

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes
Topeka, KS
January 12, 2022
1:00 PM

SICC Members Present

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative
Ann Elliott, Provider Member
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Julie Rand, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)
Doug Bowman, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Debbie Deere, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Melinda Kline, Foster Care Representative
Laura Smith-Everett, Parent Member
Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)
Laurie Schmitt, Parent Member
Susan Bowles, Provider Member
Alex Red Corn, Public Member
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member
Laura Leistra, Medicaid Representative

SICC Members Not Present

Jennifer Oborny, Provider
Shannon McMahon, Head Start

Nonmembers Present

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Members
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Jordan Christian, SICC Staff Person
Erin Schuweiler, Kansas School for the Deaf
Monica Ross, Infant Toddler Services Johnson County

Call to order: Chair Dave Lindeman introduced himself and called the meeting to order with introductions of all present and on the phone (it was noted that there was a quorum).

Meeting Minutes:

Joint meeting with the SEAC. December minutes will be approved in February.

Meeting agenda:

The agenda for January 2022 was reviewed and approved with edits.

Susan Bowles – Made motion to accept agenda

Ann Elliott – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment

No comments

Pre-service Programs and Lack of Student Teachers in Early Childhood- Dr. Eva Horn

- Not enough teachers in key shortage areas. Reasons include:
 - Layoffs during the Great Recession
 - Growing student population but fewer people entering teacher prep programs (according to the Learning Policy Institute)
 - Salary or benefits lacking
 - High stress/high expectations
- In a typical cohort at KU, they were routinely around 20-25 entering the program. This year only 8 were admitted.
- Some programs across Kansas have already temporarily closed due to lack of students entering their program
- Discussion on current strategies being implemented to boost numbers at university programs. Looking at partnerships with high schools and universities, “grow your own” method.
- Discussion around avoiding burnout for new employees in this field of work.
- The Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel is also a good place to review updates on this topic. They meet the third Friday of each month.

Mid-Year Updates for the SICC- Jordan Christian

Unified License- Shane Carter (KSDE)

- Reviewed endorsement types
 - Early childhood unified- birth to kindergarten, birth to 3rd grade
 - Elementary education unified- kindergarten to 6th (could change to include pre-k as well).
- Waivers and provisional licenses available, birth to grade 3.

- WSU TAP
 - Allows individual to teach in early childhood unified birth to grade 3 position, and/or elementary education K-6th.
 - Depending on education history, an individual can qualify for a TAP license while completing the program
- Briefly reviewed emergency sub licenses
 - High school diploma
 - 18 years old
 - Offer of hire from the district

Other Reports:

Families Together

- October 1-December 31 Report
 - 1,247 individual consultations and training
 - More parents of kids receiving gifted services during this timeframe
 - IEPs and Family Support were the top two categories in terms of contact content
 - Not hearing from schools or DCF about kids that need an education advocate if they are homeless. Worried these kids might be getting missed in terms of this
 - 29 early childhood appointments made during this timeframe as well. Shared this information during the last SICC meeting

Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators (KASEA)

- New president- Doug Anderson
- Winter conference coming up-February 22-23 in Topeka (virtual options available to attend as well)
- Legislative priorities for KASEA this year include KPERS, school funding, and student and school safety

Disability Rights Center

- HB 2122- in process of trying to move that forward. If any group is willing to support this effort with testimony or letters of support, it would be appreciated. Support of Decision-Making Agreements. Tried passing three years ago and last year, but died on general orders.

Adjournment:

Ann Elliott – Made motion to adjourn the meeting
Laura Smith-Everett – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, February 18th.