

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

October 8, 2004

Social and Rehabilitation Services Learning Center, Topeka, Kansas

Welcome and Introduction

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Non-Members Present:</u>
Ellen Mellard, Chair, Northeast Kansas Education Service Center Senator David Haley Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member Carolyn Nelson (representing Secretary Bremby) Alice Womack (representing Secretary Schalansky) Doctor Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas Center on Developmental Disabilities Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative Susan Adams, Service Provider Member Marnie Campbell, (representing Commissioner Tompkins) Maria Martinez, Parent Member Karla Kenton, Parent Member Mark Tremaine, Parent Member	Ruth Jones, Osage County Interagency Coordinating Council Karen Snell, Families Together Doug Bowman, Coordinator Patty Miller, Staff
<u>Members Not Present:</u>	
Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center Representative Brenda Landwehr Robert Tomlinson, Kansas Insurance Department Richard Martinez, Parent Member	

Approval of July, August, & September 2004 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair. Tom Kohmetscher made a motion to approve the July 16th, 2004, Interagency Coordinating Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Doctor Dave Lindeman. Tom Kohmetscher made a motion to approve the August 6th, 2004, Interagency Coordinating Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Doctor Dave Lindeman. Maria Martinez amended language to the Listening Skills Exercise Lead by Parent Members section to the September 10th, 2004, Interagency Coordinating Council meeting minutes. Doctor Dave Lindeman made a motion to approve the September 10th, 2004, Interagency Coordinating Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Tom Kohmetscher; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
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The July, August, and September Interagency Coordinating Council Minutes will be amended and posted on the Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council website.	Patty Miller	October 11, 2004
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PUBLIC FORUM

Maria Martinez announced the reauthorization for the Assisted Technology Act passed on the federal level. The bill would appropriate \$410,000 per state.

Karen Snell, Families Together, mentioned Families Together is holding conferences for parents with the Parent Network Conference in Topeka.

Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis Treatment , in Kansas is known as Kan Be Healthy. There is a list of 33 services, (such as, transportation, case management, hospice, diagnostic screening services), that children are entitled to. Families Together received a call from Rocky Nichols. He expressed concern that according to federal law children are not receiving all services to which they are entitled.

Ellen Mellard, Chair, passed out a letter from Dena Bracciano, Douglas County Interagency Coordinating Council, Attachment A. The letter expressed concern for a family from the way in which University of Kansas Medical Center personnel presented assessment results to the family of a child from Douglas County. Discussion from this issue raised concern for training of staff in agencies and hospitals. Doug Bowman will contact Doctor Chet Johnson regarding ways to interface with medical communities to impact training of current physicians and new residents. Also, contact Mary Ann Bechtold to add item to agenda of meeting that will be held next month.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Contact Doctor Chet Johnson and Mary Ann Bechtold.	Doug Bowman	November 1 st , 2005

2005 STRATEGIC PLAN

A draft 2005 Strategic Plan was in the meeting packets. Doug Bowman stated the three fundamental goals are on target. The three goals are Advocacy Committee, Funding committee, and Partnerships Committee. As needed may need to create subcommittees, and task forces that operate under an umbrella. Doug Bowman mentioned the Interagency Agreement in need of attention is the implementation of Part C of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. There were sign-up sheets available for persons to add their name to committees. Doug proposed to add a co-chair to each of the

three committees.

Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative, discussed that Governor Sebelius is a co-chair with the Governor of Minnesota on the Early Childhood Workforce committee for National Governor's Association. A coalition of The National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, National Governors Association, United States Conference of Mayors, and the International City and County Management Association, mailed a letter encouraging funding for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and No Child Left Behind. The Senate has made steps to appoint conferees for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The Governor will be addressing the Head Start Conference in November.

COMMITTEES

Interagency Coordinating Council committees were discussed. It was decided to have a draft schedule for the November Interagency Coordinating Council meeting.

Governmental Affairs Committee - Tom Kohmetscher, Chair

Discussion: A draft is ready for discussion, and will be reviewed by the committee.

Funding/Finance Committee - Deb Voth, Chair

Discussion: Waiting on Supreme Court decision for School Finance.

Partnerships Committee - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: Met on October 8th, 2004. Follow-up on best practices for Local Networks from public forums of past year. Provide information for Kansas Fatherhood Summit scheduled for April 21st and 22nd in Wichita. Research funding through the *tiny-k* foundation. May be a project for an Early Childhood Special Education student.

Advocacy Committee - Debbie Mai, Chair, was unable to attend.

Discussion: Met on September 28th, 2004. Decision made to continue to work with collaborative partners, but need to have advocacy training. There will be two different tracks of training, and will replicate training same as last year. The training is scheduled for January 21st, 2005, located in the central part of Kansas. A basic and advanced training will be available with a birth to five emphases. The Advocacy Committee is planning an advocacy day the week of February 6th for a *tiny-k* day, birth to three.

Parent Leadership Task Force - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: Met on October 8th, 2004. Would like to put together an orientation package for new Council members. Work with families to work on a family workshop event.

Newborn Screening Task Force – No report.

Interagency Agreement Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: The Interagency Agreement regarding Part C services will meet on October 11, 2004.

Categorical Aid Task Force - Doctor Dave Lindeman, Chair

Discussion: Waiting on Supreme Court ruling.

