

# Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes – Topeka KS

November 17, 2015

Revised December 18, 2015

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Connell, Chair & public member  
Stephanie Parkison, Vice-Chair & Dept. for Children & Families  
Sarah Walters, KS Dept. of Health and Environment  
Barb Dayal, KS State Dept. of Education  
Karen Pahls, Provider Member  
Darla Nelson-Metzger, Provider Member  
David Lindeman, Regents Rep.  
Lynnie Krehbiel, Provider Member  
Elizabeth Brunscheed-Cartagena, Parent Member

## NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Phoebe Rinkel - Staff  
Amy Owens-JOCO Infant Toddler  
Kathy Johnson, TARC, Tiny k Alliance

## MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Provider Member  
Mary Duncan, Past Chair, Governor's Alliance  
Tammy Scheopner, Parent Member  
Lindy McDaniel, Provider Member

**Call to Order:** Matt Connell called the meeting to order with a welcome and asked for introductions.

**Meeting Minutes:** Dave Lindeman moved that the October 2015 meeting minutes be approved as amended. Sarah Walters seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**Meeting Agenda:** Sarah Walters made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion was seconded by Barb Dayal.

**Public Forum:** Sarah Walters reminded the committee that the Office of Special Education is celebrating how far they have come - IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) since 1975. Matt will forward the email link with celebration information.

Kathy Johnson (who also serves as President of Tiny K Alliance) gave an update on activities, met with Secretary Susan Moser in August about the importance and history of Tiny K Services. This meeting included different participants (pediatrician Representative, etc.). The need for additional funding was highlighted. Secretary Moser was very receptive and agreed to go on a home visit in the future. Kathy is also working on developing media marketing with a parent who is a founder of a social media agency. FYI, February 2 she will attend the Symposium Kansas Action for Children, an event supporting early

childhood. Darla Nelson-Metzger mentioned that Family Together has an Inclusive Workshop they can provide for the symposium.

**Old Business:** The new staff person, Phoebe Rinkel has been hired and will start Monday 11/23/15.

**Meeting of the Minds Activity:** David Lindeman presented the Power Point developed by Susan Helbert on the Policy for PreK/K Assignments. Dave explained the differences they are proposing in recent changes to early childhood teaching assignments policy. He distributed the Position Statement on the Policy for PreK/K Assignments (presented at the KS State Board of Education Meeting 9/11/15). Issues and concerns were discussed with this council. Dave distributed KDEC Position Statement . There is a desire to make a focused public statement on what this group (SICC) thinks about this issue. We could either develop our own statement or could have a statement endorsing support for one of our partner agencies. Chair Matt Connell proposes a work group/committee to help develop our position statement. Matt will email the council to see who would like to participate in this work group. Lynn Krehbiel made a motion to form this committee/work group. Karen Pahls seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Committee/Work Group Reports:**

- **Executive Committee:** Met via conference call to review agenda for November meeting and discussed October meeting minutes.
- **Communication Collaboration Work Group:** Nothing to report at this time.
- **SPP/APR Work Group:** Presented to council last month. Will be presenting later this afternoon at the SEAC Meeting.
- **Family Voices Work Group:** Finished the story/interview with Lynn. Pictures were also included.
- **KSDE Report:** Distributed and reviewed written report which included a link for more information.
- **DCF Report:** Nothing to report at this time.
- **KDHE Report:** Working on state systemic plan ....good direction and good opportunities. Working on Vision Screening Guidelines for infant/toddler program. Compliance monitoring with data poll -- NO programs on corrective action plans this year.
- **Insurance Report:** Nothing to report at this time.
- **Families Together Report:** Distributed written report.
- **Others:** Nothing to report at this time.
- **Staff Report:** New staff person hired. First Staff report will be in December.
- **Chair Report:** Will be joining SEAC meeting later today. Next meeting is Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1-4, phone call with same Conference Call info. Next face to face meeting is Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> .

**Adjournment:** Motion for Adjournment made by Barb Dayal. Motion seconded by Stephanie Parkison.

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# Policy for Prekindergarten/Kindergarten Assignments

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# Addressing a Licensure Need

## Issue:

Who should be allowed to teach Kindergarten and 4 year olds (PreK)?

