

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

## **MINUTES**

### **KANSAS ICC MEETING**

**March 26, 2010**

**TARC Offices, Topeka, KS**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Eva Horn, Chair & Public Member  
Carol Ayres, KS Dept. of Education  
Carolyn Nelson, KDHE  
Deb Voth, Provider Member  
Susan Carriger, Provider Member  
Tom Laing, Public Member  
Sharon Hixson, Public Member  
Nancy Krase, Head Start Rep.  
Dr. David Lindeman, Board of Regents  
Jill Bamber, Parent Member  
Katherine Kersenbrock Ostmeyer, Provider  
Representative Barbara Craft  
Tiffany Krentz, Parent Member  
Dr. Dale Walker, Public Member  
Richard Martinez, Parent Member

#### **NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Doug Bowman, Coordinator  
Kayzy Bigler, Families Together  
Marcia Eckhart Charay, Children's Mercy  
Amy Owens, Johnson Co. ITS  
Chris Ross-Baze, KDHE  
Kathy Johnson, TARC & ITS of Shawnee Co.

#### **MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Senator Laura Kelley  
John Meetz, Ks. Insurance Dept.  
Misty Van Nostrand, Parent Member

#### **MEMBERS ON PHONE**

Scott Bears, KHPA – Medicaid  
Dr. Tish Taylor, Provider Member  
Jennifer Knorr, Governor's Staff  
Michelle Ponce, SRS  
Dr. Pamela Shaw, Public Member  
Julie Broski, Parent Member  
TomKohmetscher, Provider Member

#### **NON-MEMBERS ON PHONE**

None

Dr. Eva Horn, Chair to State ICC, called the meeting to order with a welcome and asked for introductions from those around the table and those present on the telephone.

#### ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Sharon Hixson moved for approval of the February minutes as distributed. Carol Ayres seconded the motion. The motion then passed unanimously.

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer moved approval of the agenda as distributed. Ms. Hixson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Kayzy Bigler spoke of the upcoming parent enrichment weekends sponsored by Families Together. She encouraged us to check out their web site for more information at [familestogther.net](http://familestogther.net).

Julie Broski took a moment to share a personal success story. Her daughter's IEP meeting was yesterday. She is currently performing at grade level in several of her subjects. This is an accomplishment that was beyond Julie's dreams a few years ago. Julie attributes much of this success to early intervention services.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

#### LOCAL STORY

Kathy Johnson shared with us information about Shawnee County. TARC is the local lead agency for Part C, and served 558 children and their families last year. Kathy's position is shared with the local Community Action Head Start agency. They also have several blended classrooms with early head start. The number of these blended classrooms will soon double as a result of the federal ARRA funding.

The National Center for Children in Poverty recently announced that Shawnee County had received an award in a national competition. The award will be in technical assistance, not funding. The result should still be more services.

The Local ICC has as its focus all children aged pre-natal to five years. There is a strong emphasis upon home visitation. Two assessors visit the hospitals daily. They utilize grant funds to screen all newborns using an assessment tool created by the Kemp Foundation. Referral to the appropriate service is then made.

Finally, Shawnee County is one of the local sites working with Juniper Gardens on an early communication research project. Dr. Walker was complimentary of the collaboration that has evolved as a result of this effort.

#### Child Care Issues – Chris Ross-Baze, KDHE

Chris spoke to us about Lexi's Law, which began as SB 447. It has now evolved into Senate Substitute for HB 2356. This legislation would eliminate the current category of registered child care home (about 2500 homes currently). All child care would become licensed. No changes are proposed in adult-child ratios or in the provision of informal child care by relatives. There is language pertaining to supervision of children. Exceptions are made for providers that are visually challenged. Current child care facilities that are in good standing would have fewer inspections for a few years during the implementation of the changes. Eventually, a risk-based system would be developed to determine the frequency of inspections.

In response to questions, Chris answered that training would continue to be done on a face-to-face basis at the local level. This bill will be worked again on the Senate floor (with the new S Sub for HB 2356 number) next week. We are hopeful of passage before the end of the session.

