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**Joint Meeting of the
Kansas Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) & State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)
November 18 '09
Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) Board Room**

SEAC members in attendance:

Marcy Aycock, Ann Elliott, Janice Frahm, Lesli Girard, Bill Griffith, Neil Guthrie, Penny Hoffman, Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Karen Kroh, Shawn Mackay, Mike Martin, Larry Meyer, Colleen Riley, Anne Roberts, Vicki Sharp, SueAnn Wanklyn

SICC members in attendance:

Richard Martinez, Carol Ayres, Tom Laing, Dr. Eva Horn, Linda Kenny, Doug Bowman, Nancy Krase, Misty Van Nostrand, Jill Bamber, Dr. Pam Shaw, Cayla Wright, Dr. Tish Taylor, Tiffany Krenz, Julie Broski, Dr. Dale Walker, Cayla Wight, Sharon Hixson, Rep. Barbara Craft, Deb Voth, Dr. Dave Lindeman, Carrie Hastings

Guests in attendance:

Bert Moore, Lee Stickle, Dale Dennis, Misty Goosen, Lee Stickle, Dr. Gayle Stuber, Tiffany Smith-Birk, Rebecca Rosenthal

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Welcome

SEAC member Neil Guthrie called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) chairperson Eva Horn welcomed ICC & SEAC members to this first joint meeting, after which SICC and SEAC members introduced themselves.

Dale Dennis, KSDE Deputy Commissioner of Finance, thanked members for their continued support of students, noting the importance more than ever for cooperation in working for kids, noting the increase in achievement scores. He touched on the severity of current education finances noting that even with increased enrollment there is a \$450 million deficit, which affects mill levies. He expects that the Governor will make an announcement before the Thanksgiving holiday concerning 2010 funds. He also noted that the KPERS funding committee has announced a major effort to increase fund security. State statute contains language that says employee share cannot be raised unless new benefits are imposed.

**Approval of agenda
and minutes**

The SEAC agenda was approved as written on a motion by Janice Frahm, and second by Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer. The September 2009 SEAC minutes were approved as written on a motion by Larry Meyer and second by SueAnn Wanklyn.

The October 2009 SICC meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion by Sharon Hixson and second by Nancy Krase.

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Purpose of joint meeting

Colleen Riley commented that this first joint meeting is a way to share supports for students & families with disabilities, noting commonalities between SEAC & SICC and the lead agencies that each council reports to: KSDE and KDHE. One of the goals of meeting jointly is to ensure efficiency in supports & services. Today’s meeting would provide resources as well as accountability information for Part B and C lead agencies. She noted that this is the first year that there is one member serving on both SEAC & SICC – Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer. Tiffany Smith-Burk commented on her appreciation that members sit on foster care and early childhood positions which creates collaboration for a single system for kids who turn 3 years.

SEAC – description of history & role of the Council

Bert Moore, past SEAC Chairperson, provided background on the evolution of SEAC during his term from July 2002 – June 2008, noting that SEAC is made up of 21 members which includes agency persons, persons working in the field, and students or parents with a child with a disability. SEAC’s charge is to support the goals & objectives of the KS State Board of Education, as well as supporting grants from USDOE. SEAC is a very active organization making huge difference in the state indicators. More information is available at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2466>

SICC – description of history & role of the Council

Doug Bowman, SICC Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint description of the State ICC who’s mission is to ensure a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services available in Kansas. SICC was created in 1986 through KSA 74-7801 and membership includes KSDE, Board of Regents, Health Policy Authority, KDHE, SRS, parents, public members, and service providers. SICC maintains three committees: improving services, policy, public awareness. More information is available at www.kansasicc.org .

Resources for Early Education in Kansas:

KS Inservice Training System (KITS)

Misty Goosen’s PowerPoint presentation & packet of information included an historical overview of KITS which began as a federal project working with early intervention & early childhood sped professionals. Funding has changed from federal to KSDE/KDHE supported. Basic components for the project are collaboration/linkages, information services, training, technical assistance. KITS maintains the Early Childhood Resource Center & online catalog, as well as the KS Early Learning Document, and technical assistance packets of information (ie. IEP trainings, kindergarten registrations, Autism Spectrum Disorders, etc.). Plans for the future include Virtual KITS – to allow virtual practice. More information available at www.kskits.org.

KS Instructional Support Network (KISN)

Lee Stickle’s PowerPoint and handouts included KISN Project’s focus on tertiary support & training to service providers and families that works with learners that present multiple needs, specifically directed in the area of ASD and other neurologic

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disorders. Initiatives include training in autism interdisciplinary teams, Autism Diagnostic teams, transition assessment training; KISN training, Tiny K trainings, Summer Institute & Advanced Summer Institute; Autism Consultant Specialist Symposium. The MIS system reports 233 students with autism in 2009. Technical assistance includes: onsite consultation; intense support teams; regional autism consultants; national community of practice. KISN training series are recording and available through their on-line lending library. More information available at www.ksndsp.org.

