

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

**November 18, 2005
Curtis State Office Building, Room 540, Topeka, Kansas**

Welcome and Introductions

Members Present:

Ellen Mellard, Chair, NE KS Education Service Center
 Carolyn Nelson, (representing Secretary Bremby)
 Dr. Margy Hornback, KSDE (Commissioner Corkins Representative)
 Dr. Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas
 Regents Representative
 Sally Kahle, SRS (Secretary Daniels Representative)
 Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member
 Senator Carolyn McGinn
 Cindy Hermes, (Commissioner Praeger Representative)
 Tom Laing, Public Member
 Linda Mitchell, Public Member
 Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member
 Maria Martinez, Parent Member
 Mark Tremaine, Parent Member
 Julie Broski, Parent Member

Non-Members Present:

Linda Kenney, KDHE, BCYF
 Karen Snell, Families Together
 Deb Voth, Rainbows United
 Kim Strunk, DD Council
 Ryan Weir, KDHE, BCYF
 Deanna Peterson, KDHE
 Dena Bracciano, Douglas Co.
 Dawn O'Brien, Leavenworth
 KaAnn Graham, Reno Co.
 Doug Bowman, Coordinator
 Patty Miller, Staff

Members Not Present:

Susan Carriger (Adams), Service Provider Member
 Dr. Heather Rainwater, Public Member
 Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative
 Richard Martinez, Parent Member
 Nancy Kruse, Parent Member

Approval of October, 2005 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair.

Tom Laing made a motion to approve the October 7th, 2005, meeting minutes as corrected, deleting Senator Carolyn McGinn's name from the member not present list. Seconded by Tom Kohmetscher; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The October ICC Minutes will be posted on the Kansas ICC website.	Patty Miller	November 21 st , 2005

PUBLIC FORUM

Karen Snell, Families Together, stated there will be a conference in Wichita on December 3rd, 2005 and in Overland Park, February 11th, 2006. More information will be on their website. Karen had available brochures titled "Families Together Inc. invites you to a Parent Networking Conference for Native American Families that include a Child with a Disability". The dates are January 20-21, 2006, located at the Holiday Inn Holidome, Topeka, KS.

Kim Strunk, Developmental Disability Council, passed out a brochure titled "Partners In Policymaking". Partners in Policymaking is an innovative leadership training program for adults with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities. Partners in Policymaking provide up-to-date information, leadership training, and skill building. Participants learn about the local, state, and national issues that affect systems change at these levels.

Dena Bracciano, met with a few other Part C Coordinators to discuss different issues going on in the local networks. Many local networks have had to do fund raisers to make money to meet their budgets. Dena asked the State ICC to provide them with technical assistance in terms of research in avenues for fiscal resources.

Julie Broski-Zakarian, stated that her experience with 0-3 was problems with the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), and getting services in the classroom.

Doug Bowman, Carolyn Nelson, Margy Hornback, and Ellen Mellard will follow-up on the comments, i.e., funding and survival of local programs, and LRE. Ellen Mellard, and Doug Bowman will report back to the Council. Carolyn Nelson mentioned the State can provide training information for the local networks related to county mill levy and insurance billing.

Ryan Weir, KDHE, discussed the history of the State Performance Plan. The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), requires an annual review of the plan. With reauthorization last year, OSEP has come up with a new strategy, the Six Year State Performance Plan. The Plan begins with baseline information supported by data, and then goes on to improvement strategies. Performance targets are set with fourteen separate indicators based on where we are now and compliance issues. The document was sent out to State ICC members for input. Changes need to accompany by written justification. Changes are due by November 30th, 2005. The plan is due to OSEP on December 2nd, 2005.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- Goal: 1** A change in teacher licensing for early childhood is under consideration.
- Goal: 2** No report on the quantity/adequacy of qualified personnel of IDEA services for children B-5.
- Goal: 3** The Funding Committee will meet November 28th, 2005, to discuss issues related to special education funds.
- Goal: 4** Doug Bowman will continue to go to interim meetings.

Also, we will review the State ICC statute and make recommendations for possible changes.

COMMITTEES and TASK FORCES

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

Discussion: The Funding Committee will meet November 28th, 2005, in Topeka, KS. The Funding Committee will discuss the issue of individual child contracts and the programs that access special education funding.

