

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

**September 10, 2004
Annual Strategic Planning Retreat**

Welcome and Introductions

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Non-Members Present: Non-Members Present:</u>
<p>Carolyn Nelson, (representing Secretary Bremby) Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member Alice Womack (representing Secretary Schalansky) Carol Dermyer (representing Commissioner Tompkins) Doctor Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas Center on Developmental Disabilities Richard Martinez, Parent Member Mark Tremaine, Parent Member Karla Kenton, Parent Member Maria Martinez, Parent Member Susan Adams, Service Provider Member Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Developmental Center</p>	<p>Karen Snell, Families Together Charles Friedrichs, Marshall County Interagency Coordinating Council Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, North West Kansas Ed Henry, Clay-Washington Interagency Coordinating Council Carolyn Weinhold, Head Start Collaboration Deb Voth, Rainbows United Debbie Mai, Rainbows United Lona Foust, Infant and Toddler Services Riley County Sally Schneider, University of Kansas Betsy Baldwin, University of Kansas Mary Rupe, Sunflower Diversified Karen Rossetti, Johnson County Infant and Toddler Services Mary Schulte, Reno County Infant and Toddler Services Stephanie Diehl, Geary County Infant and Toddler Services Dana Romary, Ottawa Wellsville Infant and Toddler Services Kathy Johnson, Shawnee County Infant and Toddler Services Kathy Boyd, Osage County Infant and Toddler Services Ruth Jones, Osage County Infant and Toddler Services Deanna Berry, Russell Child Developmental Center. Duane Goossen, State Budget Director Jim Caccamo, Facilitator Doug Bowman, Coordinator Patty Miller, Staff</p>
<p><u>Members Not Present:</u> Senator David Haley Representative Brenda Landwehr Robert Tomlinson, Kansas Insurance Department</p>	

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

FINANCIAL STATUS BY DUANE GOOSSEN, STATE BUDGET DIRECTOR

State General Fund Fiscal Year 2005 chart was passed out. Attachment A. Shown on the chart are expenditures by function. From the State General Fund, Education receives 66.3%. Handout passed out regarding Outlook. Attachment B. For Fiscal Year 2005, the State received Federal Fiscal Relief. Also, the Federal Government assisted in payment of Medicaid bills for the past fiscal year 2004, for one year. The implementation of a Property Tax Accelerator pulled income forward for one year. All of these factors helped to bring the balance for Fiscal Year 2005 to \$327 million. The State needs to produce a budget next year that is no growth budget until revenues match expenditures. The projected beginning balance for Fiscal Year 2006 is \$210.3 million. There is hope that revenues will pick up. The State is not calculating an increase for school finance, K-12 unless there is a tax increase. The State would need extra revenue to make improvements in school finance. The State is awaiting Supreme Court decision on school finance.

AGENCY PERSPECTIVES FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Carol Dermyer, Assistant Director for Student Support Services, Kansas Department of Education.

Alice Womack, Child Care Director, Social and Rehabilitation Services.

Linda Kenney, Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Children Youth and Families, Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Alice Womack, Social and Rehabilitation Services, discussed general agency programs; prevention, partnerships, therapeutic preschool, child support, and mental health services. Child Welfare Division focuses protecting young children, including foster care special needs children. There was an agency decision to put child care payments on Electronic Benefit Transfer system. Early Head Start, a preventive program working with high risk children, and parents in home visits. A Head Start initiative includes minimizing the use of emergency room services. Social and Rehabilitation Services is working on a Professional Development System for Child Care Providers. Social and Rehabilitation Services is working on a Tiered Quality Rating System for Child Care Providers. Counties piloting in Kansas are Leavenworth, Wyandotte, and Johnson. A tiered system for child care assists parents in deciding on quality of care providers given.