P-20 Council

Dr. Gayle Stuber presented a PowerPoint presentation on KS Early Childhood Collaboration that includes birth-3, Parents As Teachers, Tiny-K – infant/toddler services, Healthy Families (KS Children’s Service League), Healthy Start, 3-5 year old programs, Head Start, 4 year At-Risk program; Pre-K Pilot program; Early Childhood Special Education Section 619 Part B; Migrant Family Literacy. The programs utilize KS Early Learning Guidelines & Standards to provide structure and continuity across early childhood settings – aligned with K-12 standards. Collaborative efforts include Institutes of Higher Education.

KS Division of Early Childhood (KDEC)

Dr. Dale Walker provided an overview of the organization established 30 years ago to provide developmental services to children age Birth – 5 children and their families. Activities include an annual conference, work on KS Quality Rating System, child find activities, and Early Head Start activities. More information available at www.kdec.org.

Public Comment

None received.

**SPP/APR Indicator update:
Part B & Part C**

Carol Ayres & Tiffany Smith-Birk provided a PowerPoint presentation that included information around SPP Indicators B7, B12, C2, C3, C4, C8: Natural Environment, EC Outcomes, Family Outcomes, Transition. Data & rating is accessed through EC entry & exit outcomes ratings, which is entered into the OWS system – from age 6 months to 6 years. Exit ratings for Part C can be the entry ratings for Part B.

Mock OSEP Verification Visit Summary

Colleen Riley & Tiffany Smith-Birk reported KSDE & KDHE’s ultimate goal is to improve outcomes for kids, as well as meet the requirements of IDEA. Accountability includes federal reporting which results in federal visits. In planning for a future verification visit, KSDE & KDHE collaborated in a 3-day mock verification visit with an outside consulting firm who’s focus was to review electronic data strengths, areas for improvement, and next steps for both Part B and Part B.

Agency & Council Members Reports: SICC

Carol Ayres reported on a variety of programs that serve EC families (B-5) – Parents As Teachers, 4 year old At-Risk, Pre-K program, School Readiness, Homeless, and other program information.

Tiffany Smith-Birk provided information around KS Early Learning Collaborative (through EC block grant funds) 12 communities; Ford, Finney, Cherokee, Crawford, Saline, Wyandotte, Johnson, Ellis, Leavenworth, Shawnee County, Harvey,

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Montgomery – partners were brought together to discuss inclusion.

Carrie Hastings reported the following on behalf of SRS:

- an update the application process for the SRS Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program which allows residents of not-for-profit group homes to apply for food assistance.
- KS DropINs Summit – SRS staff attended; student testimony was provided.
- Charts on temporary assistance to families: 30,000 in July '09; 37,000 in Sept. '09 – continuing to increase.
- Children in out-of-home placement: 5,638 children served – ages 16-18, and 1-3 yrs most served.
- CFS management team provided a report on some SRS tracking indicators.

Cayla Wright reported the following on behalf of Medicaid:

- Medicaid budget – KHPA website holds budget information. Cayla provided explanation of where the funds originate and where further cuts are expected. It is anticipated that the Governor will make announcements on allotments next week.
- ECI updates – nothing to report
- LEA updates – offering cost-based settlement paying up to the cost of services.
- HealthWave – backlog information is available on their website. The clearinghouse has been held-safe this year.
- American Reinvestment & Recovery Act (ARRA) funds update: Feds pay a percentage larger than states are required to pay. On-line applications are being implemented.
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Strategic Plan Committee reports

Improving Services – work on SICC's piece of the Strategic Plan is complete and work continues on gathering data from other agencies. The committee will meet again 12/10/09 @ 10:00 am.

Public Awareness report:

Sharon Hixon reported the committee is aimed toward preparing and distributing information regarding the impact of early intervention to a variety of audiences, including: legislators, other collaborative partners, and local communities. Two other activities within the plan are Tiny-K day and providing training for leadership skills to parents. Next meeting is scheduled for 12/14/09 at 3:30 pm.

Policy Committee report:

Tom Laing reported that the committee meets every 3rd Thursday; they continue to monitor use of ARRA funds. Looking at children who are displaced due to foster care &/or homeless – assuring access to screening and other LEA services.

Executive Cmmt:

Next phone call scheduled for 12/7/09 @ 2:00 to finalize the Strategic Plan & develop the agenda for December meeting in Paola at the Lake Mary Center; The following SICC meetings will be set aside in order to facilitate committee work: January & May, 2010, so there will not be a monthly meeting for the ICC those two months.

