRS Representative
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member
Dr. Letitia Holub Taylor, Provider Member

Sharon Hixon, Public Member
Bobbi Mariani, SRS Representative

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Staff Coordinator
Jean Wilson, Sr. Admin. Assistant
Tiffany Smith-Birk, KDHE
Carrie Hastings, SRS, HS Coll. Director
Carrie Poe Douglas Co. *tiny*-K Board
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, N.W.
Ks Educational Service Center
Kathy Johnson, Shawnee Co. ITS
Deanna Berry, Russell Ch. Dev. Ctr.
Karen Beckerman, SRS
Ruth Jones, Osage Co. 3-Lake*stiny*-K
Lynn Bourne, Provider, Osage Co.
Sabra Shirrell, Successful Connections
Kayzy Bigler, Families Together, Inc.
Gayle Stuber, KSDE
Rae Anderson, NCCIC
Mary Wise, Kid-Link
Paco Price, Rainbows United, Wichita

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member
Representative Melody-McCray-Miller
Tiffany Krentz, Parent Member
Senator Julie Lynn, Senate Appointee
Cayla Wright, KHPA-Medicaid Rep
John Meetz, Insurance Representative

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Dr. Linda Mitchell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM with welcome and introductions including introducing Ms. Rae Anderson, our group's facilitator for the strategic planning sessions. Rae is from the National Childcare Information and Technical Assistance Center. Her services were provided as an "in-kind" contribution from Social Rehabilitation Services (SRS).

ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The draft minutes were delayed for approval until the July meeting, in deference to the work sessions planned today.

STAFF REPORT

Doug Bowman began by reviewing the Agenda for the day. We will begin by reviewing last year's goals, strategic plan, and the current Memorandum Agreement (MOA). We should also revisit the statutory mission of the Council, logistics of how we do our work and the committees involved, and set meeting dates (now on third Friday of each month) for entire new year's calendar. We will also review the State ICC Website. Doug noted we hope to include new State ICC members approved by the Governor at the July 30th meeting.

Initial discussion began over advantages and cost for use of Interactive TV technology for meetings. It was suggested that we make public the date and time of all committee conference calls

Doug Bowman then addressed the 2008 Strategic Planning Goals.

- 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

Staff will have a draft copy of the 2009 Goals (based upon the work done today) to be reviewed and discussed again at the State ICC meeting on the afternoon of July 30, 2009 in Wichita.

Doug then turned the meeting over to Rae Anderson, facilitator, for the afternoon session.

Those in attendance selected one of three small groups to join. The three groups approximately mirrored the current committee structure.

Group One - Policy - (Leader: Tom Laing)

Explore and comment on state and federal policies which address the needs of young children who have been victimized by child abuse and neglect; regarding the potential need for mandatory referral, screening, and services under IDEA.

The committee will explore issues affecting young children with special needs:

- (1) Homeless children
- (2) Foster care children

The committee will identify Policy issues for the Council's review and appropriate action, especially in the area of Mental Health Services.

Establish the State ICC as a credible and visible source of information to the State and Stakeholders; Visibility/Credibility

Group Two – Advocacy - (Leaders: Sharon Hixson & Nancy Krase)

Coordinate and participate with the tiny-k Foundation, Big Tent Coalition, Children's Cabinet, and others to better serve young children and their families. Preparation of a chart illustrating the relationships among those entities administering/advocating for programs serving children with disabilities.

Monitor discussions on Early Childhood Governance issues, and advocate for young children with special needs and their families.

Enhance communication between Kansas ICC and local communities, including a user-friendly process for seeking to provide input to the Kansas ICC on policy barriers. Kansas ICC members will be encouraged to be available to local ICCs.

Prepare and distribute in a timely manner informational materials on early childhood to candidates in the next election cycle.

Monitoring of Legislative Activity, with dissemination of information to collaborative partners.

Plan and implement the tiny-k Day.

Coordinate and unified message among various partners as it pertains to tiny-k.

Assist in planning the Collaborative Parent Leadership Training.

Increase strategies for informing policy makers of services for children aged 3-5, in conjunction with SEAC.

Monitor and seek assurances that state programs and policies are accessible to children aged birth through five years with disabilities.

Facilitate communication with entities representing the following populations: homeless; children with mental health concerns; foster care children; and tribal populations.

Group Three - Improving Services - (Leader: Dr. Tish Taylor)

Do we need a Work Group to help with the SICC Website?

Communications – To address broader issues?

Include Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Link to federal statutes

Other Links?

Budget?

Position Statements?

How do we strengthen our membership according to federal statute?

Add at the committee level

Communication within Lead Agencies

Continue to follow-up on previous work around the implementation of the Medicaid waiver for young children on the autism spectrum.

Policy issues to address:

Mental Health

Foster Care

Homeless

Doug stated that we have high hopes that our new SICC appointments will be ready by July 30, 2009. John Copenhaver of Mountain Plains will conduct the Leadership Training for the State ICC, to be held at the Airport Hilton in Wichita. We will hold an ICC meeting that same afternoon in Wichita. The location is to be announced.

An additional State ICC Meeting will be held on Friday, August 28, 2009. The location is to be announced.

Dr. Linda Mitchell thanked all on behalf of the Council, for all their hard work during her tenure. She stating that her schedule is too full to continue for now. She hopes to make future visits to the State ICC as her work permits.

MEETING ADJOURNED