

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

MINUTES

KANSAS ICC MEETING

September 25, 2009, 1:00 PM

Shawnee County Library, Topeka, Kansas

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Eva Horn, Chair & Public Member
Carol Ayres, KS Dept. of Education
Richard Martinez, Parent Member
Nancy Kruse, Head Start Rep.
Tiffany Smith-Birk, KDHE
Sharon Hixson, Public Member
Cayla Wright, KHPA - Medicaid
Dr. Dale Walker, Public Member,
Bobbi Mariani, SRS
Jill Bamber, Parent Member
Tom Kohmetscher, Provider Member

MEMBERS ON PHONE OR
INTERACTIVE TV

Julie Broski, Parent Member
Dr. David Lindeman, Board of Regents
Deb Voth, Provider Member
Dr. Tish Taylor, Provider Member
Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Tom Laing, Public Member

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Coordinator
Kayzy Bigler, Families Together, Topeka
Kathy Johnson, Shawnee Co. – ITS
Kim Strunk, KS Council on DD

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Senator Laura Kelley
Representative Barbara Craft
Misty R. Van Nostrand, Parent Member
Jennifer Knorr, Governor's Rep.
Tiffany Krentz, Parent Member
Dr. Pamela Shaw, Public Member
John Meetz, Ks. Insurance Commission
Katherine Kersenbrock Ostmeyer,
Provider Member

NON-MEMBERS ON ITV OR PHONE

Karen Klemmer, Salina
Carrie Pierce, Salina

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Dr. Eva Horn, Chair to State ICC, called the meeting to order with a welcome and asked for introductions from those around the table and those present on the telephone or ITV.

ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sharon Hixson moved for approval of the drafted minutes for August, with minor edits suggested. The motion was seconded by Nancy Krase, and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM No one chose to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

A question pertaining to the concept of maintenance of effort arose at the July 30 meeting. Linda Kenney suggested we pose our question to the staff of KSDE. Doug will contact Carol Ayres with the questions, seeking further clarification.

In reviewing the suggestions made by Mr. John Copenhaver following our July 30th session, the Executive committee forwarded some comments to the Advocacy committee. A task force was created to address the other items suggested by Mr. Copenhaver. Volunteers were: Eva Horn, Tom Kohmetscher, Sharon Hixson, Dale Walker, and Tiffany Smith-Birk.

OUTCOMES FOR PART B AND PART C REPORTS

Carol Ayres gave an overview of the outcomes, with input from Tiffany Smith-Birk. There are two kinds of indicators: compliance indicators, which require 100% adherence and performance indicators, which allow a target to be set.

For child outcomes - a distinction was made those children who “narrow the gap” between their developmental scores and those of their typically-developing peers, versus those children who are able to eliminate that same gap.

This is the first in a series of presentations by agency staff to facilitate the ICC as it advises and assists the two agencies in reporting to the federal government.

KSDE Report

Carol Ayres handed out information detailing the outcomes discussion that preceded this. Refer to the written report distributed by Carol Ayres, and attached below.

SRS Report

Bobbi Mariani handed out a written report, which can be found attached below. Bobbi will provide some details on ARRA funding next month.

KDHE Report

Tiffany Smith-Birk was pleased to announce the hiring of Sabra Shirrell to the Part C staff. She also provided some information on autism services. Please refer to the KDHE Report, attached below.

Insurance Report

John Meetz had no report.

KHPA Report

Cayla Wright was present, but had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTSAdvocacy Committee

This group will change its name to the Public Awareness Committee. Much of the work will remain the same. Its next phone call is set for October 14.

Improving Services Committee

Dr. Tish Taylor gave notice of the conference call meeting on October 8, at 10 AM. She invites anybody interested about this, to email her at drtish@tishtaylor.com and consider joining the committee. Several persons expressed interest.

Kathy Johnson emphasized the importance of including the local perspective. This committee will consider whether a regular review of data fits with the mission of the committee.

Policy Committee

Tom Laing, Co-Chair had no report.

CHAIR REPORT

Dr. Horn reported on plans underway for the joint meeting of the Kansas ICC with Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) set for an all-day session on November 18. The location will be the State Board of Education room.

Staff Report

Mr. Bowman reported that Jean, his support staff, is now transferred to Part c staff. He will strive to make proceedings as normal as possible. The Early Childhood Stakeholders

will be meeting in Salina on October 16th. A grant award was recently announced with much of the funding going to Finney County. It is titled: Project Launch.

The Strategic Plan and our Annual Reports (two years of reporting) were tabled. The Executive Committee will review the drafts. We hope to finish work on these documents at the October ICC meeting.