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Families Together report:

Lesli Girard reported on some of the services they provide: 1 on 1 parent assistance in KC, Garden City, Wichita, Topeka with 900 calls to date this year. Provides parent to parent support matching; parent weekends, IHE presentations; in-service presentations; statewide conferences in Wichita (12/5/09), Topeka (2/27/10)

Future role of SICC & SEAC

Summer orientation:

Colleen announced that in the past John Copenhaver (TAESE) has provided SEAC new member orientation during the KSDE Leadership Conference in July. Last year the SICC also received orientation by John. Colleen put forth to the SICC the offer that John would be available to provide these orientations again next year if the Council desired. It is best to schedule orientation when new as well as veteran members can participate together.

Annual joint meeting:

Neil Guthrie asked that both SEAC & SICC members set aside time at a future meeting to discuss whether to hold an joint committee meeting and what the meeting objectives should include.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm

SEAC Next meeting:

**January 12-13 '10 - 9:00 am
KSDE 2nd fl conference room**

SICC Next meeting:

**December 18 '09
Paola KS**



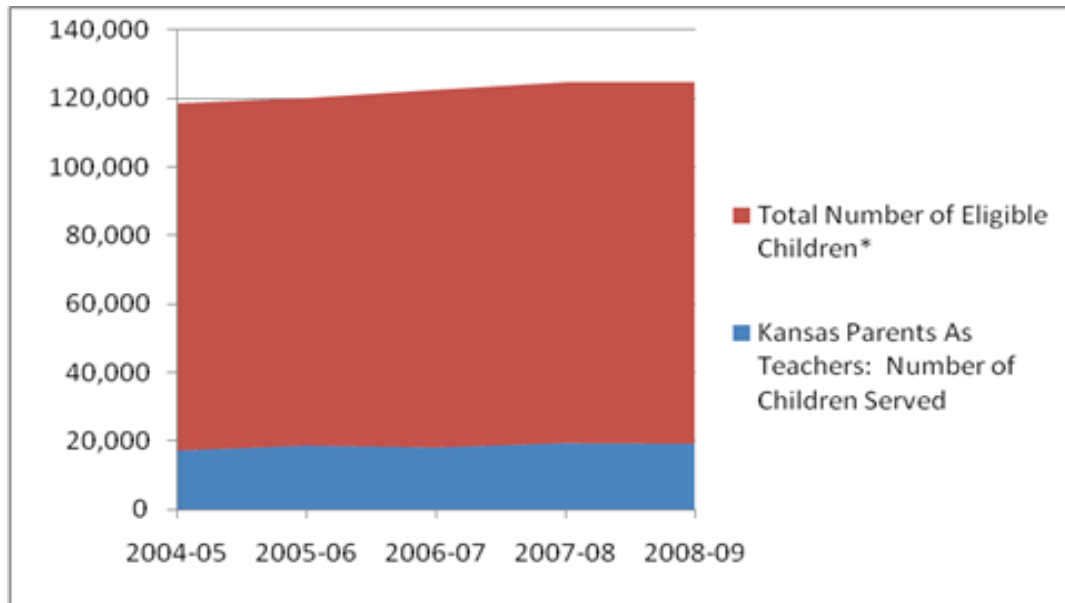
**Report to the Kansas Coordinating Council on
Developmental Services**

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Parents as Teachers (Submitted by Janet Newton)

- First steps are being taken by local PAT programs to align ethnicity and race data collection with the federal requirements to obtain KIDS (Kansas Individual Data on Students) numbers this year. Adding PAT children to KIDS will connect our children with the broader Pre-K to grade 12 education system and provide access to data to evaluate outcomes and further research opportunities. Kansas PAT Programs are also implementing the “Survey of Parenting Practice” with all families exiting PAT in 2009-10.

- This data chart indicates the number of children served by PAT over the past five years related to the total (birth to three) population in the state. Total eligible birth to three population was computed using the KDHE Office of Vital Statistics birth data. PAT serves about 18% of the eligible population of children.



4 Year Old At Risk (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

There are no new updates at this time. All programs are up and running.

Pre-K Program (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

There are no new updates at this time. All current programs are up and running.

School Readiness Project (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Kindergarten teachers received packets with Kansas Early Learning Inventory (KELI) forms for approximately 1900 children who were in either the Four Year Old At-Risk program or the Pre-K Pilot Program in 2008-09. We are following these children into kindergarten in the fall of 2009 and into first grade in the fall of 2010. There is some attrition due to families moving or children remaining in a preschool program rather than entering kindergarten, however we should be able to find a majority of the children. Some of these children will have an IEP and that information will be disaggregated in order to more completely look at that subgroup of children.

Approximately 15 early childhood special education classrooms will be included in the School Readiness data collection during 2009-2010. These classrooms will be selected by the beginning of 2010 and data will be collected including the child outcomes results plus the CLASS and the pre-KTP (classroom practices self-assessment) will be completed by the teachers. Results will be able to be compared with results from previous years of pre-k data (four year old at-risk; pre-k pilot program).

