

# Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes – Wichita, KS/KDEC  
February 28th, 2014

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mary Duncan, Chair and Governor's Representative  
Pamela Beach, Dept for Children and Families -phone  
Sharon Hixson, Public Member  
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Provider Member  
Dr. David Lindeman, Regents Representative  
Darla Nelson-Metzger, Parent Member  
Melisa Schelmhamer, Parent Member – phone  
Tammy Schoepner – Parent Member  
Sabra Shirrell, Kansas Dept of Health and Environment  
Vera Stroup-Rentier, Kansas Department of Education  
Susan Threinen, Provider Member

## **NON MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Diane Alexander – Kansas Dept of Health/Environment  
Deana Berry – Russell Child Devel. Center  
Jennifer Biehler – Sumner County, Futures Unlimited  
Alexia Foster – Rainbows United  
Kelly Jorgensen – KDHE/Part C  
Paco Price, Rainbows United/Wichita  
Jill Reagle – Garden City/Russell Child Development Ctr  
Kim Kennedy, Dept. for Children and Families - phone  
Sarah Walters, Kansas Dept of Health and Environment  
Doug Bowman, Council staff

## **MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Kansas Insurance Department Rep  
Representative Position  
Elaine Bowers, Senate Representative  
Matthew Connell, Provider Member

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

**Meeting Minutes:** Sharon Hixson moved that the January 2014 meeting minutes be approved as amended. Vera Stroup-Rentier seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved.

**Meeting Agenda:** Darla Nelson-Metzger made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Sharon Hixson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Public Forum:** Sharon Hixson presented on the tiny-K Alliance. It is working on advocacy and resource development.

**Old Business:** The annual report for Part C of IDEA has been submitted by KDHE staff. Mr. Bowman is working on the FAQ section of the website.

**Local Story:** Jill Reagle from The Russell Child Development Center in Garden City shared information about her program. They use Early Childhood block grant for their Building Blocks project, a positive parenting program, and playgroups in rural communities. They provide screenings, case management, and child/adult child care support. They serve 12 counties that cover 9,391 square miles with a large percentage of non-English speakers. Celebrations: child find efforts have been very successful; articles in the newspapers; on the radio once/month; and ongoing community collaboration. Project LAUNCH helped fund various classes/conferences. Local partnerships and grant supports are a huge source of funding for things to go back to families – oral motor tools, feeding, books, stacking cups are given for every referral.

**Meeting of the Minds:** The meeting of the minds topic was cultural diversity and language challenges. The ICC and its guests were divided into small groups to discuss the topic and then report back to the full Council.

**Website Update:** Pamela Beach gave an update on the status of the website and requested help with areas of the website. Work on the website should begin in March or April with the hopes of going online in late spring. Pamela asked for the Council's help with populating certain areas of the website (newsletter, resources, and FAQ) and asked for Council members to add their name to areas they would like to help with. All website submissions will go to Pamela for approval.

#### **Committee/Work Group Reports:**

**Executive Committee Reports:** Janice Smith/Public Member has resigned her position with the SICC as she has taken a position as the head of the Children's Cabinet. The Governor's Appointments Office has been notified. Doug will send out last year's Memorandum of Agreements between the agencies and the SICC.

**Communication/Collaboration workgroup:** Did not meet this month. We will meet at 11:30 am on April 24<sup>th</sup> prior to the next SICC meeting.

**Website workgroup:** Mr. Bowman is working on the FAQ section and various Council members are working on their assigned projects for the website.

#### **Agency Reports:**

**DCF:** Provided a list of translation services in response to the topic of Meeting of the Minds.

**KDHE:** Sarah Walters reported that the state regulations continue to be refined. They have made it through the Attorney General's office, the Joint committee of Rules and Regulations and the finalized version will be published in the Kansas Register. Sarah reported that one of the biggest changes is that foster parents can sign off on tiny K/0-3 paperwork without needing the biological parent signature.

**KSDE:** There is a new transition referral system being created to track referrals from Part C to Part B. Parents as Teachers Day will be at the Capitol on March 5<sup>th</sup>. PAT programs have been engaged in regional Data Quality Certification training. State pre-kindergarten grant applications are due March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Kansas Preschool Program will spend a year learning about the Multi-Tiered System of Supports used throughout the state. Kansas State Homeless Coalition Conference is scheduled for April 7-9, 2014 at the Ramada Inn and Convention Center in Salina.

**Families Together:** No report.

**Staff Report:** Mr. Bowman gave an update on activity in the Legislature. The small (\$100,000) increase in Part C funding is still in the House version of the budget. The autism bill seems to be making no progress (Although that changed subsequent to the meeting). Upcoming trips to LICCs include: Atchison, and Wyandotte county. Work is under way to set up another Council orientation session.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The next council meeting will be held April 25 at 1pm in Topeka.

## February 2014 KSDE Report

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KDEC conference in Wichita, February 26, 2014. Over 200 attendees from across the state.

Transition Referral System is a system developed to track referrals from Part C to Part B for children turning three.

Projected timeline of the pilot:

1. March 5<sup>th</sup> - a User's Manual and a training video for the Transition Referral System will be made available on the KSDE website. Further instructions will be emailed to you prior to this date.
2. March 31, 2014- Pilot starts
3. April 11, 2014- Pilot support call 11:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m.
4. April 25, 2014- Pilot support call 11:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m.
5. May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014- Pilot support call 11:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m.
6. May 30, 2014- Pilot start and end dates.

Parents as Teachers (submitted by Janet Newton)

PAT Day hosted by the Kansas Parents as Teachers Association will be held at the Capitol on March 5. Information is on their website at [www.kpata.org](http://www.kpata.org). A BLOCKfest with parents engaged in block play with their young children, will be featured in the Capitol rotunda. This was a very popular feature of last year's PAT day. Please register (free) and join PAT at the Capitol!

PAT program staffs have been engaged in regional Data Quality Certification (DQC) training to ensure collection of accurate, timely data and to secure and hold confidential personally identifiable information in compliance with FERPA. Parents may opt out of PAT data collection and may choose to provide only certain information without any negative impact to services.

State Pre-Kindergarten (formerly the Four Year Old At-Risk) Program (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

The Grant applications are due March 14<sup>th</sup> and will go to the State Board for approval in April. There are no new funds for serving more children for the 2014-15 school year.

Kansas Preschool Program (formerly the Pre-K Program) (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

The participants in this grant are spending this year learning about MTSS—the Multi-Tiered System of Supports that are used throughout Kansas to support children's learning through data-based decision-making. Teachers in the grant programs will attend training in April on the myIGDI's assessment for use next year.

Homeless (Submitted by Tate Toedman)

We have found out that we will be receiving a slight increase in grant funds for 2014-2015 school year. We also have been informed of some changes of how Title I funds can be used for homeless students and will be notifying districts before the first of July.

We are working on the 2014 national NAEHCY conference that will be in Kansas City, Missouri at the Westin Crown Center October 25-28. We typically have between 900-1000 attendees.

**Our Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition conference is scheduled for April 7-9, 2014 at the Ramada Inn and Convention Center in Salina.**

**Flyers are attached for both of the conferences in 2014.**