The next meeting of the Kansas ICC will be at the Topeka/Shawnee County Library on October 23rd.

MEETING ADJOURNED



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND ENVIRONMENT

Mark Parkinson, Governor
Roderick L. Bremby, Secretary

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Part C Infant-Toddler Services Report

Health Planning Consultant Position

Sabra Shirrell has recently been hired at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) as a Health Planning Consultant for Infant-Toddler Services. For the past 10 years, Sabra was the Coordinator of Successful Connections, Shawnee County's Early Identification and Referral Program for pregnant women and families with young children. Before that, she was the Director of Children's Services at TARC, Inc. for 20 years.

Sabra graduated from Kansas State University in Community Services and earned her Masters Degree in Early Childhood Special Education at Emporia State University.

She and her husband, Alan, live in Tecumseh and are the Innkeepers of the "Old Stone House Along the Oregon Trail Bed & Breakfast". They have four (4) daughters and eight (8) grand children. Sabra can be reached at sshirrell@kdheks.gov.

Mock Verification Visit with Part C and Part B

Written report will be available at a later date
BRUSTEIN & MANASEVIT, Washington, D.C.

Kansas Birth to Five Administrators Summit

September 29, Courtyard By Marriott in Junction City,
For Administrators of Parents as Teachers, Part C *tiny-K*, Part B-Section 619, At-Risk Four Year Old Programs, and Pre-K Pilot Programs.
Collaborative learning opportunity to strengthen connections among programs providing services Birth to Age Five

Site Visits and ICC meetings with local programs

Six (6) recent or upcoming site visits- Leavenworth, Dickinson, Johnson, Jewell/Lincoln/Mitchell, Arrowhead West, PACT (Parents and Children Together Inc)

2 recent ICC Meetings- Rainbows & Dickinson

Autism Information

A. Kansas Instructional Support Networks (KISN)

Three two day trainings to prepare tiny-k, local education agencies and mental health professionals to administer the ADOS and ADI-R

Goals:

1. To build capacity in existing systems by training interdisciplinary teams to complete the diagnostic batteries of children suspected of having an Autism Spectrum Disorder
2. Once KISN is notified of a child who has screened positive for an ASD provide/arrange for local teams to provide diagnostic training, write a report of findings, and arrange an appointment with a physician within 30 days.
3. Extend the expertise of the University of Kansas Medical Center's Center for Child Health and Development and other Developmental Pediatricians throughout Kansas utilizing the telemedicine network.

Current Autism Diagnostic Teams include:

Garden City, Three Lakes, Beloit/Concordia, Hays, High Plains, Ensign, NWKESC (Oakley), Liberal, Dodge City, Salina, Russell, Junction City, Wyandotte County.

B. Project with KISN/KDHE to enhance training for Part C providers in serving children with Autism, through ARRA funds.

C. KISN will work within the Part C system in collaboration with KITS. A packet has been created on "Talking to Parents" specific to families with children with Autism and will be posted on KITS web site at www.kskits.org

D. Workshop supported by collaborative of local partner and other funding sources working in partnership with our state Technical Assistance in Manhattan. Responsive Parenting with Gerald Mahoney...specifically geared towards serving kids with autism. We have 51 people signed up for the workshop October 1 & 2. Ten Infant-Toddler/*tiny-K* Networks are represented as well as staff from PAT and EHS.

Evidence-Based Practice- Primary Coach Institute

Three-day Institute and six months of support and follow-up are being offered without a fee to the networks for the first time due to the support of the ARRA funds. Networks are still responsible for travel and other related costs of staff to attend the Institute. Questions or if interested in attending, please contact Ellen Pope at epope@kumc.edu