Section 619 (Submitted by Carol Ayres)

The State Performance Plan information was shared via a power point presentation with Part C. Three Part B early childhood indicators were discussed, Indicator 6 – Preschool Least Restrictive Environment; Indicator 7 – Early Childhood Outcomes and Indicator 12, Part C to B Transition.

I will be attending the OSEP National Early Childhood Conference in Arlington, VA, December 6 – 9, 2009.

Homeless Programs (Submitted by Tate Toedman)

There are no new updates at this time.

Additional Early Childhood Updates

MTSS (Submitted by Margy Hornback)

Misty Goosen, Margy Hornback and Judy Rockley, members of the MTSS Core Team, attended the 1st RTI in Early Childhood Summit held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 14 and 15, 2009.

PowerPoint presentations from the summit are available at the Center for Response to Intervention in Early Childhood (CRTIEC) website, www.crtiec.org. The sessions and topic discussions were helpful as the MTSS Core Team continue to update MTSS materials to reflect early childhood. The early childhood pilot sites are going through structuring activities this school year and will begin implementation activities in 2010-2011.

Early Childhood Block Grant/Demonstration Early Learning Communities

(Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Three communities (Coffeyville; Liberal; Rossville) are participating in an early childhood block grant that is integrating children from multiple programs across the community including early childhood special education, Head Start, community preschools, child care centers, and family child care.

Teachers have completed the fall data collection on the Kansas Early Learning Inventory for Fours (KELI-4) and will complete the pre-KTP teacher self-assessment and participate in the CLASS observations later in the spring along with the post-test of the KELI-4. Two classrooms are three year olds and the child results are Creative Curriculum outcomes which will be cross walked with the Kansas Early Learning Standards.

**SRS Report for State ICC Meeting
November 18, 2009**

Federal regulations that administer the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** (SNAP – called food assistance in Kansas) have special provisions that allow residents of not-for-profit group homes to apply for and receive SNAP benefits if otherwise eligible. (A group home is considered an institution. Residents of institutions are not eligible for food assistance with certain exceptions, group homes being one of them.) The person must be receiving disability benefits and the group home must serve no more than 16 residents. These regulations were written in approximately 1980. Since they were written, the service model for developmentally disabled persons has evolved. We now have community service providers (CSC) that work with a disabled person or group of disabled persons living in an apartment or home with the CSC being the HCBS provider. We have CSCs that are not-for-profit and those that are for profit. USDA has clarified that the group home regulations at 7 CFR 273.11(f) apply to community service providers. This means that residents of homes or apartments served by **for profit** CSCs cannot apply for or get food assistance if the CSC charges them for more than 50% of their meals. We discovered that food assistance benefits were being provided to residents served by **for profit** CSCs in several Regions of the state and as a result affected food assistance cases were closed. Since this occurred, one CSC has changed their business practice at one location to no longer charge residents for food. Based on the change in their business practices, it has been determined that residents can again apply for food assistance and cases that were closed are being reopened once a new application is

received. However where they are still charging residents for food, residents cannot get food assistance. This requires SRS to look at each facility location separately and make a determination based on the situation whether the residents can apply for and receive food assistance or not. This new clarification has been included in the October 2009 Kansas Economic and Employment Support Manual revision.

In October, SRS Economic and Employment Support staff attended the **Kansas DropINs Summit**. Children who drop out of school are more likely to need SRS services in the future. Kansas DropINs is a collaborative effort of several organizations who are committed to seeing all children in Kansas graduate from high school and are ready for the next phase of life. The group is comprised of over 25 public and private agencies from around the state. Their task is to develop a statewide action plan for dropout prevention. The vision is for every child in Kansas to graduate from high school prepared for life, work and/or postsecondary education, instilled with a passion for lifelong learning. The summit was held in Wichita on October 20, 2009 which brought together over 200 participants from these public and private agencies, in addition to children from Kansas who spoke about their needs from schools and communities.

SRS will explore partnerships with various organizations, including AmeriCorps, Kansas City Community College, the University of Kansas School of Education, KDHE, United Way and Kansas Department of Commerce. These partnerships may help identify current TAF recipients who may benefit from programs offered through these agencies

Statistics: DBHS

HCBS waiting list numbers as of the end of October 2009.

Autism waiver has 279 children waiting for services.

DD waiver has 2,048 persons waiting for services who currently receive no services and an additional 906 who are receiving some service but have requested additional services.

PD waiver has 1,505 individuals waiting for service.

Statistics: EES

EES's Public Assistance Report (PAR) provides current information on the multiple programs within the EES Division of SRS. The PAR is updated regularly on the SRS Public website at <http://www.srskansas.org/reports.htm>. The example provided in a separate attachment is a copy of the TANF Caseload and Expenditure Report through September 2009.