

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

**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**SRS Learning Center, Topeka, Kansas**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Members Present:

Ellen Mellard, Chair, NE KS Education Service Center  
Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center  
Carolyn Nelson, (representing Secretary Bremby)  
Gayle Stuber, KSDE (Commissioner Tompkins Representative)  
Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member  
Dr. Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas  
Regents Representative  
Susan Adams, Service Provider Member  
Senator David Haley  
Maria Martinez, Parent Member  
Karla Kenton, Parent Member  
Mark Tremaine, Parent Member  
Richard Martinez, Parent Member

Non-Members Present:

Claudia Shannon, Wyandotte ITS  
Deb Voth, Rainbows United  
Debbie Mai, Rainbows United  
Ryan Weir, KDHE, CDS  
Kathy Boyd, Osage Co. ICC  
Deanna Peterson, KDHE, CDS  
Joe Porting, CDS  
Karen Snell, Families Together  
Doug Bowman, Coordinator  
Patty Miller, Staff

Members Not Present:

Representative Brenda Landwehr  
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative  
Alice Womack, SRS (Secretary Daniels Representative)  
Robert Tomlinson, KS Insurance Dept (Commissioner Praeger Representative)

**Approval of April 2005 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair. Tom Kohmetscher made a motion to approve the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, meeting minutes. Seconded by Dr. Dave Lindeman; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The April ICC Minutes will be posted on the Kansas ICC website as amended.	Patty Miller	May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2005

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Ellen Mellard, Chair, NE Kansas Education Service Center, reported on her program. A handout was passed out, (Attachment A). The old Hiawatha program included Doniphan, Brown, Nemaha, and Jackson counties. She previously served Jefferson and Atchison counties. Due to fiscal challenges in the northern counties, the NE Kansas Education Service Center was approached to combine the two programs. This process began April 2004, and as of July 1, 2004, became one network. The Hiawatha office was closed and all administration moved to the Lecompton office.

Previously, the OT, PT audiology services were done through contracts with hospitals and private practices. It was difficult to manage this process. The contracts with these agencies ended September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004. The NE Kansas Education Service Center has hired their own staff.

New processes and procedures were developed by the NE Kansas Education Service Center. The intake process changed. They developed their own evaluation tool with the help of KITS. There is an on-line web form for the Individual Family Service Plans (IFSPs) and evaluations. The on-line form gives the ability for other community partners to access the information.

The NE Kansas Education Service Center was funded for an infant mental health grant to meet the social and emotional needs of children.

Recently, Ellen Mellard met with Special Education Directors. They have drafted transition agreements.

The NE Kansas Education Service Center now serves 145 children in 2004. There were 90 referrals from July 1, 2004 to March 2005.

The funding for the NE Kansas Education Service Center includes combination of State General Fund (SGF) Part C, Categorical Aid, Medicaid and some county mill levy money. The funding for next year will be \$11,000 less dollars than the current year.

Some issues facing the network include decreased funding, and increased numbers. Gasoline cost and reimbursement is another issue that will impact the program significantly. There is an increase in the number of children with significant, multiple disabilities. The number of children in foster care is also increasing. It is more difficult to obtain qualified staff.

## **FILLING ICC SEATS**

Doug Bowman announced Dr. Linda Mitchell, Wichita, will fill the General Public Seat that was vacated by Dr. Dave Lindeman. There are four seats on the Council that will expire in June-July 2005. The seats include: two parent seats, Maria Martinez and Karla Kenton, a general public seat, Ellen Mellard and a service provider seat, Sharon Hixson. Doug Bowman will send out over the list

serv to the local partners, information regarding filling these ICC seats. After receiving input, Doug Bowman will send a list of names to the Governor's office.

Doug Bowman stated there were changes in the federal law. The new regulations are due out December 2005. The Medicaid agency may transfer from SRS to the Department of Administration pending the Governor's action. If this occurs, the ICC will need to introduce a bill to change the ICC statute to reflect an additional seat to the Council.

Doug Bowman stated another requirement passed in the federal law include programs that provide services to the homeless.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Doug Bowman reported the Medicaid Legislation is on the Governors desk to be signed.

The Omnibus Session included a line item on child care subsidies. The number of persons applying for these services is going up. There was a Governors Budget Amendment (GBA) that was submitted to the legislators asking for an additional \$2 million for child care subsidy. This was rejected by the House. It was passed by the Senate Committee. It went on to the Conference Committee and was passed.

Doug Bowman reported there was discussion regarding *tiny-k* at the Committee level in the Omnibus Session, but no firm action. There was reinstatement of \$200,000 transfer from Smart Start to KDHE to pay for infant toddler services. This having happened in the first appropriation bill last month.

There will be oral arguments next week regarding the Supreme Court consideration on School Finance.

### **COMMITTEES and TASK FORCES**

**Funding/Finance Committee** – Dr. Dave Lindeman, Co-Chair

Discussion: The Funding Committee met May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Ryan Weir provided scenario formulas regarding Categorical Aid. Doug Bowman will provide information regarding categorical aid at next week's regional meetings.

