

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

May 7, 2004

Social and Rehabilitation Services Learning Center, Topeka, Kansas

Welcome and Introductions

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Non-Members Present:</u>
Ellen Mellard, Chair, North East Kansas Education Service Center Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member Carolyn Nelson (representing Secretary Bremby) Jane Weiler (representing Secretary Schalansky) Doctor Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas Center on Developmental Disabilities Mark Tremaine, Parent Member Richard Martinez, Parent Member Maria Martinez, Parent Member Karla Kenton, Parent Member	Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, North West Kansas Kathy Johnson, Shawnee County Interagency Coordinating Council Ruth Jones, Osage County Interagency Coordinating Council Karen Snell, Families Together Doug Bowman, Coordinator Patty Miller, Staff
<u>Members Not Present:</u>	
Senator David Haley Representative Brenda Landwehr Susan Adams, Johnson County Infant and Toddler Services Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative Doctor Chet Johnson, University of Kansas-Child Development Unit Bob Tomlinson, Kansas Insurance Department Marnie Campbell, Kansas State Department of Education	

Approval of April, 2004 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair. Sharon Hixson made a motion to approve the April 2nd, 2004, Interagency Coordinating Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Mark Tremaine; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The April Minutes will be finalized and posted on the Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council website.	Patty Miller	May 10, 2004

On behalf of the Council, Ellen Mellard presented Sharon Hixson a certificate to recognize her years of service as Chair to the Council from 2001 through 2004. Deb Voth, Karin Brownlee, Ethel Peterson and Mimi Nagle are recognized for their service as former members of the Council in addition to Sharon Hixson.

PUBLIC FORUM

Richard Martinez discussed the issue of no funds available to pay for speech therapist for a child who has Down syndrome. It was clearly stated that the needs of a child must be met, without regard to limited resources. Richard will follow-up with the parents, and will refer her to Families Together.

COMMITTEES

Governmental Affairs Committee - Tom Kohmetscher

Discussion: This committee will develop a legislative platform by July 1st, 2004. This committee will assist and provide ongoing legislative issues, that is, regulatory process, reviewing post audit reports, specific legislative action such as reviewing bills.

Funding/Finance Committee - Deb Voth was unable to attend.

Discussion: No report. This committee will continue to advise the lead agency for any potential changes in the funding formula for Infant-Toddler services.

Partnerships Committee - Maria Martinez

Discussion: No report. This committee will look at ways to strengthen supports to local lead agencies, local Interagency Coordinating Councils, and strengthen the role of parents.

Advocacy Committee - Debbie Mai was unable to attend.

Discussion: No report. Planning on a meeting in early June, possibly located in central Kansas. This committee will begin work on the 2006 legislative session.

Parent Leadership Task Force - Maria Martinez

Discussion: Persons going to Orlando conference in May 2004 are Maria Martinez, Karla Kenton, Richard Martinez, Mark Tremaine and Peggy Miksch. A plan will be implemented upon their return from Orlando.

Newborn Screening Task Force - Doug Bowman for Doctor Chet Johnson, Chair

Discussion: Senate Bill 418 creating a birth defect registry replaces House Bill 2350. Senate Bill 418 was signed by the Governor. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment may be able to obtain funding from the Center for Disease Control to implement this bill. Would need to have a plan B ready to implement the parent notification and information sharing portion of this bill, in case the Center for Disease Control grant funding does not come to fruition. Do not want to lose efforts of enhanced identification of children for Part C using data currently available. State Interagency Coordinating Council assistance will be provided to Secretary Roderick Bremby during the implementation phase.

Interagency Agreement Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: Discussed the Memorandum of Understanding agreement that outlines the amount of money that supports the Council. Agencies involved in this agreement are Social and Rehabilitation Services , The Kansas Department on Education and the Department of Health and Environment. Will work on generating support and obtaining additional funding for Fiscal Year 2006.

The second agreement regarding Part C services will be discussed prior to the next Interagency Coordinating Council meeting, and we will have a draft by the September retreat.

Categorical Aid Task Force - Doctor Dave Lindeman, Chair

Discussion: Will try to increase frequency of meetings through conference calls. Will work on a proposal for possible utilization of categorical aid. Continue to look at creation of a white paper regarding dissemination of special education money.

Public Forum Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: No report. Need to review language in the bylaws. Recommendations with revisions back to Council by September.

Ad Hoc Committee - Maria Martinez, Chair

Creation of the State Interagency Coordinating Council 20th anniversary celebration activities will occur before the next Interagency Coordinating Council meeting.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the next Interagency Coordinating Council meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces	July 16, 2004

<p>In case funding for Kansas Department of Health and Environment does not come to fruition from the Center for Disease Control, work on Plan B for portion of Senate Bill 418 that applies to previous Newborn Screening House Bill 2350.</p>	<p>Doug Bowman and Doctor Chet Johnson</p>	<p>September 2004</p>
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COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Senate Bill 418, creating a birth defect registry, passed and was signed by the Governor.

Proviso language added to the Budget provided that the Children’s Cabinet sends \$200,000 to Kansas Department of Health and Environment for Infant-Toddler services. This is to restore a potential State General Fund cut and a federal grant shortage.

The proposals for Special Education funding has varied from 82% to 100% of excess cost.

Met with Johnson County Local Interagency Coordinating Council and provided technical assistance to help them clarify when acting in various capacities and distinguishing roles.