Partnership Committee – Maria Martinez, Co-Chair

Discussion: Sharon Hixson has resigned as Executive Director of Russell Child Development Center in Garden City.

Parent Leadership Task Force.

Discussion: Carolyn Nelson stated the Interagency Agreement MOU has gone to Carolyn Weinhold and Rhodanne Schiller, SRS, for review. Carolyn mentioned they will schedule a meeting.

Twentieth Anniversary Task Force – Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: Maria will send an e-mail to the networks to ask for any input of a parent that had been formally on the State ICC they may have contact with.

Advocacy Committee – Tom Kohmetscher, Co-Chair

Discussion: No formal report.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces	December 2 nd , 2005

COORDINATOR REPORT – Doug Bowman

Doug Bowman extended an offer to new members to discuss any aspect of the Council. Parent Members will have a teleconference a week prior of the State ICC meetings.

Met with Bob Corkins, Education. It was an informative meeting. Discussed ICC issues.

Doug will work half-time for next few weeks. Doug will check his e-mail daily.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Dr. Margy Hornback

A copy of the KSDE report was handed out. (Attachment A).

Discussion: Question and answers over attached information. Available on the website.
 Focused Assistance and Monitoring (FAM) summary
 Current District Status Report form
 Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Project: Student Readiness for School Executive Summary
 Individual Education Plans (IEP) meeting changes in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004 and recommended forms

Focused Assistance and Monitoring in relation to State Performance Plan indicators

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT - Carolyn Nelson

A copy of the KDHE report was handed out, (Attachment B)

Discussion: CFIT training for physicians and nurses. Scheduled April 28 via ITV locations throughout Kansas.

Web based family service coordinating Training is being developed by KDHE infant-toddler staff and KITS to complete requirements of a general supervision enhancement Grant (GSEG).

Part C Infant Toddler completed and forwarded to stakeholders for review a draft of its six year state performance plan (SPP). The final plan will be forwarded for appropriate signatures and then forwarded to OSEP for an in depth triage review to determine compliance.

The Governor’s Mental Health Services Planning Council formed in August 2004, is charged with examining pertinent issues in Kansas as they pertain to the children’s birth through age 18 population.

The Community Capacity Building Team presented a concept paper, attached, to the Health and Human Services Cabinet Team (HHSCT) on November 8th, 2005. The report proposes a pilot project in a Kansas county that will demonstrate to its communities “the ability of representatives from the HHSCT to collaborate with county and community organizations and entities to streamline and integrate planning process.”

Tom Laing made a motion that the Chair of the State ICC, write a letter to Secretary Bremby, regarding what level of funding was forwarded to the Governor. Tom Kohmetscher seconded. All in favor.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
A letter will be sent to Secretary Bremby regarding the level of funding that was forwarded to the Governor.	Ellen Mellard, Chair	

KANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT - Cindy Hermes

Discussion: No report

SOCIAL & REHABILITATION SERVICES - Sally Kahle for Alice Womack

A copy of the SRS report was handed out, (Attachment C).

Discussion: Child Abuse/Neglect Training for Child Care Providers. A proposal has been submitted to the Kansas Children's Cabinet by the KACCRRRA Infant/Toddler Project for funding to provide extensive child abuse and neglect training to regulated child care providers, both center staff and family child care and all unregulated child care providers who care for children receiving child care assistance through SRS.

Federal Improper Payments Initiative for Child Care. Kansas has been chosen to be the state to assist with the development of a State Control Self-Assessment Instrument to be used to evaluate all aspects of the program activities, including automation, personnel practices and environment, audit practices, and risk management.

Parent Leadership Conference. The Head Start Collaboration office, Children's Cabinet, ICC, KACCRRRA and KHSA collaboratively sponsored a Parent Leadership Conference on November 4, 5, 2005, in Topeka.

ADJOURNMENT

The next ICC meeting is scheduled for December 2nd in Emporia, Kansas, at the Mary Herbert Education Center, 1700 West 7th Avenue (1 block north of Dairy Queen that is on 6th street). The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM.

Eva Horn made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Tremaine.