

KANSAS INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

MINUTES

KANSAS ICC MEETING

June 25, 2010

SRS Learning Center, Topeka

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Eva Horn, Chair & Public Member
Carol Ayres, KS Dept. of Education
Tiffany Smith, KDHE
Richard Martinez, Parent Member
Rep. Barbara Craft
Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Michelle Ponce, SRS
Sharon Hixson, Public Member
Nancy Krase, Head Start Rep.

NON-MEMBERS ON PHONE

Scott Bruner, KHPA

ICC MEMBERS ON PHONE

Scott Bears, KHPA – Medicaid
Tom Kohmetscher, Provider Member
Dr. Dale Walker, Public Member
Jill Bamber, Parent Member

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Coordinator
Kayzy Bigler, Families Together
Kathy Johnson, TARC Topeka
Amy Morris, KU grad student
Marcie Eckhart-Charay, Children's Mercy
Carrie Hastings, SRS - HSSCO

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Pamela Shaw, Public Member
Julie Broski, Parent Member
Deb Voth, Provider Member
Misty Van Nostrand, Parent Member
Julie Broski, Parent member
Senator Laura Kelley
Dr. David Lindeman, Board of Regents
Dr. Tish Taylor, Provider Member
Tiffany Krentz, Parent Member
Ks. Insurance Dept. representative
Jennifer Knorr, Governor's Staff

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.

ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Nancy Krase moved for approval of the agenda as distributed. Dr. Dale Walker seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Tom Lang moved approval of the April minutes as distributed. Sharon Hixson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kayzy Bigler answered a question raised in a previous meeting. The Families Together web site is linked to the Kansas ICC web site. She encourages everyone to check it out, especially the trainings and events.

Tom Laing expressed gratitude to the legislators who maintained the coalition that passed the compromise budget and the one cent sales tax increase that made a balanced budget possible. He further expressed regrets that Representative Craft will not be serving in the Kansas House for District #65 next session.

Representative Craft confirmed that she chose not to run for another term.

Mr. Bowman is circulating a folder containing reading materials around the room. His intent is to offer information without consuming excess paper or filling e-mailboxes with unwanted stuff. Anyone wishing to receive a copy, need only ask and it shall be sent.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

KHPA Report

At the invitation of Scott Bears, Mr. Scott Bruner was able to give us a small segment of time to answer questions that had recently arisen concerning Medicaid.

The federal agency administering Medicaid (CMS) recently informed Kansas of a concern with our plan to provide school-based services. Currently, Medicaid reimburses for attendant care services, if it is called for on the IEP of a Medicaid eligible student. CMS was asking for consistency across all settings. The fiscal impact of providing attendant care services in non-school settings was significant (estimated in the excess of \$25 Million). So KHPA has informed school districts and special education providers (such as Inter-Locals, cooperatives, etc.) that these

attendant care services will no longer be reimbursed after July 1, 2010. A meeting to discuss this issue is scheduled in Wichita for July 28th.

In response to a question, it became clear that this policy decision could impact an unknown number of pre-school aged (3-5 years) children.

Mr. Bruner also spoke to the waiting list of those who have applied for Medicaid. Some of the KHPA resources that are currently being devoted to processing these applications will disappear after July 1st. KHPA is monitoring the situation with an eye toward maintaining compliance with federal requirements for a timely process.

Finally, Mr. Bruner spoke to the restoration of the 10% cut to Medicaid rates made last November as part of the budget allotments. This will impact services provided after July 1, 2010.

SPP/APR

Tiffany Smith and Carol Ayres led a discussion about the State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Reports required by federal law (IDEA). Our focus was the role of the Local ICCs in Child Find activities. Comments made included:

- In one service area (for Marcie) she has 16 counties and there are variations among the local councils that she is involved with.
- Seem to lack coordination
- Unclear who to go to
- What is the function of the group? Who needs to be a part of the group?
- Difference in the composition of the councils rural vs. larger communities
- The councils go by a “variety” of names – identity crisis
- What is the purpose of the local council?
- Contacts change and there is no system to update information
- There are different areas of focus (age represented; who is participating)
- KS used to be surveyed regularly by ACCK (Associated Colleges of Central KS) to determine the details of local ICC. This information was published and available to the public. (maybe 10 years ago – Sharon)
- Federal law doesn’t require Part C coordinator to be the council leader – the role of the council is to “advise and assist” Part C
- The role of the local chair is very important. It is much more than just conducting the meetings. They are seen as a leader in the community. (Sharon)
- Difficult to get parents to attend; agency staff is stretched thin
- Some communities have more inclusive councils (more programs represented, business and community leaders, PAT, Head Start, Part B, Part C, child care, mental health, health department). Range of ages to focus on varies.

