

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

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
SRS Learning Center, 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  
Jane Weiler, SRS (Secretary Daniels Representative)  
Susan Adams, Service Provider Member  
Maria Martinez, Parent Member  
Mark Tremaine, Parent Member  
Richard Martinez, Parent Member

**Non-Members Present:**

Linda Kenney, KDHE, BCYF  
Karen Snell, Families Together  
Kathy Johnson, Shawnee Co. ITS  
Deb Voth, Rainbows United  
Doug Bowman, Coordinator  
Patty Miller, Staff

**Members Not Present:**

Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center  
Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member  
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative  
Robert Tomlinson, KS Insurance Dept (Commissioner Praeger Representative)

**Approval of May, June, July and August 2005 Minutes**

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

Mark Tremaine made a motion to approve the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005, meeting minutes. Seconded by Susan Adams; passed unanimously. Maria Martinez made a motion to approve the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, meeting minutes. Seconded by Richard Martinez; passed unanimously. Jane Weiler made a motion to approve the July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, meeting minutes. Seconded by Carolyn Nelson; passed unanimously. The August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005, meeting minutes do not need approved as it was not an official meeting.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Will contact Governor's office regarding new appointments to the Council.	Doug Bowman	October, 2005
The May, June, July and August ICC Minutes will be posted on the Kansas ICC website.	Patty Miller	October 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2005

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Karen Snell, Families Together, stated there will be a conference in Wichita on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 and in Overland Park, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006. More information will be on their website. There will be family enrichment weekends and parent networking conferences. Some dates are November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in Kansas City, February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Garden City, and March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, in El Dorado, and April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, in Manhattan, Kansas. All dates are on the website.

### **COMMITTEES and TASK FORCES**

**Advocacy Committee** – Doug Bowman for Tom Kohmetscher, Co-Chair

Discussion: Maria Martinez stated HeadStart will hold a parent training scheduled for November 4-5. The parent training will include ICC, HeadStart, Child Care and SmartStart. The Keynote Speaker is Senator John Vratl. Doug Bowman stated there are not many reservations made. A message was sent out over both the Part C list serv and the Early Childhood List Serv October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Maria mentioned that this will replace the Advocacy Training for parents.

**Partnerships Committee** – Maria Martinez, Co-Chair, Sharon Hixson, Co-Chair

Discussion: Maria will contact parents regarding orientation looking at what is currently being done and things to look at to change and improve.

Maria will contact members of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force regarding the history of the State ICC. Will discuss when the next Strategic Planning meeting will be to work on invitations to be sent out to past members.

**Interagency Agreement Task Force** - Carolyn Nelson for Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: Carolyn stated revisions have been made to the Interagency Agreement. The next step is to meet and finalize. The agencies will need to approve.

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

Discussion: The Funding Committee met via teleconference September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Dr. Dave Lindeman stated staff met with ZoAnn Torrey, KSDE, to discuss possible changes in the process of distribution of Categorical Aid. ZoAnn Torrey indicated now was not the time to make any substantial changes in the way Part C programs access categorical aid. They discussed individual child contracts and the use of the Part C system. The Part C system growth is 25% accessing categorical aid, as opposed to 10% for the Part B system. KSDE would like the Part C program to look at their use of the mechanism and over time move away from using individual contracts and move to the FTE system for categorical aid.

Ellen Mellard, Chair, suggested that the committee develop a plan that addresses a statewide system that is equitable for all of the networks.

Dr. Dave Lindeman mentioned the need of representation from local networks with their point of view and the impact to them. Some of the areas mentioned were Johnson County, Rainbows, Salina, Sunflower, Kid-Link, Atchison City, MCKIDS, Liberal, and Leavenworth are programs that are the largest users of individual contracts.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the November ICC meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces Doug Bowman	November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
Seek volunteers on the Funding Committee for representation from local networks.	Dr. Dave Lindeman	November, 2005

**COORDINATORS REPORT** - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Doug Bowman reported on the meeting of the Joint Committee on Children’s Issues. Linda Kenney attended the meeting, and presented for several KDHE programs. Linda stated they wanted reports on all programs for children ages 0-5. They were looking for strong performance measures, outcomes, including immunization rates. Linda stated a person at the meeting was concerned about why so many services are undocumented. It is believed by some that there may be duplication in demographics.

Doug Bowman stated the Children’s Cabinet will reconvene on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005.

The Kansas Early Education Partners (KEEP) is scheduled to meet October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at noon. Deb

Voth will attend the KEEP meeting.

Doug attended the Early Learning Coordinating Council meeting. Linda Kenney attended the meeting. Linda stated there was a general discussion of the implementation plan. Part of the plan to focus on first is Goal 3, early learning, i.e., universal Pre-K.

Ellen Mellard reviewed the Strategic Plan. Goal: 1) Review any proposed changes in provider licensure and make formal recommendations to appropriate governing bodies ensuring adequate personnel. Dr. Dave Lindeman stated the licensure section of KSDE has recommended two additional early childhood licenses. This would be in addition to the unified birth through grade three. One license would be a unified birth through kindergarten, age 5. The intent is that it would become a permanent license in the State. The second license proposed is Kindergarten through third grade. As this goes through for approval then they will bring people in to develop standards. Then there will be a public comment period before a final decision is made. Issues were discussed regarding having multiple licenses for same age group.