The federal government is pushing for Early Learning Guidelines to be extended down from K-12 to birth. A group has been working on this for months. They hope to have a draft by mid-summer.

A Southeast Kansas Local Interagency Coordinating Council was charging a membership fee of \$10 per individual and \$25 for an agency pertaining to Local Interagency Coordinating Council membership. Discussion ensued around the appropriateness of this policy. A letter was sent to the Local Interagency Coordinating Council jointly signed by Peggy and Doug informing the Southeast Kansas Local Interagency Coordinating Council of the State Interagency Coordinating Council’s concerns. Doctor Dave Lindeman suggested sending another letter to the Local Interagency Coordinating Council. Tom Kohmetscher made a motion to refer to legal council to determine if in violation of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Seconded by Doctor Dave Lindeman; passed unanimously.

Ellen Mellard, Chair, discussed adding information to the www.kansasicc.org website. Additional information would include testimony and fact sheet. Doctor Dave Lindeman stated information would need to have clear descriptors.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Tom Kohmetscher made a motion pertaining to Local Interagency Coordinating Council membership to be referred to legal council to determine if in violation of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.	Doug Bowman	June, 2004
Add testimony and Fact Sheet information to the Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council website.	Doug Bowman Patty Miller	June, 2004

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETINGS FORMAT/SCHEDULES FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE

Discussion: Due to feedback from Committee and Task Force members, the Coordinator and Chair made suggestions for the Council meetings. Recommendation that the June Interagency Coordinating Council meeting be cancelled. The Council's July meeting will be held at 9:30 am on July 16th. This will allow for Committees and Task Forces to meet after the full Council. The August meeting will be done via teleconference to plan the final details of the September Strategic Planning Session. The September Planning Session will be an all-day meeting on September 10th at a location near Topeka.

Conclusion: Will begin new meeting structure July 16th at 9:30 am.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Explore process of Kan Ed Interactive TV session.	Doug Bowman	July 1, 2004
Sharon Hixson moved to approve the Interagency Coordinating Council meetings new format for June, July and August. Seconded by Maria Martinez.	Doug Bowman and Ellen Mellard	June, 2004

tiny-k FOUNDATION

An entity to do statewide fund raising on behalf of *tiny-k* programs met last week. This entity has been working with an attorney and Mike Maude, Partners in Philanthropy. Seventeen local networks were

represented at a meeting located in Junction City. Work continues on this initiative.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT - Carolyn Nelson

Carolyn Nelson handed out a copy of her report, (Attachment A).

Discussion: Peggy Miksch pointed out to pay special attention to the joint database between the Kansas Department on Education and Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the longitudinal study. It is acknowledged in the agreement that “use of the data is restricted to State agency use and the access to the educational records is solely for the purpose of audit or evaluation of a Federal or State supported education program.”

The Infant-Toddler Monitoring training will be held in Salina on July 15th.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Marnie Campbell was unable to attend.
None. No report given.

SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES REPORT - Jane Weiler for Alice Womack

Jane Weiler handed out a copy of the Social and Rehabilitation Services report, (Attachment B).
Discussion: The Second Annual Fatherhood Summit was held April 15, 16, 2004 in Topeka. The coalition, chaired by the Head Start Collaboration Coordinator will continue to meet and plan future direction for fatherhood initiatives in Kansas. Social and Rehabilitation Services will be involved in terms of formal activities.

Social and Rehabilitation Services, Kansas Action for Children, Kansas Department of Education, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Head Start will participate in the final School Readiness Indicators Initiative meeting in Rhode Island in May, 2004.

Educare Colorado, a tiered quality rating system for child care providers is being piloted in the Kansas City Metro Area which includes Miami, Wyandotte, Johnson and Leavenworth Counties in Kansas. Funding to make facility or equipment improvements is also available to these sites. Social and Rehabilitation Services may put together an issue paper to request additional dollars in the budget for Fiscal Year 2006 that would support a statewide system built around Educare.

The Kansas Head Start Association was awarded a contract to implement home visitor training statewide for all agencies and community partners who use home visitors to deliver services.

The eleven current Social and Rehabilitation Services Areas will merge into six Social and Rehabilitation Services Regions.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT - Robert Tomlinson was unable to attend
Discussion: None, no report given.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer discussed the Kansas Yes I Can Award sponsored by the Kansas Federal Council of Exceptional Children 2004, (Attachment C). This award honors a child or youth with disabilities who has made outstanding achievements. This award was established to acknowledge the achievements of a child or youth with disabilities; to overcome barriers caused by public misconceptions; to encourage children and youth with disabilities to seek their highest potential; and to increase public awareness.

Maria Martinez discussed the fiscal policy and advocacy training sponsored by Kansas Action for Children. Dates for the training are May 25th from 9:30 to 3:00 pm in Garden City, June 1st in Topeka and June 10th in Wichita.

ADJOURNMENT

If you have input regarding the Strategic Plan Retreat, please report to Doug Bowman. The Retreat is scheduled for September 10th. Location will be decided. Jim Caccamo from the Kansas Health Foundation will facilitate the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next Interagency Coordinating Council meeting will be at 9:30 am, July 16, 2004, located in Topeka at the Social and Rehabilitation Services Learning Center, 2nd and Macvicar, South West East Circle Drive South, Building 2600, Room D. The Committees and Task Forces will meet following the Interagency Coordinating Council meeting.