- Can we suggest how they may strengthen the parent participation? Is there a requirement of the child's age? Maybe broadening our thinking on "parent" would help.
- Share information gained from the regional meetings with the local ICC
- Use information gained from Regional Meetings to support strategic planning
- Develop and share FAQs about the local council models
- Post information on the ICC website to support local councils
- Encourage "diversity" that matches the community to insure that there is good representation.
- Pick a couple of questions to have answered by all the site visits that occur in the next year. This "focus" will guide the next steps for communication/needs.
- Share best practices discovered through visits, regional meetings, conversations with the local councils, state ICC and others
- Address 2 or 3 main things (diversity, impact of the council on services, etc) Ask "is it a problem" and "how to you address it". Also allow for open ended responses and a place for the local council to share something they would like the state to know about their community council.
- Make this a part of the strategic plan, form a committee, may match with Public Awareness

KSDE Report

Carol Ayres handed out a written report (Attached below). Carol reminded us once again of the training activities for ICC members at their leadership conference in Wichita next July.

SRS Report

Michelle Ponce handed out a written report. It contained a summation of the budget decisions and their impact on SRS programs for FY 2011.

KDHE Report

Tiffany Smith provided several written reports. One detailed budget decisions, another announced that Kansas had "met requirements" for Part C od IDEA, and still another summarized Lexi's Law and its impact on child care licensing.

Insurance Report

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Each of the committees is wrapping up their year's activities. They will prepare a year-end report for the Strategic Planning Session. We agreed that this August 27th event will offer an optional orientation at 9am, but will otherwise run from 10-4pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next formal meeting of the Kansas ICC will be on Friday, August 27 in Topeka. There will be a training exercise in Wichita on July 29th.



Report to the Kansas Coordinating Council on Developmental Services

June 2010

IDEA, Part B, Section 619 (Submitted by Carol Ayres)

Support to the field to insure valid and reliable data for Early Childhood Outcomes continues to be provided. Districts are in the process of completing ratings for children who are exiting Part B preschool programs and entering the rating data into the Outcomes Web System. The reporting period ends on June 30, 2010. Districts will be busy completing the data entry of these students through the month of July and then verification that all required entries are made occurs in August. The KSDE Part B, KDHE Part C staff, and KITS staff support this process through technical support on the telephone and in email communications. The final report of the data will be created in early September and both agencies will begin to prepare the Annual Performance Report due to OSEP in February 2011.

As a part of the improvement activities for this Indicator, Part B at KSDE, in collaboration with KITS and KDHE are preparing new reporting functions that will allow districts and networks to access their data to determine areas for improvement. The reports and tools to support the process are currently being developed and will be available during the upcoming year to support program improvement.

OSEP has provided additional guidance to states regarding the Transition Indicator (B-12) and (C-8). Part B and Part C have been working together to determine the change in guidance that surrounds this information. Margy Hornback, who serves as the "Lead" for this indicator for KSDE has posted the document, along with the Kansas Q & A to support the changes to the indicator for Part B. These documents are available on the KSDE website.

<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2291> then scroll down to Indicator 12.

Kansas was among 37 states represented at the NAEYC Workforce Development State Planning Day. Representing Kansas Programs serving students birth – third grade was Tiffany Smith, Jane Weiler, Cristi Cain, Carrie Hastings, Janet Newton, Gayle Stuber and myself. Leadell Ediger was invited, but unable to attend.

The KITS institute held in June provided needed resources and information regarding second language acquisition and working with families from culturally diverse backgrounds. The four day institute was a great example of the way Kansas works together with the Institutes of Higher Education, state agencies, technical assistance networks, and local providers.

Homeless Programs (Submitted by Tate Toedman)

We have received good news that there should be a small increase of between \$30,000 and \$40,000 for the state of Kansas in McKinney-Vento Homeless Education money. We will find out officially the first week of July. If this is true most if not all of the money will go out to our 10 grantee districts that will be in the 2nd year of this three year cycle. We also hope to have our preliminary homeless numbers from school districts by the 1st week of July also.