Carol Dermyer, Kansas Department of Education, has experienced first hand the Early Intervention and Preschool Services with her family. Education has majority of budget, but currently are cutting back on teaching staff. There are higher caseloads and services. Kansas Department of Education is looking at combining programs such as special education, state federal programs including Title I and other title programs, together and support schools and families in a more collaborative way. Special Education Services has done a statewide selfassessment to look at all special education services across

the State. Have identified from data some needs and developed an improvement plan. One “needs improvement” area identified is Children with disabilities three to five years of age are educated with non-disabled peers to maximum extent appropriate. A standard is used to compare with national average. In Kansas 20 percent of children ages 3 to 5 are educated in early childhood settings. Linda Kenney, Director, Bureau for Children Youth and Families, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, explained the importance of looking at the reality of the fiscal issue. That there is no money, and how to make money available go further.

Programs in Kansas Department of Health and Environment that contribute to early child care are: Prenatal care and education, Newborn Screening, Newborn Hearing Screening, Developmental Screening, Nutrition and Physical Activity done through the Women, Infants and Children Program. Caseloads are going up significantly, which creates waiting lists. Through grants available, Kansas Department of Health and Environment works with Local Health Departments, and the American Academy of Pediatrics and others to assure children receive appropriate checkups. There will be initiatives on an establishment of an immunization registry in Kansas. Parents will receive notices of immunizations along with educational information. A bill 2161 was passed to expand dental hygienists to do work as dentists. Initiatives and guidelines set for Child Care Licensing Program. Breast Feeding Support is free and healthy for babies, need to support mothers. Seat Belt and Injury Prevention program gives importance of issue due to injury and death. Many in Women, Infants and Children program are working and have more than one job. Senate Bill 418, creating a birth defect registry, will enable to track and support families. In October will be a session under federal funding to continue Strategic Planning process, with end result a State Plan for the State of Kansas. Kansas Department of Health and Environment worked with Early Head Start, and Medicaid staff, and was able to take appropriate action to providers regarding the availability of lead screens.

INPUT FROM LOCAL PARTNERS

A training activity by the Council and Local Partners generated the following list of issues that should be our focus:

- Better Access
- Child Tracking Service Providers
- Wellbeing of Children
- Network of Providers
- Community Specialization
- Strong Voice
- Networking Seamless Flow
- Child Focus
- Single Point of Entry
- Family Support
- Family Focus Outcomes
- Advocacy, Politics, Finance

LISTENING SKILLS EXERCISE LEAD BY PARENT MEMBERS

Teams of two persons experienced a deep listening exercise lead by Maria Martinez, Richard Martinez, Mark Tremaine, and Karla Kenton. Deep listening is to connect groups with each other and build listening skills. After the exercise it was learned that when doing the experiment, that you should not interrupt when others are speaking. There was a lot of head nodding and eye contact. It was hard for some to not verbalize back to the other person. It was the consensus that when people create and build relationships better, our work is more likely to be accomplished.

RECAP OF THE PREVIOUS STRATEGIC PLAN BY STAFF

Doug Bowman handed out the Strategic Plan calendar year 2004. Attachment C. He reviewed the accomplishments from last year.

Doug Bowman handed out the Recent Accomplishments of the State Interagency Coordinating Council. Attachment D. He reviewed the list of accomplishments.

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL WORK ON 2005 STRATEGIC PLAN

First, the Council confirmed its endorsement of the three major goals:

- Fiscal
- Advocacy
- Partnerships

Jim Caccamo, Facilitator, proposed action steps for the Strategic Plan. Make tasks more explicit, identify indicators. Need to add Relationships under the Partnerships section. Also, add identifying key individuals under Partnerships, task No. 7.

Additional Topics to consider:

- Membership clarification, identify those who are excessively absent and remind them of the bylaws
- Educate Medical Community
- Vision Statement – do we want one?
- Training and support of professionals – Professional Development
- Share resources with partners for training
- Measures of accountability
- Enhance resources human and fiscal
- Identify potential legislators for Council membership
- Meet with Secretaries of Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Department of Education and Social and Rehabilitation Services, regarding increased revenue support for Interagency Coordinating Council

Doug Bowman and Ellen Mellard will generate ideas and will contact Interagency Coordinating Council members.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Interagency Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for October 8th, 2004. The Interagency Coordinating Council meeting will begin at 1:30 PM. The meeting will be located at the Social and Rehabilitation Services Learning Center, Room D, 2nd & Macvicar, Topeka, Kansas.