

# Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes

Virtual

October 21, 2022

1:00 PM

## Members Present

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative

Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative

Ann Elliott, Service Provider Member

Laura Leistra, Medicaid Representative

Amy Meek for Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

Susan Bowles, Service Provider Member

Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member

Julie Rand, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)

Monica Ross, Service Provider Member

Erin Schuweiler, Service Provider Member

Kimber Corn, Head Start Representative

Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)

Taylor Cantrell, Parent Member

## Members Not Present

Gary Henault, KDADS

Lesli Girard, Families Together (Ex-Officio)

Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)

## Nonmembers Present

Kristy Cotton, SICC Staff Person

Lisa Isaacson, KITS

Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) (Ex-Officio)

Stephanie Wills, Part C Coordinator- Garden City

Micah Karl, Part C Coordinator-Riley County

Erica Figuero, KU-CPPR  
Kayzy Bigler, KDHE  
Melinda Kline, DCF  
Jennifer Nichelson, DCF  
Tamara Dreiling, Kid-link/DSNWK

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

**Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from September 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Ann Elliott – Made motion to accept agenda

Melinda Kline– 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

**Meeting agenda:**

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Laura Leistra – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

**December 16 Meeting**

Council approved to go ahead and have meeting on December 16 without Kristy. Kristy will make sure that all materials and information is done and accessible before meeting.

**Public Comment**

None

**Local Program Update**

**Southeast KS Birth to 3**

Liz Stone gave an update of what is happening Southeast Kansas.

- Will try to assign staff closest to where they live.
- They are currently down a speech therapist and a physical therapist.
- 24 full and part-time staff and 5 contractors
- Serving 672 families (qualifying referrals)
- In July moved to a blended model where staff members are both primary service providers and FSC (Family Service Coordinators).

- Moved back to having everyone due evaluation teams to help with the continuity for families
- In July they changed from meeting as a full team every other week to having three smaller team that meet weekly and once month they meet as a full team.
- In September had 5 staff members complete their Pathways Parent Training Program
- Some staff have been interested in breastfeeding training and maybe even become lactation consultants
- Have two staff trained in the ABC (Attach Bio-Behavioral Catch-Up)
- Just completed 5<sup>th</sup> in Conjunction with PAT (Parents as Teachers) Paint the Town Nights geared toward children that are zero to 5.
- The biggest need for families are struggling socially emotionally, parents are concerned about their mental health and struggling financially

### State Program Update

#### Help Me Grow Model, Erica Figuero and Kayzy Bigler

Erica Figuero and Kayzy Bigler gave The Council information on Help Me Grow Model.

- Help Me Grow was at KDHE then moved to KU-CPPR and now will be moving back to KDHE
- Help Me Grow Vision:
  - Go beyond B-8 age range and expand to all Children and Adolescents
  - Establish community collaborative hubs in communities across the state
  - Support local Community in establishing their unique hubs will still being part of the statewide HMG system
  - No wrong door approach with follow up to make sure every child/youth/family get the services they need to support health growth and development.
- The name may change due to the All In for Kansas Work
- Help Me Grow wants to ensure that as the child grows and develops and needs new things, and the family needs new things, that those connections can be made within the local community.
- Help me Grow Framework:
  - Building on existing resources and connecting children and families to the services they need
  - Encouraging collaborations across the child healthcare, early care and education and family support

- Recognizing the community and offering the freedom to implement HMG in a way that works for individual communities.
- Developmental Screenings is a large part of the HMG Model.
  - KDHE is really envisioning using the HMG model for the life course approach and for supporting families beyond just developmental screening and getting services
- Help Me Grow Core Components
  - Family and Community Outreach
    - Increase awareness of services available to families throughout communities
    - Guide education efforts around children’s development health
    - Utilize Community Partnerships for Help Me Grow
    - Host or Participate in Community and Family-Oriented events and trainings, networking events
    - Marketing to Promote awareness of HMG
  - Provider Outreach
    - Identify a Physician Champion
    - Training on Developmental Surveillance and Screening
    - Training on Linkage and Referral
    - Close the Feedback Loop with Physicians
  - Centralized Access Point
    - Information and Referral
    - Ensures families and providers have a “go-to” place to turn with questions about child development
    - Up-to-date resource directories enable providers to connect families to services and support they need
    - A Specialized Child Development Line (1-800-Children)
    - Establishing and maintain a resource directory
    - Researching resources for families
    - Linkage to services and follow-up to families and provider
  - Data Collection and Analysis
    - Guides quality improvement to ensure we are all growing and learning from this work
    - Supports evaluation
    - Helps identify systemic gaps
    - Bolsters advocacy efforts
    - Sharing Data with Help Me Grow Partners

- Continuous Help me Grow System Model Improvements
- Supporting Community Change Through Data
- Reporting HMG impact indicators and local use data to HMG National