The NAEHCY (National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth) 22nd Annual Conference will be in Houston, Texas at the [Intercontinental Hotel Galleria District](#) November 6-9, 2010.

The Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition conference will be in Hays, Kansas at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center October 20-22, 2010.

Kansas Parents as Teachers (submitted by Janet Newton)

The legislature's commitment to early learning programs continued into 2010-11 when at the end of the session, early learning programs funded through the Children's Initiative Fund, including Parents as Teachers, were level funded! The Kansas State Board of Education approved the recommended funding for KSDE Parents as Teachers Continuation Grants at their meeting on June 8. Seventy-two Continuation grants representing 195 school districts were funded as requested for 2010-11.

Sue Stelpleton, President and CEO of the National Center for Parents as Teachers, invited Janet Newton, KSDE PAT Education Program Consultant, to attend a Home Visiting Stakeholder meeting in Columbus, OH on June 11 representing PAT state agency systems on behalf of the National Center. Janet accompanied Jane Callahan, Public Policy Director at the National Center for

PAT to serve as resources at the Stakeholder meeting. Over 50 stakeholders from Ohio met to discuss the recently announced Home Visiting federal funding opportunity. The Public Health Agency, which encompasses Part C and Parents as Teachers and known as "Help Me Grow", was designated as the lead agency in Ohio for this funding. Ohio Public Health chose to blend the PAT model and *Born to Learn* Curriculum into their Part C services, in addition to providing PAT services to families not qualified for Part C. Discussions included defining "High Risk Community" in Ohio, information about existing Home Visiting Services including initial stages to develop a survey regarding those services, and the work that will need to continue to coordinate Home Visiting Services systematically. Meeting participants were enthusiastic about the growth of Home Visiting in Ohio and the expansion of PAT.

KSDE serves as the National Center for Parents as Teachers State Office. In this role, KSDE reviews and approves all PAT Annual Program Report data and the recertification of Parent Educators and Coordinators annual in-service training, including programs such as Early Head Start and Healthy Families Kansas that blend their program with the PAT Model and *Born to Learn* Curriculum. Recertification maintains Affiliation with the National Center for Parents as Teachers. Recertification reports are due July 15 which provides KSDE with 2009-10 data about Kansas programs.

Kansas Preschool Program: Four Year Old At-Risk Program and Pre-K Pilot Program (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Pre-K Pilot Program

Funding for the Pre-K Pilot program is provided through the Children's Initiative Fund that is administered by the Children's Cabinet. The program was flat - funded--\$5 million for FY 11.

Child outcomes from 2009-2010 are due to KSDE by June 30, 2010.

4 Year Old at Risk Program

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School Readiness Project (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Nothing new has been added--Children who were in Four Year Old At-Risk Program in 2008-09 and in the Pre-K Pilot at 2008-09 were followed into Kindergarten to determine the school readiness of children who participated in these programs. Third grade assessment scores of Kindergarten children from 2006-07 will be examined in late summer and compiled with results from last year (Kindergartners from 2005-06). Future data collection will depend upon availability of funding. Reports are shared upon request and will be posted on the ELSU website later this summer or early fall 2010.

Early Childhood Block Grant: Demonstration Early Learning Community (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

This grant includes three communities: Liberal, Coffeyville, and Rossville. All three communities have collaborative preschool classrooms of four year olds (three year olds only in Rossville, USD 323). The work continues with the next meeting in late June.

Additional KSDE Updates

As a result of a change in the computation of catastrophic aid and the number of teachers certified, the categorical aid per teacher for the 2009-10 school year is \$24,780.

June 4, 2010 communication from Patty Carter (formerly Patty Gray)

In order to assist LEAs in planning for next year, we are posting the preliminary LEA allocations for VI-B 3-21 Federal Flow-Through.

The preliminary 3-5 VI-B Flow-Through is not available at this time, but will be posted as soon as possible. In the meantime, as you are planning for next year we recommend budgeting the same amount as received in FY10 for the 3-5 *Regular* VI-B Flow-Through.

Keep in mind the allocation amounts being provided are preliminary and may be revised as finalized.

Kansas MEETS Requirements! The State of Kansas has met compliance requirements of the State Performance Plan for data submitted in the February 1, 2010 Annual Performance Report.