

# Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes – Topeka, KS  
November 20, 2013

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Duncan, Chair and Governor's Representative  
Pamela Beach, Department for Children and Families  
Gayle Stuber, Kansas Department of Education  
Sharon Hixson, Public Member  
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Provider Member  
Dr. David Lindeman, Regents Representative  
Melisa Schelhamer, Parent Member – present on telephone  
Susan Threinen, Provider Member  
Sabra Shirrell, Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Darla Nelson-Metzger, Parent Member

## NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Coordinator  
Kim Kennedy, Head Start Collaboration  
Sara Walters, Ks Dept of Health/Environ

## MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Tammy Scheopner, Parent Member  
Matt Connell, Provider Member  
Kansas Insurance Department Repr.  
Representative Position  
Senate Position

Mary Duncan, Chair of the Kansas ICC, called the meeting to order with a welcome and asked for introductions.

October 2013 meeting minutes were approved. Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darla Nelson-Metzger seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

The agenda for today's meeting was approved. Mary Duncan added reports to the agenda and Sharon Hixson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Lindeman seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Sharon Hixson asked if she could talk about the KIDO program that was mentioned in an early childhood meeting. This is a new Kansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant that is looking at developmental screening and using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ). The goal is to screen every child in Kansas. The KIDO program asked Part C to be involved as a collaborative effort. Dr. Pam Shaw, former Council member, is leading the work group.

## **Agency reports/ Work groups:**

**KSDE:** Gayle Stuber reported that KSDE is in the process of interviewing and hiring for the 619 coordinator.

**KDHE:** Sarah Walters sent out a preliminary email about the work group for the APP/SPR. Sabra Shirrell reported that the agency recently completed compliance review of Part C programs statewide. Sarah Walters presented to the Joint Committee on Regulations about the Part C regulation changes. Part C is also reviewing IFSPs from around the state. KAPTA (Parents-as-Teachers Assoc.) has requested a joint presentation with KDHE and DCF as presenters to talk about referrals for substantiated cases of child abuse.

**DCF:** Kim Kennedy reported that DCF is submitting to continue the Head Start Collaboration federal grant. The current grant ends 2/28/14. The new grant would start 3/1/14. The Collaboration Office met with Head Start in Lawrence to talk about developing a training calendar for the year as the national Head Start office wants data collection. There will be a series of data meetings to talk about data collection. School readiness goals need to be aligned among the community programs so there can be universal data to identify effectiveness of programs.

**Communication/Collaboration:** Sabra Shirrell reported that this work group will meet in person at 11:30 am the morning of the scheduled ICC meetings.

**ICC Website:** roll-out has been pushed back to early 2014.

**Families Together:** Darla Nelson-Metzger reported that there is a conference in Wichita on December 7<sup>th</sup> for parents, professionals and children aged 11 years and up that focuses on health issues. On March 1, 2014, there will be a state conference in Wichita that focuses on behavior. Darla further reported that a few staff members from Families Together have been training with ATBS to help with evaluating and supporting behaviors/management. Four people have been trained as Common Sense Parenting Trainers through Boys Town. It is a 6 week course, with two hour sessions each week. Trainings are face to face.

**Chairman's Report:** Mary Duncan reported that the orientation for new Council member was done virtually via teleconference. Dr. Lindeman provided certificates to be placed in frames and delivered to former Council members to thank them for their service. Doug Bowman's evaluation is due by the end of the calendar year 2013. Mary will be sending out an email asking for input from Council members. Mary handed out a list of webinars available on [ECTAcenter.org/webinars.asp](http://ECTAcenter.org/webinars.asp)

**Executive Report:** Doug Bowman handed out information on a webinar being held 11/22/13. He is also updating the Council calendar on a regular basis to reflect any changes. He also compiled a roster of members that has their contact information as well as their work group assignment. Doug reported that he had previously met with the Seward County (Liberal, KS) LICC to help them work through a possible change in local lead agency. That process is on-going.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Threinen

#### **Joint Meeting with SEAC in Afternoon**

Kansas State Department of Education - Landon State Office Building – Board Room 102

#### **SEAC Members Present:**

Bryan Wilson  
Penny Lawson  
Shawn Mackay  
Karen Kroh  
Deborah Howser  
Lesli Girard  
Robb Scott  
Vicki Sharp  
Matthew Ramsey  
Ann Matthews  
Luanne Barron  
Joan Robbins Judy Martin  
Diane Plunkett  
Deb Young  
Luanne Barron  
Anne Roberts

#### **KSDE Staff Present:**

Pat Bone

Kerry Haag

Colleen Riley

#### **Lunch**

Working lunch with the Kansas State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC).

Introductions of SEAC and ICC members.

ICC Members Present: Mary Duncan, Sharon Hickson, Sabra Shirrell, Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Darla Nelson-Metzger, Dave Lindeman, Susan Threinen, Pamela Beach,

Guests: Doug Bowman, Kim Kennedy, Sarah Walters

**Part C Regulations Update**

Sarah Walters

Federal regulations were changed and created the need for Kansas to revise its Part C regulations.

Proposal is out for public comment until 5pm today.

- [Swalters@kdhe.gov](mailto:Swalters@kdhe.gov) contact Sara with comments

**Update on Licensure Changes for Direct Entry to SPED Program**

Kathy Kiersenbock-Ostmeyer shared that local directors sent in comments following the federal language on foster parents.

Susan Helbert, KSDE – Handout on Proposed Changes related to Special Education teaching licensure for direct entry

Susan is sharing *Draft Proposals* today. Ultimately there will be regulation changes. Handouts provided.

Current added endorsements will be maintained.

Waivers will continue.

**Personnel Shortage, training, turnover, retirees**

Dave Lindeman – Handouts and PowerPoint

Kansas Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) providing support for Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Vision Specialists.

ECHO – Early Childhood Higher-Education Options

ECPC – Early Childhood Personnel Center: Midwest Region is at KU Dave and Eva Horn are representatives

TASN website: [www.ksdetasn.org](http://www.ksdetasn.org)

**Public Comment KSDE Early Childhood Staff**

None

Colleen

Update on team vacancies –

EC program consultant – interviews and reference checks are in process.

**ICC website Makeover**

Pamela Beach and Susan have worked on this website

PowerPoint is a mock-up not the finished product.

Information Network of Kansas (INK) has partnered with the State ICC to revamp our website. We will be adding more live updates.

Looking at website being available by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter FY 2014.

**Overview of Transition Part C to Part B**

Colleen Riley and Sarah Walters

Working together to be sure transitions from one agency to the other go smoothly. Agency automated referral system is about ready to launch.

This will really help refine our data so that it is consistent.

Part C and B programs are vested in improving data and programs for kids and families.

Part C moved from Needs Intervention to Meet Requirements in the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) system of accountability. Part B has maintained Meets Requirements. Transition referral system should influence the data for next year. Hopefully, by the first of the year it will be ready for entities to start doing data entry. Annual Performance Reports will be submitted to OSEP by both Part B and Part C in February.

**Adjourn**

Mike moved and Vicki seconded a motion to adjourn.  
Motion passed.