### Committee Reports:

#### Social Emotional Workgroup

- No written report provided

#### SPP/APR Committee

- No written report provided
- Verbal Report during meeting:
  - SPP/APR just released the template and instructions.
  - Tricia will be getting with Dave and Laura together for the committee to start

#### Workforce and Funding Committee

- Written Report items:
  - The committee met from 1:00-1:45 on Wednesday Oct. 12.
  - Went over results from the survey that Kristy sent out to Part C Coordinators
  - The survey asked coordinators 12 questions concerning private insurance and Medicaid and if they felt they were maximizing the billing for both.
  - The committee reviewed the responses to the questions and each member decided to act on certain areas based on responses.
  - Logan is going to reach out to Monica Murnan with Greenbush, Kim is going to reach out to Melinda Kline and discuss Medicaid, Erin will reach out to programs she works closely with at the School for the Deaf, and Lisa will talk to the Consumer Assistance Division at the Insurance Department
  - The plan is to have answers to the questions at the next meeting Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>. Lisa will send out an email to check with committee members and their progress.

### LICC Support Committee

- Written Report Items:
  - The LICC Committee held the Annual Retreat.
  - The Retreat was held remotely on Friday, September 23 from 8:30 to 12:30.
  - 70 Participants attended the Retreat.
  - The session began with an update from Kansas Children’s Cabinet with Melissa Rooker. This was followed by the two key presentations: Foundations: Parent-Professional Partnerships” with Peggy Kemp, and Parent Child Interaction Therapy” with Leni Swails.
  - Kristy sent out evaluations and certificates after the retreat.
  - The LICC Committee will continue to meet monthly.
  - The committee will be reviewing the evaluation results and comments.
  - The committee will begin planning for future retreat possibilities.
  - Thank you notes will be sent out to those that helped make the retreat a success.
  - Worked on finalizing information for the retreat
  - Registration to the event has been sent out twice for people to sign up
  - The speakers for the retreat are Dr. Peggy Kemp (Parent Engagement) and Dr. Leni Swails (Social Emotional/Behavioral Health ages 2-5)
  - The committee is working on finishing the certificate for the retreat and the final evaluation questions
  - LICC committee is looking for three to four people to help facilitate breakout sessions during the retreat
  - The LICC committee thanked all who helped make the LICC Retreat a success

### ECLRE Committee

- Committee Met on Thursday October 20.
- Written Report Items:
  - Meeting was an initial reorganization with discussion focus on next steps.
  - The committee discussed collection of additional information from focus group participants from last year and the potential of adding new participants from new LEA/childcare programs in new geographic areas.
  - The committee will continue to collection of information from community childcare providers and their experience with including children with disabilities and interaction with school based special education programs

- Solicit additional providers to complete online survey
- Plan additional focus group
- Continue conversations with KSDE staff to coordinate efforts related to LRE

### Executive Committee

- Executive Committee met October 13.
- Approved the draft agenda for the meeting today
- Approved bringing to The Council on Kristy missing the December 16 meeting.

### **Agency Reports:**

#### KSDE Report

- Written Report items:
- Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Update
  - All Kansas elementary schools are required to partner with families of incoming kindergarten students to complete the Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot (The Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2) by 9/20/22. All data must be submitted in ASQ online by 10/10/22. The snapshot data helps schools prepare to support the social emotional and academic success of each student.
  - For additional information you can read the following articles: [Preparing for the Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot](#) and [Practical Tips for engaging families through Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot](#).
- As part of the [All in for Kansas Kids strategic plan](#) for early childhood, the state of Kansas is providing statewide access to ASQ Online.
- For community partners that would like to sign up or for more information, [contact your local community Part C ASQ Account Administrator](#)
- **September 20th, 2022** was an important day for Kansas school districts regarding Early Education in Kansas. Sept. 20th was the day set for determining the official count of students who are enrolled in schools. Schools are finalizing that data which will provide a preliminary report of where preschool and kindergarten enrollment stands for KS public schools. This data has fluctuated in recent years due to the pandemic.
- KSDE Great Ideas in Education Conference is being held on October 19-21, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita.
  - The theme is Teaching is an Art.
  - The 2022 conference is focused on highlighting this “art” practiced by all, regardless of their role in schools, who are committed to the **success of**

