

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes – Topeka, KS
April 24, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Duncan, Chair & Governor's Representative
Lynnie Krehbal, Provider Member
Lindy McDaniel, Provider Member
Sarah Walters, Ks Department of Health & Environ.
Matthew Connell, Provider Member
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Provider
Tammy Schoepner, Parent
Pamela Beach, Co-Chair

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kayzy Bigler, KDHE
Ryan Weir, KSDE
Shanna Schmidt, Guest
Stephanie Parks, Guest
Eva Horn, Guest
Margie Smith, DCF

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Kansas Insurance Department Rep
Representative Valdenia Winn
Kim Kennedy, Dept. for Children and Families
David Lindeman, Regents Representative
Gayle Stuber, KS State Dept. of Education
Melisa Schellhamer, Parent
Senator Elaine Bowers

Call to Order: Mrs. Duncan called the meeting to order with a welcome and asked for introductions.

Meeting Minutes: Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer moved that the March 2015 meeting minutes be approved as amended. Matthew Connell seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Meeting Agenda: Matthew Connell made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as distributed. Pamela Beach seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Forum: Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer reported on topics discussed at the Council for Exceptional Children in Chicago, one meeting centered on abuse related to goals for IFPS/IEPs. She suggested that this might be an area that could fit under self-help. She requested comments from others. Sarah Walters discussed how they could look at it through CAPTA. Mary Duncan suggested Ryan Weir report comments to Vera.

Old Business: Stephanie Parks reported on the Kansas group working on a Comprehensive System of Personnel Development for Early Childhood (CSPD) and updated project activities. The workgroup sent surveys to the departments of higher education throughout the State to determine how various disciplines taught courses (Occupational Therapy, speech, etc.) to reach the Early Childhood preservice students. The workgroup is in the process of working on a web page detailing several disciplines including recruitment and retention. Pamela Beach asked when would the site go live. Stephanie responded hopefully in July. Eva Horn mentioned that the federal support ends June 30th, but the Kansas steering committee has committed to continue the work. Mary Duncan asked how the State ICC could help. Sarah Walters stated that KDHE has a legal requirement to have a CSPD for Part C. Together with KITS, KDHE will be the convener of the group. Eva

Horn stated that her role would switch over to a Higher Education role. The KITS piece will be hosting the website. Mary Duncan asked if they could come back in the fall, after the National Center moves on to other states that are struggling.

Shana Schmidt, Understanding Early Childhood Mental Health & Policy Emotional Development, discussed social and emotional development during pregnancy (Attunement, Self-Regulation, Social Play, see handout). All of these components work together for a child to develop healthy relationships. Ms. Schmidt explained how “Adverse Childhood Experiences” affect children/families, she stated that there is a great deal of information available regarding this topic. One item mentioned was how a family perceives the time it takes to find out the outcomes of a child evaluation. Discussion between members regarding how promoting timely support for families can appear to take forever to the families, and how important communication is to the family even though it seems like a short time period to the evaluator. Ms. Duncan told Shana that her presentation covered the topics State ICC had as its priorities this past year and that the ideas speakers presented throughout the year would be implemented as they moved into the Council’s Strategic Planning period.

Early Childhood Stakeholders on High Quality Pre-Schools: There was some discussion centered around Early Childhood Stakeholders on High Quality Preschools.

Family Voices: Tammy Schoepner reported that before Doug left he requested that she and Melissa look at Family Voice as it had been inactive for the about the last year. They determined that it was an important avenue to allow parent members to feel that they are supported and that it should be reactivated.

Executive Committee: Met on April 14th. March Council Minutes were reviewed and approved to add to the agenda. Speaker Shana Schmidt was discussed and decided that she would speak on Social Emotional Development. The Meeting of the Minds topic was discussed. The Chair shared that she was working with the 3 agency reps to write the position description for the new staff. The group sent the final product to KDHE. The group consisted of Representatives from KSDE, KDHE, DCF, and the Chair of the Council. The Chair had been in touch with the Office of Appointments and they shared that there should be 3 new Council members added by the end of the month. Strategic Planning day topics were discussed and Rasmussen College would be where the meeting would take place.

Staff Report and Legislative Preview: No report (staff is in the process of being hired).

Website workgroup: Pamela Beach reported that they are working on finishing the 2nd phase. Hope to be close to completing phase three by the end of summer. The workgroup plans to submit a proposal regarding ways to use their resources better.

Communication/Collaboration Workgroup: Tammy Schoepner spoke to needs assessments and discussed putting them on the website, including sample documents/templates. She mentioned LICC representation that could be shared on the website as well. Tammy mentioned having the survey given annually.

Research Committee: Matthew Connell discussed HB2100. Mentioned every state is to adopt/create a law related to the Able Act. He said, at this point it is stalled. HB2100 would allow families to open a 529 for their child who has a disability to be used toward their needs as an adult, without the child being penalized. Matt asked, if the committee could formulate a letter of support for the Bill. The Chair shared if the committee will draft a letter and bring to the Council for approval, she would sign and send. Discussion ensued as to the importance of the Bill and the desire to support the Bill. Matt made a motion that the Research Committee develop a letter of support for HB2100. Stephanie Parks seconded. Pamela discussed the importance of

reviewing both the positives and negatives to make sure it is well researched before submitting a support letter. Mary asked for a vote. Motion carried. Thus the Research Committee will draft a letter and bring to the Full Council.

Agency Reports: Sarah Walters reported that Doug's father had passed away. Several people mentioned getting his email to send condolences. Mary agreed to find out if it was okay with him to share his email.

KDHE: Sarah Walters stated the Maternal/Child Health Program Needs Assessment Committee is working on Strategic Plans. She stated that the Infant/Toddler Grants are out and are due back May 21, 2015.

Insurance: None

KSDE: Vera reported that Phase 2 SSIP submitted a 5 year plan. Public Reports are out for Federal FY2013. Stated that they had not met Early Childhood targets, but will continue to work on them. Various grants are out and due back May through July. She discussed Diane Neelon's report on the homeless population. She mentioned that there is not a good number for children birth to five years who are homeless, but it has been suggested that it is twice the school population. She mentioned that she has several videos on the topic that she would be willing to share, possibly to be used during one of the SICC meetings. Mary asked how long the videos are, and it was suggested that perhaps short segments of different videos could be shown during more than one meeting.

They are also working on the Impact Institute for Summer 2015 which will be held at Wichita and Fort Hays.

DCF: None

Families Together: None

Chair Report: Special thanks to KDHE for providing the room, cake and punch for Doug's retirement party. The Chair met with the Governor's Office of Appointments to report the desire for another family member on the Council. She followed up 2 weeks later and found out that there will be 3 individuals added to the Council. The Chair contacted Committee Chairs for their Committee work which would be noted on the Annual Report. Chair met with Doug over at the Capitol to finalize his transition. Chair asked website committee for a proposal for expansion ideas for the website. Without a staff person, the website has been an incredible tool for the Council to reach out to the local ICCs. The 3 agency reps and Chair finalized the Position Description on April 14th for the Council's new staff person. KDHE will process the announcement for the open position. Chair sent a congratulation letter to House Representative Winn for her appointment to the KC school board. The Chair thanked KSDE for putting the workshop together on Partnering with Teen Parents training which is affiliated with Parents as Teachers she found it beneficial.

Adjournment: The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 16, 2015, in Topeka, at Rasmussen College.