#### Memorandum of Agreement among the Council and State Agencies

Dr. Horn gave a brief history of the MOA. Although in the past this document had been fairly simple, last year outcome measures were added. The Executive Committee has been discussing this, and wishes to report to the full Council with ample opportunity for others to comment before completion of the next annual document. Kathy K-O urged us to consider coordinating with the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC). Questions arose around the timing of this document, the strategic planning session, our annual report, appointments, and other issues.

Dr. Walker encouraged us to condense the narrative used in this informal version of the document for a more concise formal MOA in its final format. Dr. Horn and staff will contact Agency representatives very soon to set up a meeting to work on the next MOA document.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Public Awareness Committee

March 10 was the 2010 version of tiny-k Day. We have little confidence that all the efforts and activity were reported to us. We are certain that at least two-thirds of the Senators and one-third of the House members were contacted. This committee will meet again on April 12, at 3pm.

Amy Owens participated in the event. She reported a significant change from past years was that everyone knew of the tiny-k program. Our name recognition is growing. Amy found the ICC staff legislative updates to be helpful (in general) and requested that they come more frequently.

#### Improving Services Committee

Conversations centered around the recent survey of Part C networks. It was requested that the survey results be sent to all the ICC members. This committee plans to meet on April 7 at 10:00 am.

#### Policy Committee

Tom Laing, Co-Chair provided a written report (Attached below). Some discussion took place around social-emotional screening of young children. There is some question if referrals are being made to Part networks when results of such screening indicate a concern. Tom Laing made a motion that a letter be sent to SRS Secretary Don Jordan pointing out our concerns. We would hope that all Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) would be making referrals to Part C. Motion was seconded by Richard, and passed unanimously.

There was also some discussion around the impact of our state's budget crises on Durable Medical Equipment (DME). Persons who stay for too long in a wheel chair that does not fit are susceptible to serious sores/ulcers and expensive medical treatment for the same.

This committee is scheduled for its next meeting at 3:30 on March 14.

#### Executive Committee

This committee met to establish today's agenda. It will meet next on April 9 at 1pm.

#### KDHE Report

Carolyn Nelson provided a written report (see attached). Carolyn also announced that she is retiring, with a last day working for the state on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### KSDE Report

Carol Ayres handed out a written report (Attached below). KSDE offered to once again share orientation activities for new members at their leadership conference in Wichita next July. Carol will report extensively on the State Performance Plan (SPP) at the April ICC meeting.

#### SRS Report

Michelle Ponce was in attendance on the telephone conference call. She reported on uses of the federal ARRA funding. Her written report is attached.

#### Insurance Report

No report.

### KHPA Report

Scott Bears reported back on several questions from the February ICC meeting. On March 15, 2010 there were 14,705 pending applications for Medicaid or Health Wave (just over 10,000 of those are over 30 days old). There are also 9,365 pending reviews, and of those 7,126 are over 30 days old.

KHPA has had concerns from several DME providers over the recent budget reduction and DME program changes. KHPA has met face-to-face with some providers to discuss their concerns. Scott has advised the SURS unit about recent changes in the LEA program starting 7/1/2009.

### Staff Report

Staff reported on hand-delivering the policy statement on budget solutions to all 165 legislators and the Governor. Mr. Bowman has been asked to attend and speak at the next meeting of the SEAC.

Dr. Lindeman expressed his continuing concerns around maintenance of effort as required by federal law (IDEA).

### MEETING ADJOURNED

The next meeting of the Kansas ICC will be on Friday, April 23 in Topeka at the SRS Learning Center.