**each student in Kansas.**

- Strands being planned for this conference include:
  - Early Learning
  - Accreditation-Process and Results
  - Standards, Competencies, and Assessment
  - Whole Community, Whole School, Whole Child
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - School Finance, Effective Leadership, Building Staff/Team
  - Teacher Retention and Recruitment
- For more information on the conference visit the [KSDE events page](#).
- Smith Center Unified School District 237 administrators and students received a special visit from Kansas Commissioner of Education Dr. Randy Watson on Thursday, September 29, 2022.
  - During a districtwide assembly, Watson announced Smith Center as the only district in Kansas to receive the 2022 Commissioner's Award with Highest Distinction through the Kansas Star Recognition Program.
- Reminder: school districts still have time to nominate one exemplary elementary classroom teacher and one exemplary secondary classroom teacher for the [2024 Kansas Teacher of Year program](#).
- The 2024 Kansas Teacher of the Year [nomination packet](#) is available on the KSDE website.
- Application must be submitted using the KSDE's Kansas Teacher of Year online authenticate application program which closes Nov. 7, 2022.
- The **Kansas Early Learning Standards (KELS) Core Team** has been working for the past year on updating the Kansas Early Learning Standards. This core team has been working on three major projects during this period including:
  - Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
  - Indicators for Every Age
  - Child Care Accessibility
- In August, we began work on the content areas. The content area specialist are split into two groups, 0-3 and 3-5. The suggested update are presented at the group's next meeting to decide to make the changes or leave as is.
- Content area meetings are all virtual and include:
  - August 18<sup>th</sup>: Approaches to Learning
  - September 15<sup>th</sup>: Physical Health and Development
  - October 13<sup>th</sup>: Social Emotional Development
  - November 10<sup>th</sup>: Communication and Literacy Skill Development



- December 1<sup>st</sup>: Mathematical Knowledge
- January 5<sup>th</sup>: Science
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Social Studies
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Content Area Meeting- Creative Arts
- If you are interested in being involved with the Kansas Early Learning Standard update (even if it's only a particular content area), you may contact Natalie McClane ([nmclane@ksde.org](mailto:nmclane@ksde.org))

### DCF Report

- Written report items:
- Child Care Aware of Kansas, in partnership with the Kansas Department for Children and Families, is still issuing sustainability grants through Child Care Development Fund Recovery funds. Childcare providers will be able to receive monthly payments with currently amounts determined until Nov 2022 where potentially new amounts will be determined based on the amount of funding still available until May 2023. The following amounts are for the first nine months. Applications are accepted until **November 30, 2022**, so please let providers know if they do not.
  - Family/Group Child Care Homes: \$1,800 per month
  - Licensed capacity 24 or less children: \$3,600 per month
  - Licensed capacity between 25-99 children: \$9,000 per month
  - Licensed capacity 100+ children: \$18,000 per month
- \$53 Million in Appreciation Bonuses have been made available to childcare providers through a partnership between Kansas Department for Children and Families, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Child Care Aware of Kansas. These bonuses are made possible due to Child Care Development Fund Recovery funds. All eligible childcare workers will receive a letter or email outlining the process to accept the bonus and will have until **November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022** to act.
- More information on both opportunities can be found on the Child Care Aware of Kansas website under [Providers/Grant Opportunities](#).
- Program Administration Support is a free service available to all licensed childcare providers in the state of Kansas. Focused on promoting solid business practices in childcare environments, it offers one-on-one coaching and planning sessions that are provider and program driven. [Program Administration Support-Childcare Aware](#).

### KDHE Report

- No written report provided
- Verbal report during the meeting:
  - All backlog of determinations done will be posted to the website soon
  - Will take care of the one issue that OSEP said they needed to do when reviewing the SPP/APR
  - Tricia has been doing training with the Early Childhood Personnel Center
  - Several of her staff attended the DEC Conference

#### KDADS Report

- No written report provided

#### KCCTF Report

- Written report items:
- [The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund](#) is hiring. If you're interest in supporting early childhood system-building efforts in Kansas, please apply today for our Early Childhood Systems Coordinator position. For details and application instructions, visit <https://bit.ly/3T4BUTL>.
- Parent Leadership Conference hosted by Kansas Children's Service League- November 4-5, Topeka, KS. This annual event is designed to help and strengthen the voice of Kansas parents. [Registration is now open!](#) Contact Pam Noble with questions: [pnoble@kcsf.org](mailto:pnoble@kcsf.org) or 877.530.5275 x1343
- Parents of young children, do you have what you need to succeed? Share your experience and be entered to win 1 of 250 \$100 gift cards. Your feedback will help build a stronger support system for Kansas families. Click here to begin: [bit.ly/3CyvCH7](https://bit.ly/3CyvCH7)
- Not from our agency but highlighting for interest the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Kansas Division for Early Childhood Conference: The Power of Possibilities - February 22-24, 2023, Wichita, KS

*Registration and more information coming soon!*

#### **Other Reports:**

##### Staff

- Shared information about previous and upcoming conferences
- Shared information on LICCs visited
- Shared information about Membership Openings
- Shared information about resignations of Parent members
- Shared flyer for PCIT classes with Leni Swails. You may find flyer [here](#).

### Chair Report

- Kristy has been working on getting some systems in place with KSDE so that we can advertise and working with LICCs to begin helping with financial support for the activities at the local level.

### **Adjournment:**

Laura Leistra – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Melinda Kline – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, November 18, 2022.