## Current:

Kindergarten	4 year olds (Pre-Kindergarten)
Elementary Education K-6, K-9 Early childhood unified B-K, B-3	Early Childhood Unified B-K, B-3 Early Childhood EC-EC (no longer issued)

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# Proposed

## Immediate:

### State Board permanent policy:

- Elementary allowed to teach PreKindergarten
- EC allowed to teach Kindergarten
- General education only
- Would not be flagged (kicked out) in LPR report
- Justification: programs prepared for the added developmental stage/level

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# Proposed Future Steps

1. Change level of Elementary Education to PreK-6
  - Regulation change to establish new level and amend program standards

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# Future Steps: cont.

2. Create add-on endorsement for PreKindergarten to an elementary license
  - 3-4 courses
  - Regulation change to establish endorsement
  - Develop standards and design coursework
  - General education only
  - Option for teachers who want the endorsement on their license

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# Who could teach kindergarten and PreK?

Implementing the immediate policy and future proposals:

Kindergarten	4 year olds/PreKindergarten
Elementary Education - K-6, K-9, PreK-6	Elementary Education – K-6, K-9, PreK-6
Early Childhood Unified – B-K, B-grade 3	Early Childhood Unified – B-K, B-grade 3
Early Childhood EC-EC	Early Childhood EC-EC
	PreKindergarten add-on endorsement



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# Today's Requested Action

- Adopt a permanent policy allowing:
  - Elementary licensed teachers to be assigned to teach general education PreKindergarten
  - EC licensed teachers to be assigned to teach Kindergarten



## **AGENDA**

### **Kansas Special Education Advisory Council**

**November 17, 2015**

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Kansas Association of School Boards**

**1420 SW Arrowhead Road**

**Topeka, KS**

**Room 101**

**SEAC Website <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=561>**

**Website for Public Comment Information <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=561>**

#### **Functions:**

- Advise the Special Education Administrators (SEA) of unmet needs within the state in the education of children with disabilities;
- Comment publicly on any rules and regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities;
- Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the secretary under Section 618 of the Act;
- Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal Monitoring reports under Part B of the Act; and
- Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities
- Review and comment on completed due process hearing findings.

#### **Phone Dial-In Access:**

Toll Free dial	866-620-7326
Participants Conference Code	2569416117
Leader (host only) PIN	

AI - Action Item   DI - Discussion Item   RI - Receive Item   II - Information Item

9:00 am	II	Call to Order –	Matt Ramsey, Chair SEAC
	AI	Roll Call	Pat Bone
9:05 am	DI, AI	Approval of Agenda  Approval of September 15, 2015 Minutes	Matt Ramsey
9:15 am	II, DI	2014-2015 Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Annual Report</li> <li>• Talking points from Annual Report</li> <li>• Process for introductions to KSBE members, logistics for breakfast, invitation to breakfast</li> <li>• Preparation for breakfast with KSBE members</li> </ul>	All
9:45	DI/AI	Membership Requirements Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verification of future nominees</li> </ul>	Marvin Miller
10:00 am	II, DI	Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) Taskforce	Marvin Miller, Joan Robbins
10:35 am		Break	
10:45 am		Block grant/Budget Issues	
11:00 am	DI	KSDE Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter response – Jessica Butler</li> <li>• Parent Survey</li> <li>• State Performance Plan</li> </ul>	Laura Jurgensen Vera Stroup-Rentier, Diana Stanfill
	DI/AI	Council Member Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families Together</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>	Lesli Girard All
11:45 am		Public Comment	

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Noon	AI	Working Lunch Combined council meeting: State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) and Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Networking	All
12:45 pm	II	Introduction of SEAC and ICC Committee Members	Matt Connell, Chair, State ICC Matt Ramsey, Chair, SEAC
1:00 pm	II	Early Childhood Inclusion Statement	Sarah Walters

2:00 pm	II	SPP Early Childhood Indicators Break	Barb Dayal
2:15 pm	II	Children's Cabinet: Programs Served	Janice Smith/Amy Blosser
2:30 pm	II	Children's Cabinet: Funding and Requirements	Janice Blosser/Amy Blosser
2:45 pm	DI	Current Statewide Efforts in Early Childhood Inclusion	All
3:00 pm	AI	Adjourn	

**SEAC Members Rooms may be reserved at:**

**Clubhouse Inn & Suites  
924 SW Henderson  
Topeka KS 66615  
785-273-8888**

**Next SEAC Meeting:**

**January 13-14, 2015  
Landon State Office Building  
Room 509  
Topeka, KS**

**These rooms will be direct billed to KSDE.**