

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes
Topeka, KS
December 14, 2018
1:00 PM

Members Present

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative
Natalie McClane, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)
Karen Pahls, Provider Member
Ann Elliot, Provider Member
Kate Walter, Parent Member
Laci Reamer, Parent Member (Families Together)
Heather Staab, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Alix Kumer, Provider Member

Members Not Present

Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Matt Connell, Past-Chair
Stacy Harvey, Parent Member
Mary Duncan, Governor's Representative

Nonmembers Present

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, NKESC
Marites Altuna, Kansas Deaf-Blind Project
Kim Kennedy, Head Start
Amanda Petersen, KSDE
Angela Keeler, Parent
Kelly Langford, TARC
Shannon McMahon, Head Start
Jordan Christian, SICC Staff Person

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:

The draft minutes from September 2018 were reviewed and approved with edits.

Karen Pahls – Made motion to accept agenda

Lisa Collette – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

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Meeting agenda:

The draft agenda for the SICC meeting today was emailed to Executive Committee members in advance of the meeting.

Ann Elliot – Made motion to accept agenda

Karen Pahls – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comments:

-None

Presentations:

-Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Local Program Update (Northwest Kansas Education Service Center- NKESC)

- Headquarters are in Oakley, KS and covers 19 schools districts and a little over 6,000 students.
- NKESC offers both special education and general educations services. Approximately 83% are special education, 10% Head Start, and 7% other (migrant, virtual, general education).
- The LICC for the area meets five times per year and rotates locations around the service area (12 counties). Membership includes Head Start, local educations agencies, Parents as Teachers, Child Care Aware, county health departments, and many others.
- Geographical area is an issue that additional funding could help with. Some staff travel up to 146 miles one way to provide services.
- NKSEC is adding an oral health component to their screenings in 2019.

-Marites Altuna, Integrated System of Services Presentation (Kansas Deaf-Blind Project)

- Funded through the US Dept. of Education and housed at the Kansas School for the Blind.
- Provides technical assistance to families, teachers, and service providers of children and youth birth-21.
- Approximately 10,000 children in the U.S. are considered deaf-blind. Nearly 150 of these children reside in Kansas.
- Resources offered:
 - Family engagement activities, Parent Groups, Networking with other families
 - Limited scholarships
 - Transition supports
 - Lending library
 - Professional development
 - Site visits/classroom consultation
 - Distance mentorship support
 - Limited scholarship for certified paraprofessionals (KSDE)
- Information from all states is compiled and reported in the annual *National Child Count of Children and Youth who are Deaf-Blind* to OSEP.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – per Dave Lindeman – approved agenda for December meeting. Discussed website changes and updates.

SPP/APR – per Heather Staab – no report at this time.

Early Childhood/Funding Workgroup- per Kim Kennedy- Overview of Part C funding shared. Looked at funding sources, both Federal and State over the last decade. Discussion on what the group can do to assist Part C in acquiring additional funding moving forward. Will also be looking at the statewide needs assessment once the data is available. Private insurance in early intervention services is set for future discussions.

Social-Emotional Workgroup – per Karen Pahls- Finding and collecting resources to make available to the community on the ICC website. Discussed finding more information regarding ACEs and CDC resources for the website especially. Janice Smith has retired from the Children’s Cabinet.

Agency Reports:

KSDE – per Natalie McClane – Updates provided on the Preschool Development Grant, 4 Year Old At-Risk Application, Kansas Preschool Pilot Application, and Parents as Teachers Application. Discussion and updates regarding Indicator 12 (EC Transitions) and Indicator 6 (EC Least Restrictive Environment) at KSDE. KSDE’s Child Nutrition and

Wellness team has great resources for preschools regarding nutrition and proper brain development.

DCF – per Nichelle Adams –

DCF awarded the new Placement Matching System contract to Five Points Technology Group, Inc. The Placement Matching System will require every licensed foster home or residential bed, to be entered into a single system, regardless of which Child Placing Agency sponsors the home. Additionally, this system will capture placement abilities and characteristics. When a child is in need of placement, the Placement Matching System will look at all open, licensed beds, that meet a child's needs in a given zip code, and it will provide the top three to five placements. If these placements don't work, the search criteria will be expanded until placement is found. DCF will monitor this system to ensure children's needs are being met, and they are remaining in their home communities, when possible. If a provider doesn't select the top-rated placement option, they will be required to explain why other choices are in the best interest of the child.

The Pritzker Children's Initiative invited states to apply for participation in its Prenatal-to-Age-Three State Grant Competition. Five to 10 Planning Grants (\$100,000/grant) and three to five Action Grants (ranging from \$1-3 million to be made following the planning process) will be awarded to states who submit winning proposals focused on expanding needed state and community services for children prenatal to age three and their families. Letters of Intent are due January 15, 2019. Proposals are due on February 15, 2019. The planning grant recipient must be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Only one application will be accepted per state. DCF shared this information with the individuals and agencies involved with the PDG application to let them know that coordination would be needed if Kansas is interested.

KDHE – per Heather Staab – OSEP's Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) system report provided.

State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report- The State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) work continues as annual compliance data is currently being reviewed by the KDHE ITS team. When the review is complete, the SFY 2018 data will be finalized in the SPP/APR, and a draft of the document will be shared with the SPP/APR Committee. After the final draft has been reviewed by the SPP/APR Committee, it will be submitted to the full council for approval. The SPP/APR February 1, 2019.

Part C Needs Assessment- Local tiny-k programs, LICCs, and program partners continue to collect stories with the SenseMaker tool to help inform Part C system strengths and opportunities for improvement. If you haven't already, please help us collect stories by sharing a story or sharing the links below with others!

The URL to the English version is: www.bit.ly/PartCAssess

The URL to the Spanish version is: www.bit.ly/PartCes

Insurance – per Lisa Collette – no report.

Families Together – per Laci Reamer- handout.

Others –

Other Reports:

Staff –Visited and offered LICC orientations to the Dodge City and Pratt LICCs, and have scheduled an orientation days in January with additional LICCs. Continue to visit other LICCs and share the Annual survey data. Next SICC meeting will be the joint meeting with the Special Education Advisory Council on January 16th in Topeka.

Updates to the website also shared, will continue to work on this project in January and February. The new Kansas Pre-K Guides have been released and are available online.

Chair Report – no report.

Adjournment:

Ann Elliot– Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Lisa Collette – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Wednesday, January 16, 1-4pm.