### **TASKS**

Set up meeting with agency reps & report back on meeting to full ICC

Done by Chair and Staff before April 23 ICC meeting

Write Letter to SRS concerning CMHC referrals to Part C networks when concerns arise around young children with social/emotional issues

Done by Executive Committee before April 23 ICC meeting



## Report to the Kansas Coordinating Council on Developmental Services

March 2010

### Parents as Teachers (Submitted by Janet Newton)

A parent as Teachers is 20 years strong! The original demonstration pilot sites that led to the statewide implementation of Parents As Teachers were recognized at the PAT Day, March 3. In 1988, the original demonstration sites were supported by the Kansas Child Abuse Prevention Council with funding to five communities including Pratt, Hays, Newton, Parsons and Leavenworth. Ronald McDonald Children's Charities provided funding for the pilot project. The Kansas Family and Children's Trust Fund also provided support. In 1989, Blue Valley, Kansas City, Shawnee Mission, Olathe, Turner, Baldwin, Coffeyville, Abilene and Jetmore became pilot sites along with the initial 5 sites. Based on the great work of the original demonstration sites, legislation was passed in 1990 and signed by then Governor Mike Hayden to provide parent education accessible for all families with children birth to age 3 through the public school system that was. The Kansas Department of Education also recognized Lynne Owen as the first Education Program Consultant for Parents as Teachers. Lynne provided leadership for the statewide implementation of Parents as Teachers for 15 years. Every one of the original demonstration pilot sites continue strong PAT program today. Since its inception, Parents as Teachers has provided services to more than 200,000 families in Kansas!

The Request for Proposals for Continuation Grants for Parents as Teachers is being put into a Survey Monkey format this year. As part of the RFP, KSDE is gathering information from PAT programs regarding their "level of collaboration" with community early childhood partners including Part C Infant-Toddler Early Intervention programs and Part B, Section 619 Early Childhood Special Education. We continue to support the strengthening of local partnerships in providing efficient and effective services to families and children in the community.

### Kansas Preschool Program: Four Year Old At-Risk Program and Pre-K Pilot Program

(Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Applications for the 2010-2011 year were received in early March and will go to the Kansas State Board of Education for approval at their April meeting. At this point, the amount available for the 2010 -2011 year is still \$5 million. The actual amount will be dependent upon the legislature. The Four Year Old At-Risk program is only accepting applications from current programs and is, at this point, not allowing increased numbers of children. This, too, will be dependent upon legislative decisions. The Kansas State Board of Education will review for approval at the April

meeting which is April 13-14. Letters will be sent out to both groups after the vote is completed.

The Kansas Preschool Program update is being shared with pre-k groups. A more complete description will be available early next fall.

**School Readiness Project** (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

The children who are in kindergarten this year will be followed into first grade next year (if funding is available). The Kansas Early Learning Inventory (KELI) will be used as it was for the kindergarten year to collect data from first grade students. Children in the Demonstration Early Learning Community early childhood block grant will be assessed this Spring using the KELI-4. We are looking at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade state assessment results for the kindergarteners in 2006-07. Results will be available in the fall of 2010. Future work is being discussed and information should be available in our first fall meeting.

**Early Childhood Block Grant: Demonstration Early Learning Community** (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

The present three communities (Liberal, Rossville, and Coffeyville) are now looking at sharing their lessons learned with new communities who have expressed their interest in being a part of the project. Meetings between interested communities and the current three communities will be set up this spring. A conference on the Kansas Preschool Program is planned for September.

**Section 619** (Submitted by Carol Ayres)

Two of three trainings on the Child Summary Rating Forms have been completed regionally in Kansas by KITS, KDHE and KSDE. There is one more training planned on April 16<sup>th</sup> in Newton. This will complete the training portion of our Improvement Activity to support more valid and reliable data in the Early Childhood Outcomes Indicators of the State Performance Plan for both Part C and Part B.

The state level program coordinators, including the Parents As Teachers program, Part C Infant- Toddler Services, Early Head Start, Head Start, Child Care Programs, Pre-K and 4 Year Old at Risk Programs and the Early Childhood Special Education (Part B, Section 619) continue to develop joint guidance and a Memorandum of Understanding to support local programs working collaboratively and cooperatively with one another.