Goal: 2) Complete an assessment of the quantity/adequacy of qualified personnel of IDEA services for children birth – 5. Doug Bowman stated no major steps have been made. Carolyn Nelson will provide figures on position data that will be collected. Doug Bowman will follow-up when he returns to the office.

Goal: 3) Develop data based recommendations for KDHE and KSDE regarding the distribution of special education funds. Dr. Dave Lindeman will continue to follow-up.

Goal: 4) As appropriate monitor all legislative (and administrative) activity for funding and policy changes in general education, special education and overall early childhood education. Initiate activities to implement any recommended changes. Doug Bowman stated we need to re-examine our ICC statutes to accommodate changes in Medicaid.

Goal: 5) Respond formally to Governor’s priorities and the comprehensive state plan for early learning. Doug stated a letter will go out in conjunction with the plan, the Early Learning Coordinating Council is doing. Some of the recommendations in the plan might impact some of our programs and kids and families.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Goal 1 - of Strategic Plan – Provider licensure	Dr. Dave Lindeman	January 1, 2006

Goal 2 – of Strategic Plan – Complete Assessment of IDEA services	Doug Bowman	January, 2006
Goal 3 – of Strategic Plan – Develop data based recommendations for KDHE and KSDE regarding distribution of special education funds	Dr. Dave Lindeman	Nov. – Dec. 2005
Goal 4 – of Strategic Plan – Monitor legislative (and administrative) activity for funding and policy changes in general education, special education and overall early childhood education.	Doug Bowman	December 2005
Goal 5 – of Strategic Plan – Respond to Governor’s priorities and the comprehensive state plan for early learning.	Doug Bowman	October, 2005

**SRS REPORT** - Jane Weiler for Alice Womack

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

Discussion: Child Abuse/Neglect Training for Child Care Providers – A proposal has been submitted to the Kansas Children’s Cabinet by the Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (KACCRRRA) Infant/Toddler Project for funding to provide extensive child abuse and neglect training to regulated and unregulated child care providers.

Kids Coalition (Child Care and Child Support) meeting is being held on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in Topeka. Advocates will determine next steps in approaching legislators and policy makers.

Federal and State agencies are collaborating to provide assistance to Hurricane Katrina evacuees. SRS will gain valuable information regarding how to expedite access to services.

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, SRS implemented statewide the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT). This is a new payment system for child care providers. Parents will use their vision card to transfer benefits to their provider for services.

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** – Dr. Margy Hornback

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

Discussion: Dr. Margy Hornback, KSDE, explained Gayle Stuber's responsibilities have changed. She will be in charge of the four year old at risk program and kindergarten readiness. Carol Dermeyer has been replaced by Patty Gray.

KSDE is continuing working on the Early Childhood Guidelines. A draft will be sent out by the end of November, 2005 or early December. KSDE will also begin work on an Instructional Manual in the spring.

The School Readiness Project is part of the whole school readiness assessment process. A survey has been mailed to 300 kindergarten teachers to collect data on the skills and behaviors of entering kindergartners and on their classroom practices. A report on the fall 2005 results should be available in late January or early February.

Early Childhood indicators on the State Performance Plan include:

- Percent of preschool children with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) who received special education and related services in settings with typically developing peers.
- Percent of preschool children with IEPs who demonstrate improved: Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);  
Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication and early literacy); and  
Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.
- Percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities.
- Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays.

The Special Education Process Handbook is currently in the development process.

Bob Corkins, the new Commissioner of KSDE begins Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Dr. Dave Lindeman suggested a meeting with Bob Corkins, Commissioner of KSDE, Dr. Margy Hornback, Ellen Mellard, Chair, and Doug Bowman.

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT** – Carolyn Nelson

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

Discussion: The Kansas Leadership Planning Group for Kansas' met on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The

physician training will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from 7-10 a.m. by KAN-ED video conferencing to 16 network hospitals and 7 KAN-ED district office sites across Kansas. Training support funding of \$4,430.00 from a Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Early Childhood Comprehensive Services Grant has been approved.

The KAN-ED network, administered by KAN-ED in the Kansas Board of Regents, was created to connect communications service providers throughout the state to provide basic network connectivity for all K-12 schools, institutions of higher education, libraries and hospitals.

Mary Ann Bechtold, a Health Planning Consultant in Special Health Services at KDHE, is writing a Grant called President's New Freedom Initiative State Implementation Grant for Integrated Community Systems for Children with Special Health Care Needs. A major goal of the grant is the development of a web-enabled application process designed to help families apply for multiple programs from a single point of entry.

Part C Infant-Toddler staff continues to meet with KSDE, OSEP, and MPRRC to develop a six year State Performance Plan and Child Outcomes Measurement plan/format.

Coaching is an interactive process of reflection, and feedback that provides supports, and encourages a learner to refine existing practices, develop new skills, and promote continuous self-assessment and learning. Under the direction of M'Lisa Shelden, PT, PhD and Dathan Rush, MA, SLP, authors of the Implementing Evidence-Based Practices in Early Childhood Intervention: Coaching in Early Childhood five Infant-Toddler networks completed coaching training in September.

In September, Infant-Toddler data meetings were held in three locations throughout Kansas for Infant-Toddler data managers and coordinators.

**INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT** – Robert Tomlinson was unable to attend.

Discussion: No report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next ICC meeting is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005, in Topeka, Kansas at the Curtis State Office Building, Crumbine Conference Room, Suite 540. The meeting will begin at 1:00PM. Dr. Dave Lindeman made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Tremaine.