Dates: November 17 1-6

November 18 8-5

November 19 8-12:30

Location: Wyandotte County

SRS Report for State ICC Meeting September 25, 2009

- **Adoption Incentive Award.** Kansas has been awarded \$72,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in adoption incentive dollars because of increases in adoptions for children in the custody of the Secretary. HHS awarded \$35 million to 38 states and Puerto Rico for increasing the number of children adopted from foster care. States use the funds from the adoption incentive award to enhance their programs for abused and neglected children.
- **TANF Participation Rates.** To assist Kansas in meeting the federal work participation rate, and to provide TAF customers better access to learning, SRS contracted with Business Access, an on-line distance learning company. TANF Participants are given a laptop computer which they may keep if they successfully complete their assigned learning components. There are over 28 curriculum to choose ranging from basic computer skills to office manager, graphic design, human resource, customer services, etc. All participants are assigned a mentor and case managers stay in contact through the automated training hours reporting system. The Wichita SRS office has been the first office to provide orientation to eight TAF customers. After just one week, 6 individuals have logged at least 20 hours (2 have logged over 40 hours) on on-line training. We anticipate the other regions will begin referring TAF customers to business access and their results will be just as note-worthy.
- **Truancy Prevention in Crawford County.** Casey Family Programs, a national private foundation that supports a broad spectrum of child welfare programs, is matching state general funds with \$25,000 to help finance a truancy prevention project in Crawford County. Casey's investment in this program supports a partnership of PSU, courts and SRS in service delivery to school aged children. SRS continues to dialogue with Casey about investment opportunities to occur in Calendar year 2010 around community social service projects and service interventions that prevent custody and foster care.
- **Consolidation of Agency Protection Report Centers (PRC).** SRS currently maintains eight PRCs across the state, which receive reports of alleged abuse or neglect for Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services. In order to more efficiently provide this service, effective January 1, 2010, the eight PRCs will be consolidated to two locations in the Wichita SRS office and the Docking State Office Building SRS office. Statewide, the consolidation of PRC functions from 8 sites into 2 will yield a loss of 17 full time equivalent positions. The agency does not believe the consolidation will negatively impact our ability to

process abuse/neglect reports in a timely manner or will in anyway reduce our ability to respond to them.

- **Energy Assistance Customer Services Improvement.** Through a contract addendum, SRS will partner with USA 800 (CSE call center contractor) for the 2010 Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) season. LIEAP provides and annual benefit to help qualifying households pay winter heating bills and has traditionally been managed by SRS Regional Offices across the state. In 2010, USA 800 will accept and process all LIEAP applications. The goals of this new partnership are to provide centralized program management and data collection for more efficient and consistent processing of applications, to increase penetration rates for qualifying households, and to provide for program accountability in areas such as timeliness of application processing and issuance of payments.



Report to the Kansas Coordinating Council on Developmental Services

September 2009

Parents as Teachers (Submitted by Janet Newton)

PAT Programs will be implementing the *Survey of Parenting Practices* this year. The tool is a brief, parent friendly assessment to measure parent outcomes in the Parents As Teachers program designed by the University of Idaho. The Parents As Teachers Annual Coordinator's Meeting is Monday, September 28. Coordinators will get an update on the H1N1 & Immunizations by Patti Kracht, RN Education Manager with the Kansas Immunization Program, KDHE. The day will include opportunities for Coordinators to discuss and provide direction for the Kansas Quality Standards process, alignment of data collection methodology and provide direction for professional development activities with the Kansas Parents As Teachers Association (KPATA).

4 Year Old At Risk (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Programs are in place for the 2009-2010 school year. This year, each program will be asked to complete a matrix listing the various criteria each child meets in an effort to examine the specific needs this program is meeting. The 8 criteria are in the attached form. The dates are old, but the criteria have not changed.

Pre-K Program (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

The participating programs are the same as in 2008-09. This program has a community collaboration focus.

School Readiness Project (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Approximately 1800 children who attended the Pre-K Pilot classrooms or the Four Year Old At-Risk classrooms are being followed into Kindergarten this fall. Packets are being sent out to schools early October after the KIDS number information has been updated.

Section 619 (Submitted by Carol Ayres)

See the presentation materials provided to the council on Early Childhood Outcomes and setting targets.

Homeless Programs (Submitted by Tate Toedman)

Information from the field-most districts are seeing as many, if not more homeless students compared to this time last year. I also know of at least 6 districts that have identified homeless students for the first time this year. On October 29th and 30th the Kansas Statewide Homeless

Coalition will be having its Tenth annual conference on homelessness and housing at the Ramada Inn in Topeka.

Additional Early Childhood Updates

MTSS (Submitted by Margy Hornback)

The MTSS Symposium was held September 10-11 in Wichita. Session hand-outs from the Symposium are now available at <http://www.kansasmtss.org>. The first RTI Network Summit will be held on October 14 and 15 2009 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Summit will offer opportunities for participants to:

- hear from early education programs that have been implementing RtI models—their successes and lessons learned
- hear about the most up-to-date research on interventions and assessments relevant to RtI in Early Education
- engage with policymakers, researchers, programs about what's taking place around the country in RtI in Early Education, and what issues need to be considered
- see and hear featured speakers including Alexa Posny, Susan Landry, Scott McConnell, Virginia Buysse
- share material about RtI and informally network
- join the team and participate in the planning for future RTI Summits

Three Kansas MTSS Core Team members (Margy Hornback, Misty Goosen, and Judy Rockley) will attend the summit. The Summit precedes the Division of Early Childhood 25th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families.