

**Kansas Interagency Coordinating
Council on Early Childhood
Developmental Services**

Meeting Minutes

Topeka, KS

May 20, 2022

1:00 PM

Members Present

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative

Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative

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

Laura Leistra, Medicaid Representative

Amy Meek, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

Susan Bowles, Provider Member

Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member

Kristy Cotton-SICC Staff (KSDE)

Melinda Kline, Foster Care Representative

Ann Elliott, Provider Member

Members Not Present

Alex Red Corn, Public Member

Shannon McMahon, Head Start

Laurie Schmitt, Parent Member

Jennifer Oborny, Provider

Laura Smith-Everett, Parent Member

Lesli Girard, Ex-Officio Member (Families Together)

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

Doug Bowman, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)

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

Nonmembers Present

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

Erin Schuweiler, Kansas School for the Deaf

Monica Ross- Johnson County Infant-Toddler Services

Local Program Presenter, Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmyer

Natalie McClane- substitute for July Rand, KSDE

Chris Tilden, CPPR

Jennifer Nicolson, Medicaid DCF

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).

Introduction of Kristy Cotton-SICC Program Staff

Kristy introduced herself to the SICC

Meeting minutes and agenda:

Ann moved to approve minutes

Liz seconded

Motion Carried-all members voted yes

The agenda for May 2022 was reviewed and approved with amendment.

Ann – Made motion to accept agenda with amendment.

Amy – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment:

No comments

Local Program Presentation:

Northwest KS Educational Service Center Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer

Birth to Success with Collaborative Partnerships-

80% SPED 10% EHS/HS, 10% other programs

Early Childhood Coordinating Council meets regularly- Birth to Kindergarten sometimes even prenatal

Over 12,000 sq miles service area-almost a quarter of the state, pop 100-120 IFSP's each year

Employs 300 staff to serve part C and B – makes transitions fairly easy, helps with travel time

Early Childhood Coordinating Council – wide variety of partners both within and outside of the service center, (see slide 5)

Recently increase in school districts that want to join.

Help member districts in understanding the work that has been going on with Kindergarten Readiness and Arrive at 5. Spreading the message that when they are 5 they are ready to go to kindergarten.

Work to collaborate with providers to work together. In Colby have multiple PreK programs- work together to provide services to families. Try to work to serve the child where the family feels most comfortable.

Key Service Objectives- Service in natural environments, Coordination with community school programs (see slide 8)

Service in Natural environments for both IFSP and IEP

Coordination with School Programs- when possible provide services in a program where the child would be if not receiving services- LRE Considerations

Child Find- dropped off statewide during pandemic. We wrote a big grant for seamless coordination of referrals-IRIS- didn't get grant but found another avenue to accomplish this work, working IRIS across 12 counties has made referrals seamless. Making great gains.

Use on Demand, Partner Supports, Community Developmental Check-ups.

Encourage Annual Developmental Check-ups (screenings)

For all Children- Developmental Checkups, Oral Health Screening, Vision Screening Other Local Options

Improved Referral Systems- rely heavily on IRIS, ASQ on-line.

Teacher shortages have been critical. Have been able to pull a couple of therapists out of retirement to help.

LIZ-What has been the Hispanic response to your resources? In the past have had difficulty with that population but migrant program and HS and EHS have done a great job in hiring Hispanic providers. Migrant program has been able to help with child find and interpreting. Also have a contract with Stratus. IT's an online subscription for a live interpreter. Doing a much better job in the last 5-7 years.

Dave- have you found any strategies that work well for hiring people? Because we are coordinated with both C and B, we look for providers that can do both populations. If they can't we have tuition allowance to they can get licensed for both age groups. Also work with TAP and LAP licenses. They have to sign that they will stay with us. For organizations called Dayne Hansen Foundation that will work with

schools to give staff support to go into our programs. Make connections with the people we have and tell their friends about our program. Employ CODAs and PTA's and that frees up PT's and OT's to work with younger students. Tailor to preferences of staff as much as we can. Working on remote options. Occasionally have remote visits when necessary.

