

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

**November 2, 2007  
PARSONS, KS**

Welcome

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maria Martinez, Parent Member  
Nancy Krase, Provider Member  
Dr. Linda Mitchell, Chair, Public Member  
Gayle Stuber, KSDE Rep.  
Susan Carriger, Provider Member  
Deb Voth, Provider Member  
Tom Laing, Public Member  
Thomas Kohmetscher, Provider Member

MEMBERS ON PHONE

Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member  
Carolyn Nelson, KDHE Rep.  
Dr. Dave Lindeman, Regents Rep.  
Scott Bruner, Ks Health Policy Authority  
Julie Broski, Parent Member  
Dr. Letitia Taylor, Provider Member  
Bobbi Mariani, SRS Representative  
John Meetz, Ks Insurance Dept

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Richard Martinez - Parent Member  
Tiffanie Krentz, Parent Member  
Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member  
Senator Julia Lynn, Senate Appointee  
Rep. Melody McCray-Miller, House Member  
Governor's Representative  
Sharon Hixson, Public Member

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bowman, CCECDS Coordinator  
Anne Aytes, Nurturing Families  
Chris Miller, SE Ks Birth to Three  
Tammie Benham, Ks Parent Information Resource Ctr.

ON PHONE

Carolyn Weinhold, Head Start Collab.

Dr. Linda Mitchell, Chair started the meeting by welcoming everyone and called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Deb Voth made the motion to accept the minutes of 10/5/07 as drafted. The motion was seconded by Tom Laing. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Carolyn Weinhold gave a report on the positive recent Parent Leadership Training in Topeka. Dave and Linda also reported on the recent national DEC conference.

### **LOCAL STORY**

Chris Miller of Southeast Kansas Birth to Three reported on early intervention services for eleven counties in this corner of the state. On any given day, they serve about 120 children and their families. There are currently over 50 children at some stage of intake.

The program employs 15 staff, plus additional contracted services. This program services a large geographic region. In answer to a question, they utilize 10 different Local ICCs. Recent successes have included continuing progress on developing outcome measures and collaboration with their Part B colleagues. Challenges include recruiting and retaining professional staff. Funds for salaries are a big problem.

Chris also spoke about the difficulty in shifting the mind set of some parents from a medical model of services towards one which emphasizes training for parents/caregivers, who implement the direct services.

### **COALITIONS**

Eva Horn recently attended the meeting of the Coalition for School Readiness Executive Committee. She sought to clarify the Council's position concerning our policy not to join advocacy coalitions. We are definitely interested in the Coalition's activities and agenda, but affirm our decision to not formally join.

Questions were raised about the possibility of other organizations (KDEC, tiny-k foundation, or KASEA) joining this Coalition. Julie reminded us that there are many others with whom we need to be pro-active in our communication, not just this Coalition.

Nancy Kruse made a motion to write a letter to the Coalition for School Readiness. The letter would clarify once again the Council policy concerning joining advocacy coalitions. To further our collaboration with this particular Coalition, we would name Deb Voith as a liaison, with Linda Mitchell (or her designee) serving as an alternate. The motion was seconded by Tom Laing, and passed with only one nay vote.

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Tom Laing also reported that there was a very good chance that the Big Tent Coalition would include additional funding for tiny-k services in its 2008 Legislative agenda.

### **CMS LETTERS AND MEDICAID**

Dr. Lindeman reported on two recent letters sent to the US Center for Medicaid Services by the Council. The first one concerned the proposed prohibition of Medicaid reimbursement for travel and administrative expenses for school-based Medicaid/medical services. The letter had been earlier distributed in draft to Council members, with little comment.

The second letter commented on further CMS proposals that would emphasize the difference between rehabilitative services versus habilitation. This proposal would have a limiting effect on Part C programs and Part B programs in accessing Medicaid funds for needed services. Tom Laing agreed that the Council was correct in sending on our concerns. He believes that the proposed changes could have a devastating impact on our current system of services.

### **INTERIM COMMITTEES**

Doug reported on the recent meetings of the 2010 Commission and the Legislative Education Planning Committee (LEPC). They have moved toward a recommendation that Early Head Start, the Pre-K pilots, and Part C be moved to the Department of Education. The next meeting of the LEPC will be November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bowman also reported on the Autism Task Force meetings that have occurred. There have also been a series of listening tours conducted by KDHE staff to begin the process of revising the state regulations concerning child care licensing.

Dave made a motion that an ICC task force be created to provide comment to KDHE on the existing child care regulations as they pertain to children with special needs. The motion was seconded by Nancy Krase and passed unanimously. Volunteer to serve on the task force were: Deb Voth (Chair), Maria Martinez, Carolyn Weinhold, Tom Laing, Linda Mitchell, and Dave Lindeman.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Maria reported that the Partnerships Committee seeks additional members, they will meet later in the month of November.

The Advocacy Committee will meet at 10:30 on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Dave reported from the Funding Committee. He mentioned the CMS letters already addressed. An additional letter was recently sent to Colleen Riley of KSDE seeking to clarify two specific issues that arose in two separate Part C categorical aid audits.

Deb Voth reported from the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Bill of Rights task force. There are concerns with this proposed document. The task force is compiling these concerns and will report in December. She further reported that KASEA had recently voted against this policy document.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

Carolyn Weinhold gave a written report (see attached). She further remarked that Alice Womack will be retiring soon, and she requests that the ICC hold a reception honoring Alice in conjunction with our December meeting.

Gayle Stuber reported for Education. She notified the Council that a name change had occurred and they will be now known as the Special Education Services Team. She commented that the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was also looking at the Deaf/HH Bill of Rights.

Finally, she reported on the recent activities around the Expanding Opportunities grant. There is no funding associated with this grant, but ample technical assistance instead.

Carolyn Nelson reported from KDHE. (See written report) She further commented that the outcome concerning transitions from Part C to B at age three was the primary reason for the finding of “needs assistance” from the US Department of Education.

No reports from Insurance or KHPA.

In other business, Deb Voth remarked that the American Psychological Association is considering the elimination of its current exemption for school psychologist. There was some uncertainty if this is a change in terminology or actual practice. Staff will distribute information on this topic that will be provided to him by Council members.

Our next meeting will be Friday, December 7, 2007 in Topeka at the State Department of Education. It will be an Interactive TV session.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**