

COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
November 7th, 2003
Meeting Minutes

<u>Members Attending</u>	<u>Others Attending</u>
Sharon Hixson, Chair, Russell Child Development Center Deb Voth, Rainbows United, Wichita Peggy Miksch (representing Secretary Bremby) Alice Womack (representing Secretary Schalansky) Susan University of Kansas, Johnson County Infant and Toddler Services Doctor Chet Johnson, University of Kansas-Child Development Unit Maria Martinez, Parent Member Doctor Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas Center on Developmental Disabilities	Amy Clarkson, University of Kansas Carolyn Weinhold, Social and Rehabilitation Services Paco Price, Rainbows United Linda Kenney, Kansas Department of Health and Environment Doug Bowman, Coordinator Patty Miller, Staff

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Hixson. Deb Voth joined the meeting via speaker phone. There was not a quorum, therefore the October 3rd, 2003, Interagency Coordinating Council meeting minutes were not approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

Sharon Hixson asked about follow-up with Janet Newton, Child Care Licensing, regarding inclusion of children with disabilities. There has been no response yet. Sharon Hixson discussed a requirement that involves six college credit hours. Susan Kunard mentioned that the Midwest Whole Child Development Group is working on child care training issues. Susan will follow-up and will send information to Peggy Miksch.

Doctor Chet Johnson suggested writing a letter to Jonathan Jantz, President of the Kansas Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics, outlining concerns about children with special needs. The Academy of Pediatrics has a priority on access to child care for children with mental health issues. Healthy Child Care America has priorities to link health care consultants and child care.

STRATEGIC PLAN

There was a taskforce that met on the draft strategic plan. See attachment A. The plan was reduced down to three categories, that is, Fiscal, Advocacy and Partnerships. Each category includes tasks with timelines and how to measure each task. The Strategic plan will be reviewed again at the December Interagency Coordinating Council meeting.

Doctor Dave Lindeman discussed creating committees in line with the strategic plan. Other Ad Hoc committees (or task forces) could be added to focus on specific issues. Each member of the Council should be on one of the three standing committees. Doug Bowan passed around a sheet for members to sign up on committees. If Council members do not sign up for a committee, you will be assigned to one.

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Doug Bowman explained there is a new staff member responsible for the Governor's appointments. Doug will continue to check on the new appointments to the Council. Other entities report waiting for appointments, as well.

The Governor's Budget Efficiency Savings Team will have a report out soon. The number one priority in the area of education will be early learning opportunities.

The Kansas Early Education Partners are refining their process in determining their legislative agenda. The *tiny-k* funding made the top three list. There will be another meeting before a final decision is made.

BIG TENT Coalition is working on the issue to regionalize the state by senate districts. Their legislative strategy will have emphasis upon waiting lists for Medicaid waivers.

The Children's Cabinet will request a total of \$10 million for Smart Start for next fiscal year. The Interagency Coordinating Council will send them a letter asking for dates of 2004 meetings so that we can have a presence at their meetings.

The Interagency Coordinating Council discussed the 2004 meeting schedule. It was decided to meet monthly January through May 2004 in Topeka. The format will be 10:00 to 12:00 committee meetings. Next we'll have lunch; then the Council will meet from 1:00 to 3:00. The Interagency Coordinating Council meetings from June through December 2004 will meet less frequently (to be determined) and at a couple of different locations.

Doug Bowman and Karla Kenton along with other agency staff persons went to Washington, District of Columbia, for the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Conference earlier this month.

Doug Bowman attended a session on the State of Kansas Office of Special Education Programs plan for addressing problems in services for children three to five in the Least Restrictive Environment.

There was discussion on Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The bill has been passed by the House and is waiting action on the Senate floor. There was discussion regarding the foster care provision. Language would require children aged birth to three in foster care be referred to Part C for evaluations. Doug stated the need to meet with Social and Rehabilitation Services staff to discuss this issue.

COMMITTEES

Funding Committee -

The Funding Committee discussed *tiny-k* and how to present the data. There will be spreadsheets provided to assist in making recommendation to the Council of a legislative amount for which to advocate.

The Funding Committee will work on research for insurance statutes of other states about mandating for early intervention birth to three.

The Council is working on a taskforce for categorical aid to look at issues and to come up with recommendations.

Legislative Post Audit on Community Developmental Disability Organizations was recently released. There is concern of *tiny-k* networks losing funding.

Deb Voth recommended Joyce Cussimano be invited to the December or January Interagency Coordinating Council meeting to present SmartStart, and learn more about the Interagency Coordinating Council needs.

Deb reported the feds are doing a Medicaid audit. If bundled Medicaid rates are replaced by fee for service rate of payment for three to twenty-one year olds, there would be a huge impact. Deb suggested a letter be sent to Secretary Janet Schallansky, Social and Rehabilitation Services, thanking her for her leadership and support.

There needs to be discussion with Bob Tomlinson, Kansas Insurance Department, regarding getting his actuarial staff to begin a cost analysis of the insurance proposal. The next step would be to meet with revisors about language.

Advocacy Committee -

The Advocacy Committee is scheduled to meet all day January 20, 2004, in Topeka. There will be a dual track training with one for beginners. There will be an advanced version for persons that have already attended the training for beginners.

Newborn Screening Committee -

The Newborn Screening bill is in the Health and Human Services Committee. Doug suggested a meeting be scheduled with Doctor Lorne Phillips and Doctor Chet Johnson to work on a fiscal note.

Doug Bowman discussed the draft of special education funding in the early childhood arena and the overview of funding for early intervention services. The taskforce was directed to explore specific recommendations for special education funding strategies. The taskforce will continue to meet.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT - Peggy Miksch

Peggy Miksch handed out a copy of her report, (see attachment B). Peggy handed out a letter that went out to Part C Coordinator and Interagency Coordinating Council Chair (see attachment C). The National Parent Leadership Development Project for Interagency Coordinating Councils, funded by the Office of Special Education Programs, has been working with Interagency

Coordinating Council parents and many state Part C programs on the development of leadership skills useful to parent advisors.

If you would like information from the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System conference, you can locate it at www.nectac.org . (See attachment D).

An Infant-Toddler Coordinator meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. in Topeka at the Social and Rehabilitation Services Learning Center, Rooms A & B.

The Sound beginnings program will provide in-depth parent training for parents of children diagnosed with hearing loss.

Vision screening guidelines are to be submitted for task force approval.

Handout regarding child abuse prevention and treatment act, Public Law 108-36. See attachment E.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Marnie Campbell was not in attendance
No report.

SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES REPORT - Alice Womack

Alice Womack handed out a copy of the Social and Rehabilitation Services report, (see attachment F). There is an ongoing four phase process in an effort to improve customer service and streamline administrative processes. A statewide toll free number 1-888-369-4777 has been established for the convenience of consumers. Social and Rehabilitation Services will consolidate the current 11 management areas down to six regional management areas. Alice passed out a handout regarding a low interest loan program for Kansas child care providers through Development Corporation for Children from Minnesota. (See attachment G).

Social and Rehabilitation Services is working with Mid America Regional Council to discuss Colorado's Educare System and how it could be adapted for implementation in Kansas.

Action plans for the Zero to Three Infant-Toddler initiatives were developed.

The Kansas Head Start Association is establishing an Early Head Start Oral Health Initiative.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT - Robert Tomlinson was not in attendance.
No Report.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will be located in Newton, Kansas at the McKinley Administrative Center, 308 East First. The Administrative Center is located on first just before main street. There is parking in the rear, and we will have our meeting in the Board Room. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.