Public Forum Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: No report.

Ad Hoc Committee - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: The 20th Anniversary of the State Interagency Coordinating Council, follow-up with Advocacy Committee, that is, training and a day at the Capitol.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the November State Interagency Coordinating Council meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces	November 5 th , 2004

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Doug Bowman stated the Senate Conferees have been appointed and are ready to move forward on Individual with Disabilities Education Act, but the House is not ready. It is doubtful that any action will occur before the first of next year.

The Smart Start Request for Proposals were mailed out. For the existing seven communities, there is a different form to submit for renewal than the Request for Proposals from the new grants.

As part of the Maternal and Child Health grant activity a meeting will be held October 26th and 27th, 2004, to look at planning at the state level for early childhood. (This meeting was subsequently cancelled).

The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center conference is scheduled for February 5th, 6th, & 7th, 2005. Carolyn Weinhold, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Head Start Collaboration, will sponsor a parent member to attend. The impact of election results will be discussed.

The School Finance Special Committee continues to meet occasionally. Awaiting Supreme Court decision.

The Legislative Educational Planning Committee is working on special education, and will be completed in a week or two.

The Joint Committee on Childrens' Issues has created a subcommittee with emphasis on birth to five issues.

The Full Joint Committee will be looking at mental health matters pertaining to foster care.

A letter was mailed to Doctor Reginald Robinson, Kansas Board of Regents regarding several options of the appointment to Regents seat on the Council. Waiting on decision from the Board of Regents.

Doug reminded Council members of the State Interagency Coordinating Council by-laws, Attachment B. If too many unexcused absences there are provisions to ask members to come back or to resign.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Charting member attendance to State Interagency Coordinating Council meetings.	Doug Bowman Patty Miller	Ongoing
Awaiting response from Board of Regents regarding filling the Regents seat.	Doug Bowman	

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT - Carolyn Nelson
Carolyn Nelson handed out a copy of her report, (Attachment C).

Discussion: The Part C Coordinator position has been posted for two months and will continue to have interviews.

Due to concern from Legislative members regarding "high" administrative salaries paid from the State funds programs, a survey was mailed out to *tiny-k* networks. FY 2005 Coordinator Salary Data reflects the result of aggregate salaries paid (Part C & Local) was \$1,284,960.19. The Part C contribution to Coordinator salaries was \$513,786.23.

The Newborn Hearing Screening Family Conference went well. Families who attended have planned "retreats" throughout the year so that they can keep in touch with each other and provide needed support and resources.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Reauthorization action may not occur before the first of

next year.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Marnie Campbell

A copy of Marnie’s report was handed out, (Attachment D).

Kansas continues to rank high in academic achievement.

The Autism Conference will be held December 2nd and 3rd at Kansas City Airport Hilton.

There is a No Child Left Behind Toolkit available online at www.ed4allkids.org/NCLB .

According to “Quality Pre-Kindergarten for All: State Legislative Report,” support for early education programs is increasing. There is a website at www.usmayors.org to look at comparative information.

There is a new Cross Currents Data Brief which describes indicators of development for children entering kindergarten. To view the entire brief, go to website at www.childtrendsdatbank.org .

SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES REPORT - Alice Womack

A copy of the Social and Rehabilitation Services report was handed out, (Attachment E).

Discussion: Social and Rehabilitation Services (Social and Rehabilitation Services) is in the implementation planning states for Electronic Benefit Transfer, the new payment system for child care providers that will begin in two regions in June, 2005. The system will be implemented statewide in September 2005.

The grant period for the National Infant/Toddler Initiative grant received by Kansas in 2003, will end in October, 2004. Pediatricians will be trained for the project in November, 2004.

Kansas Early Head Start Programs have been using the Early Communications Indicator to evaluate language development for children enrolled in Kansas Early Head Start.

Social and Rehabilitation Services implemented in October policy changes made for parents receiving child care assistance who use in-home child care. Parents will be required to contact Internal Revenue Services to obtain an Federal Employer Identification Number to verify that they are meeting their Internal Revenue Services obligations as an employer of domestic help before being approved for in-home care.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT - Robert Tomlinson was unable to attend

Discussion: None, no report given.

FUTURE MEETING LOGISTICS – Doug Bowman

The State Interagency Coordinating Council meeting scheduled November 5th, 2004 will be located in Marion, Kansas at the School District in the Board Room. The November 5th, 2004, meeting will begin at Noon. You can bring your lunch with you. The December 3rd, 2004 State Interagency Coordinating Council meeting will be located in Topeka, Kansas, at the Social and Rehabilitation Services Learning Center, Room A. Upon the request of Chairpersons for the Committees and Task Forces, will meet at 10:00 AM if time allows, December 3rd, 2004. The full Council will meet at 1:00 PM.

The 2005 meeting schedule was discussed, Attachment F. It was decided to continue meeting on the first Friday of each month with the exception of July and September. It was suggested to meet July 8th, 2005 and September 9th, 2005. Upon the request of Chairpersons for the Committees and Task Forces, will meet at 10:00 AM if time allows. The full Council will meet at 1:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Interagency Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for November 5th, 2004, located in Marion, Kansas, at the School District in the Board Room. The meeting will begin at Noon. Maria Martinez made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Alice Womack.