Head Start, SRS, KSDE, KDHE state agency coordinators and the Technical Assistance Providers from Head Start and KITS are meeting regularly to strengthen understanding and develop guidance to support children and families enrolled in these programs in Kansas. Preschool programs and Parents as Teachers state level coordinators participate as well and update on any training that their programs are delivering.

**Homeless Programs** (Submitted by Tate Toedman)

No updates this month.

**Additional Early Childhood Updates**

A team from Kansas was accepted to attend the NAEYC's pre-institute event National Summit of States: *Fourth Annual State Professional Development Leadership Team Work Day at the 2010 National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development*. This event will take place on Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel, in Phoenix, Arizona.

The following Kansas team members are registered for this event:

1. Janet Newton, Education Program Consultant, Parents as Teachers, Kansas State
2. Department of Education
3. Gayle Stuber, Education Program Coordinator Pre K, Kansas State Department of Education
4. Carol Ayres, Education Program Consultant, Early Childhood Special Education, Kansas
5. State Department of Education
6. Bobbi Mariani, Director, Economic and Employment Support, Kansas Department of
7. Social and Rehabilitation Services
8. Tiffany Smith, Infant-Toddler Coordinator, Kansas Department of Health and
9. Environment
10. Jane Weiler, Early Childhood Director, Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
11. Cristi Cain, Kansas Project LAUNCH Coordinator, Institute for Education Research,
12. University of Kansas
13. Leadell Ediger, Director, Kansas Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

## SRS Report for State ICC Meeting

March 26, 2010

### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Project Update as of 03-24-10.**

1. **Family Share Adjustment** (10/01/09 through 09/30/10) and **Retroactive Family Share Adjustment** (planned to cover the period 03/01/09 through 09/30/09) One of the priorities Kansas has identified for use of ARRA CCDF funds is to provide supports to families. ARRA funding will be applied to the family share deductions of families receiving child care assistance to assist them with their out of pocket child care expenses.
2. **Customer/Provider Portal**  
The provider portal will allow Child Care Providers to apply for a license or registration with KHDE online as well as enroll as a provider of child care services for SRS customers. The provider portal will also give the ability to track provider training, credentials, certifications, and quality ratings.
3. **Health & Safety Promotional Fund**  
SRS is currently working on the development of an agreement with CCPT and AFSMCE to establish the Health and Safety Fund as per our signed agreement of 02-27-09. Three project tracks have been identified for this fund: 1) Facility-Equipment-Materials Upgrade grants; 2) Professional Development; and 3) Peer Mentoring program.
4. **School Age**  
SRS will partner with the Kansas Enrichment Network (KEN) for the development of Quality Standards for School Age After-School programs.

### **Procurement procedures are in process for the following Quality Enhancement and Infant and Toddler Initiatives:**

5. Activities and Initiatives to Enhance the Quality of Available Child Care
6. Infant Toddler Initiative-Increase infant-toddler child care slots
7. Kansas Early Head Start (KEHS) Continuous Program Improvement Plan .
8. Use of Technology for Child Care Professional Development
9. Market Rate Analysis, Child Care Workforce Profiles, and Child Care Career Lattice Development.

## **Additional Activities:**

10. **Infant and Toddler Initiative-** KDHE SRS is partnering with the KDHE's infant toddler services for the support of evidence based training and technical assistance to Early Childhood practitioners serving young children with disabilities and their families.
11. **KDHE Partnerships- BPI (Completion of a Business Process Improvement (BPI) Analysis)**
12. The original requirements and functionality for CLARIS were formalized in 2002. CLARIS went into production in 2004. A BPI analysis at this point in time will ensure that: Business processes have been reviewed and needed changes identified to ensure that the system aligns to these processes efficiently as they are currently enacted; The quality of the business processes and the quality of the data has been reviewed and needed changes identified; and Collaboration with stakeholders has been done to identify needed improvements and functionality given the length of time from the original design.
13. **KDHE Partnership-Automated Inspection Process**
14. With Stakeholder participation, KDHE will plan, design, develop and implement CLARIS enhancements to fully automate the inspection process. This would include computer hardware such as tablets or laptops, printers, carrying cases and necessary software to be used by the health department surveyors and district specialists to complete the onsite inspection
15. **KDHE Partnership- Child Care Systems Improvement Best Team (Best Team)** Funding to support the continued work of the Child Care Systems Improvement Team. Best Team funding for facilitation and associated work for 6 meetings in SFY 2010 and 5 meetings in SFY 2011/SFY 2012.



