

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

**May 4, 2007
SRS Learning Center, Topeka, KS**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Alice Womack, SRS Representative
Sharon Hixson, Public Member
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member
Linda Kenney, KDHE Representative
Deb Voth, Provider Member
Nancy Krase, Provider Member
John Meetz, Insurance Dept.
Senator Julia Lynn
Dr. Linda Mitchell, Public Member
Julie Broski, Parent Member
Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Jennifer Spencer, KSDE Representative

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Richard Martinez - Chair, Parent Member
Dr. Dave Lindeman, Regents Representative
Tiffanie Krentz, Parent Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member
Tom Kohmetscher, Provider Member
Rep. Melody McCray-Miller, House Member
Patrick Woods, Governor's Representative
Scott Bruner, Kansas Health Policy Authority

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

Doug Bowman, CCECDS Coordinator
Gayle Stuber, KSDE
Anne Aytes, Nurturing Families
Amy Herring, Wyandotte LICC
Carolyn Weinhold, HS Collaboration
Kathy Johnson, Shawnee Co ITS
Lesli Girard, Families Together

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

In discussing the minutes from April 13, Mr. Bowman explained that a procedural mistake had been made. Council by-laws allow for the Chair to vote ONLY when breaking a tie vote. The draft minutes as distributed had already corrected this error.

Linda Kenney moved and Linda Mitchell seconded a motion to approve the minutes as distributed with one edit. The official minutes should reflect the actual vote taken and announced on April 13, that being 14-8. A brief explanation is also to be inserted. The motion passed Unanimously.

Linda Mitchell moved and Eva Horn seconded a motion that when communicating with the Governor, the official vote tally be recorded as 13-8, and that Richard's name be removed from the list of those voting. The motion passed Unanimously.

Staff was further instructed to prepare a cover letter and attach the comparison document prepared by the ICC task force. Motion made by Linda Mitchell, seconded by Nancy Krase. Passed Unanimously. This will be delivered to the Governor by May 7.

Final minutes on web site	Staff	May 7, 2007
Letter to Governor RE: lead agency recommendation	Staff	May 7, 2007

SB 11 and Medicaid settlement

Handouts were provided by both Scott Bruner and John Meetz. A discussion followed around some of the changes expected. The Medicaid settlement will no longer allow a bundled rate for services for children aged 3 years or older. Schools must convert to a fee-for-service method. Physician orders will now be required to claim Medicaid reimbursement for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy services.

Staff was instructed to ask KSDE to provide information to the ICC on the impact of the Medicaid settlement.

SB 11 included the statutory language to allow for newborn screening expansion. It also amended the Physical Therapy Practice Act to allow for direct access to services under certain circumstances. PT services found on an IEP or IFSP will not require physician orders.

Sound Start

The proposal was not funded by the 2007 Legislature, but will be studied over the summer in an interim committee. The Council still has questions. How many Kansas children are impacted with hearing loss? How can we avoid duplication with services currently provided by *tiny-k* networks? Conversations should continue in order to present a coordinated proposal.

It was reported that testimony included a survey citing 35 of 36 networks as needing further resources to serve young children with hearing loss. Kathy Johnson recalled that survey, and asserted that it was worded in such a manner to solicit a positive response.

Linda Kenney made a motion that was seconded by Sharon Hixson to request KDHE seek further clarification from the local networks on the need for more resources in this area. Motion passed Unanimously. Volunteers to assist in this task were: Eva Horn, Deb Voth, Sharon Hixson, and Margy Hornback.

Legislative Report

Mr. Bowman provided information on the recently completed session. SB 384, which might result in an Office of Early Childhood was inserted into a conference committee report and passed late in the session. Hearings and study will occur over the summer by the Legislative Education Planning Committee (LEPC). A report will be produced by the end of the 2007 calendar year. Changes, if any, would occur in 2009.

KDHE budget: The *tiny-k* program got \$250,000 in additional funding for state infrastructure, training, and technical assistance. There was \$800,000 to fund the enhanced newborn screening initiative, and \$200,000 for immunization outreach, mostly in WIC clinics.

KSDE budget: The second year of the school finance package was funded. Special education was funded at 92% of excess costs. Arrangements were made to compensate for the loss of Medicaid funds due to the settlement with the federal government, but we will watch it closely. Parents as Teachers received a \$250,000 increase to address the waiting lists found all over.

SRS budget: Early Head Start received an increase of \$1.6 Million to expand services. Pre-K pilot programs were funded for existing communities, and given a \$3 million increase to expand into new counties. One-half of a million will go to child care enhancements for the Resource and Referral system. The autism waiver was funded but not at the level requested by the Governor. Child care subsidy funding was increased to meet expected rises in caseloads.

Committee Reports

The Funding Committee met on April 24. It reviewed the meeting with Mike Murphy, KSDE auditor. Plans are underway to participate in the revisions of the KSDE audit guide, and to offer a breakout on Part C at the Special Education Leadership conference late in the summer.

The Executive Committee met on April 25. A written report was distributed. Ellen Mellard's resignation was announced to the full ICC. The Governor's Appointments Office has expressed a preference to handle the filling of this position with the usual cycle this summer and in the usual manner. Ellen's position on the Executive committee will also remain vacant till further clarity on ICC positions this summer.

The letter sent to Senator Kelly regarding Sound Start was briefly discussed. It provided an opportunity for a broader discussion of the role of the Executive Committee. This letter represents an example of the original purpose of responding when quick action was needed. The Executive Committee asks if it is over-reaching to go further in making recommendations for full Council consideration at the next meeting. The consensus was that these recommendations were helpful, but should always be given consideration by the full ICC.

It is requested that last winter's by-laws task force re-convene. The matter of proxy voting must be addressed. Review of language around Executive Committee seemed prudent also.

Strategic Planning

After discussion, it was decided to go forward with original plans to hold the annual strategic planning event on June 1 at the SRS Learning Center. Staff was instructed to confirm the availability of Rae Anderson as a facilitator. The meeting will start promptly at 10am, but everyone is encouraged to gather early to network. Staff will attempt to arrange for Mr. Duane Goossen, state budget director, to join us again. Invitations will be sent out to many of our collaborative partners.

Council members are encouraged to review last year's strategic plan. We may also wish to spend some time on mental health issues, as they seem to be gaining momentum.

Agency Reports

KSDE reported on recent efforts to fill positions on the Special Education Advisory Council. Colleen was not in attendance, because she is meeting with Special Education Directors on several topics, including: outcomes efforts in early childhood LRE, transitions at age 3, and parent involvement. As was reported earlier, the Categorical Aid Reimbursement Guide is under review, with possible revisions later.

KDHE gave a written report. The federal regulations for Part C are now out and available for public comment.

SRS provided a written report.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be June 1 at the SRS Learning Center in Topeka.