**Advocacy Committee** – Tom Kohmetscher, Co-Chair

Discussion: The next meeting is scheduled on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, from 9:30AM to 2:30 PM. The agenda will be to review last year advocacy efforts, and to discuss future efforts.

Maria Martinez sent an e-mail to Doug Bowman with information from The Kansas Council Developmental Disability Concerns (KCDC). This group will go on the road to assist providers and

parents.

Maria Martinez attended the BIG TENT Coalition last week. This coalition has been successful with acquiring additional funds for waivers under Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) in Medicaid.

**Newborn Screening Task Force** – Doug Bowman for Dr. Chet Johnson, Chair

Discussion: Implementation of Senate Bill 418, utilizing data from electronic birth certificates. Reviewing what needs to be done in programming to assist in acquiring names of parents who have an infant that was born within a certain time period that had a low birth weight, a low Activity Pulse Grimace Appearance Respiration (APGAR) score, or other anomaly.

**Partnerships Committee** – Maria Martinez, Co-Chair

Discussion: No Report.

**Parent Leadership Task Force** - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: Maria Martinez and Richard Martinez, worked on a presentation at the KDEC Conference. May present in another arena and have opportunity to give information from their presentation. Maria Martinez is working on an orientation piece, on a model for new members.

**Interagency Agreement Task Force** - Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: Met on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Making progress on Part C Agreement. Doug Bowman stated they may have a draft form by the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, Strategic Planning Session.

**Ad Hoc Committee** - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: No report.

**Governmental Affairs Committee** - Tom Kohmetscher, Chair

Discussion: No report.

**Categorical Aid Task Force** - Dr. Dave Lindeman, Chair

Discussion: See Funding Committee report.

**Public Forum Task Force** - Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: No report.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the June Strategic Planning Session and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces Doug Bowman	June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2005

Send out over the list serv to the local partners, information regarding filling the ICC seats. After receiving input, send a list of names of interest to the Governor's office.	Doug Bowman	May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
Provide information to locals on Funding Committee discussions regarding Categorical Aid.	Doug Bowman	May 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , and 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2005

**COORDINATORS REPORT** - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Met the first week in April, with 80 persons of the Early Childhood Community working on a statewide plan.

The all day Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, located at the SRS Learning Center in rooms A & B. Registration will be at 8:30 AM. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. There will be a \$5 fee for lunch, and it will be a working lunch. The facilitator will be Vera Stroup-Rentier. A list of names was given for invitees to the Strategic Planning Session.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Send letter to Duane Goossen, State Budget Director, inviting him to present at the Strategic Planning Meeting.	Doug Bowman	May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
Send e-mail to CCECDS Members a list of names to review for changes and/or additions of invitees for the Strategic Planning Meeting.	Doug Bowman	May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2005

**CHAIR REPORT** – Ellen Mellard

Action items will be developed from each State ICC meeting and sent out via e-mail to the CCECDS Members within one week.

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT** – Carolyn Nelson  
A copy of the KDHE report was handed out, (Attachment B)

Discussion: Carolyn introduced Deanna Peterson, Part C Coordinator.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Part C Infant-Toddler Program has published, in the Kansas Register and on the Part C and B list servs, a request for comments on their current federal grant. The grant can be accessed on the KDHE website.

Part C *tiny-k* regional meetings will be held the month of May.

Funding for Kansas' Part C networks remains the same as last year. The formula distribution of these funds among the 36 networks for SFY '06 is attached to the KDHE report.

Monitoring of Part C *tiny-k* is on-going. The State has completed and forwarded a current Annual Performance Report (APR) and funding grant to the federal government. A six-year State Performance Plan (SPP) will be developed and forwarded to (OSEP) by December 2, 2005.

The Disability Rights Center will be hosting public meetings. The schedule is attached to the KDHE report.

**INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT** – Robert Tomlinson was unable to attend.

Discussion: No report.

**SRS REPORT** - Alice Womack was unable to attend  
A copy of the SRS report was handed out, (Attachment C).

Discussion: The \$2 million dollars in the Governors Budget Amendment (GBA) for the Child Care Subsidy is part of the final budget waiting the Governors approval.

SRS is in the process of holding public hearings for the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan.

SRS is in the final stages of implementing the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT).

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** – Gail Stuber  
A copy of the KSDE report was handed out, (Attachment D).

Discussion: The school readiness data collection is complete and the data have been sent to the statistician.

The Early Learning Guidelines committee is working to complete a draft for use with some interested pilot classrooms or programs this fall.

Kansas applied for and received the General Supervision Enhancement Grant (GSEG) to support work for the 3-21 year age group. Part of the purpose is to help the State meet the child outcomes and indicators.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next ICC meeting is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, in Topeka, Kansas at the SRS Learning Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Macvicar, South West East Circle Drive South, Building 2600, Rooms A and B. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. Registration at 8:30 AM. Dr. Dave Lindeman made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Tom Kohmetscher.