Mark Parkinson, Governor  
Roderick L. Bremby, Secretary

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## **Kansas Department of Health & Environment Report – March 26, 2010**

**Annual State Application for the Part C Grant** has been completed and is posted on the website [www.ksits.org](http://www.ksits.org) for 60 days. This 60 day period includes a 30 day comment period.

**Part C Infant-Toddler Mediation Training** is being provided to prepare six (6) people as Kansas Part C Infant-Toddler mediators. Marvin Stottlemire, PhD, JD, a litigation attorney, trained mediator, and group facilitator is providing the training. Dr. Stottlemire has provided mediation for Part C networks and the families they serve.

**Part C Coordinator's meeting** will be held in Salina on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott on 3020 Riffel Drive. The agenda for the day will include Part C data, Part C network 2010-2011 grant preparation information and the draft Part C Hearing Screening Guidelines/Resource Manual.

**KDHE Nutrition and WIC Program** is conducting eleven (11) training events across Kansas between March and August 2010. Approximately 475 WIC county health department staff will participate in two days of intensive sessions geared to provide ideas and motivation to make every WIC clinic experience a positive one for participants in the program. The WIC program is continuing to expand the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program. Currently 28 counties have peer counselors that provide one-on-one contact at critical times to support new moms who are breastfeeding. The goal is to increase breastfeeding initiation rates as well as duration rates. Infants deserve the best nutrition possible. And for infants that is mom's breast milk.

Nutrition and WIC added several important new foods to their food packages this past August. The new foods include fruits, vegetables, whole grain breads and tortillas; soy milk, and baby foods in jars that include fruits, vegetables and meats. These additional foods constitute the biggest change in the WIC food packages since

its inception in 1974. Updated nutrition educational materials have been developed that help participants make healthy choices in providing food for their infants and children. The program serves approximately 69,000 participants each month. Forty-nine percent (49%) of the babies born in Kansas receive WIC support and benefits.

Additional information about the KDHE Nutrition and WIC Program can be found at [www.kdheks.gov/nws-wic/index.html](http://www.kdheks.gov/nws-wic/index.html).

**SoundBeginnings Early Hearing Detection and Intervention** purchased Otoacoustic Emission (OAE) screeners for ten (10) Part C Infant-Toddler networks within this fiscal year. Training in the use of the OAE was also provided to those networks that requested this assistance. A draft Part C Hearing Screening Guidelines and Resource Manual has been developed and circulated for comment. When finalized, SoundBeginnings staff will provide hearing screening certification training for hearing screeners. A Part C Network Coordinator and a KDHE Part C staff person recently attended the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) conference in Chicago. SoundBeginnings paid their expenses (registration, travel, per diem) to attend this conference.

**The Kansas Make A Difference Information Network**, housed in the Bureau of Family Health at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), is a collaborative effort among the KDHE, the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), and the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). MADIN was established as an informational service to connect Kansans and service providers with resources for individuals with disabilities. Visit their website at [www.makeadifferenceks.org](http://www.makeadifferenceks.org).

Call and web requests for 2009 and 2010:

<b>MADIN CALLS 2009</b>													
<b>Calls</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Totals</b>
SRS	7	6	7	5	4	3	7	7	8	17	3	4	78
KSDE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	3	0	0	15
IT	12	17	10	11	14	13	13	11	12	1	4	5	123
Successful web requests		504	724	539	607	660	716	503	709	1059	955	709	7685

<b>MADIN CALLS 2010</b>				
<b>Calls</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>SRS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>KSDE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>IT</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Succesful web requests</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>not available</b>	<b>1299</b>