Chris Tilden CPPR LICC Survey

Early Childhood Systems Collaboration Analysis

Surveys with the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel

Wilder Collaboration Factors Inventory- asks participants for their perceptions on collaboration within a collaboration

Scores below 3 are areas for concern- there were none under 3. Lowest score was under Resources-3.46; Highest was Purpose -3.77

This survey has been done 3 times with Recommendations Panel. Scores have generally gotten higher from beginning of year 1.

Levels of Collaboration Scale- what does interaction look like between the members of the group. 5-point scale from networking to collaboration

Panel members were surveyed 3 times. Beginning overall score was 1 at beginning of year 1, increased to 1.82 then to 1.94 At the end of year 2

In year 1 the average number of connections between organizations grew between the original and end of year surveys. The average number of connections between organizations was less at the beginning of Year 2 than at the end of Year 1.

Changes in the composition of the Panel influenced connectedness of the network

Collaboration among LICC's

26 LICC's in 2018-2019

High Wilder Scores-all above 4

Levels of collaboration Scale varied significantly among participating LICC's; 1.94 was the average. High overall.

Would be interesting to replicating this data with LICC's. At this point at ground zero. Would like to collaborate with SICC to do this.

Dave- have a committee focusing on LICC's. Last year held a retreat. They are looking at doing this again. What if that committee works with you to see if the fall event would be a good time for you to talk with LICC's to kick-off these efforts. Susan will be getting in contact.

State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report Updates:

Part C: No report

Part B:

KCCTF, Early Childhood Recommendations Panel:

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee

Met a week ago. Reviewed agenda and set priorities. In packet of info sent out to council-2 additional resignations-Jennifer Osborne & Alex Redcorn.

Motion to accept 2 letters of resignation- Ann Elliot Moves

2nd by Nichelle Adams

All Approved-

Have had contact with appointments office indicating our need to move on some appointments. Need parent and provider members. Kristy also contacted the office to reinforce that message.

Funding and Workforce Committee-

See packet

LICC Committee-

Susan- been in holding pattern. Will be connecting with Kristy about where we were. Didn't have a meeting last month. Previously sent out a survey and received limited responses. Will send out again. Would like to return to 1st Tuesdays at 3:30. June possibly the 14th. Getting Chris Tilden involved and get back up and running.

ECLRE Committee-

Did not meet past month.

Agency Reports:

KSDE Report-

See written report

Free Summer Meals for Kids

Save your family time and money with free summer meals for your kids this summer! No application or registration needed, just stop by and enjoy. To find meal sites near you, visit www.kn-eat.org, Summer Food Service Program, Locate a Site Near You or text FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304.

DCF Report-

Nichelle

Child Care Provider Sustainability Grants- New round available see written report. If you can help get the word out let providers know.

KDHE Report

Kansas Infant-Toddler Services (KSITS), Part C tiny-k Program, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

Tricia out- Info in packet

KDADS Report-

Info in Packet

KCCTF Report-

Amy- written report in packet

Meeting June 3rd, stakeholder meeting on that afternoon.

Debbie Deere resigned so Amy will be attending SICC instead.

Families Together-

No report

Other Reports:

Staff Report–

OSEP Leadership Project Director's conference- in the past they have had specific sessions for SICC's and members

Will be attending KDEC Summer Board Retreat

Will be attending one day of the TASN Summer Leadership Conference

Upcoming LICC meetings prior to June SICC meeting

Will get with Susan to send copy of survey to see get input on it. Would like to send it out soon.

Kathy K-O

July 10-13th CEC Conference in DC, contact Kathy for more info.

Chair Report –

No report

Adjournment:

Susan Bowles – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Liz – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, June 17, 2022 @ 1:00pm