



Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes
Topeka (KSDE)
May 26, 2017
9:30 AM

Members Present

Matt Connell, Chair & Public Member
Stephanie Parkison, Vice-Chair & Kansas Dept. for Children & Families (DCF)
Mary Duncan, Past Chair, Governor's Representative
David Lindeman, Regents Representative
Kate Walter, Parent Member
Barb Dayal, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)
Heather Staab, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Lisa Collette, Insurance Commission Representative
Karen Pahls, Provider Member
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Provider Member
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member

Members Not Present

Tammy Scheopner, Parent Member
Elaine Bowers, Legislative Representative
Valdenia Winn, Legislative Representative
Lynnie Krehbiel, Provider Member (Head Start)

Nonmembers Present

Jordan Christian, SICCC Staff Person



Call to order: Chair Matt Connell introduced himself and called the meeting to order with introductions of all present and on the phone. Mission statement read and reviewed.

Meeting agenda: The draft agenda for the SICC meeting today was emailed to all members in advance of the meeting.

MOU 2017-18: Updates discussed and reviewed. Push for it to be signed by all agency partners.

Continuation of Committees:

- Executive Committee will continue.
- SPP/APR Committee will continue.
- LICC Support Committee will continue. Suggested by Mary Duncan.
- Family Voices Committee will be reinstated. Stated that the committee will provide an avenue for parent members to discuss information and support one another. It is also intended to give insight and help new parent members become oriented with the SICC as a whole.
- Inclusion Workgroup/Committee suggested. Will contain one member from each agency (KSDE, KDHE, DCF).

Open Discussion:

-Fear of too many committees and too few members. Will possibly spread the council too thin. Lesli Girard and Lisa Collette gave ideas for additional parent members. Jordan Christian will also attempt to recruit new members from Local ICCs across the state.

-Attendance required in by-laws reviewed. Possibly reinstating rule that if a member has three consecutive unexcused absences they will then be removed from the council. This will be decided on at the first Fall meeting.

-Dave Lindeman suggested the SICC takes a look at Part C programs and how we can gather more support and resources for them from the State. Heather Staab stated that while there has been an increase in children referred to Part C, funding has remained the same. In addition, 69% of Part C programs ran a deficit in 2016-17. Dave Lindeman also asked the council to look at Federal and State finances, as well as how Medicaid cuts might further effect Part B and C funds.



-Heather Staab informed the council that KDHE has hired a new fiscal analyst. This position will take a further look into past and present funding of Part C programs, and how KDHE can better fulfill the needs of struggling programs.

-Matt Connell suggested Part B and C finances be further discussed at the first Fall meeting. A more detailed “snapshot” will be provided from KDHE and KSDE to the full council.

-Discussion on insurance for local programs. How to educate these programs on turning in forms properly to insurance providers.

-Discussion on ways to better engage the legislators on the council. Also how to get them more involved with council goals and direction.

-Engaging issues with suspension and expulsion in state funded pre-k. Barb Dayal will gather more data and provide it to the council in the Fall.

-Liz Brunscheen-Cartagena offered training for childcare providers on social-emotional components. She argued that this will help healthcare providers avoid problems with the environments that can cause behavior issues in young children. The council discussed setting up a webinar and having Liz present to LICCs and other agencies/providers.

-Kate Walter expressed her concerns for small communities and the workload being put on local programs. She argued that too much paperwork/regulations are taking up the time and resources of the most qualified special education employees. This means that a majority of the work done directly with children gets passed down to para educators. Strategies on how the council can fix this imbalance will be put on the agenda for one of the meetings in upcoming fiscal year. Kate also felt that IFSPs have become too difficult and time consuming for parents to fully understand. She would like ideas on how to use time and resources more effectively, and what role the SICCC can play in aiding in this issue.

Workgroups/Committees:

-For those who were present, committee members and chairs were decided on. Will wait until July 1st to completely assign all members to at least one committee/workgroup.



-The new Inclusion Workgroup will work on data collection, a fall presentation to the full council, and possibly creating a policy statement.

-Discussion on state/federal finances and brief updates will be provided at future SICC meetings.

-Most committee work will begin in October of 2017, but committee chairs are welcome to start sooner if there are projects they would like to begin working on.

Review of Morning Discussion: Provided by Matt Connell.

Tentative Schedule for Upcoming Fiscal Year:

- Friday, Sept. 15th 2017 - In Person (Location TBD)
- Friday, Oct. 20th 2017 - In Person (Topeka)
- Friday, Dec. 8th 2017 - In Person (Location TBD)
- Wednesday, Jan. 10th 2018 - In Person (Topeka) Joint Meeting with SEAC***
- Friday, March 2nd 2018 - In Person (Wichita) KDEC***
- Friday, April 6th 2018 - In Person (Location TBD)
- Friday, June 8th 2018 - In Person (Topeka) Planning Session

Dates Not Confirmed

Other Updates:

-All meetings will be “hybrid” participation. Meaning they will have the option of attending in person or via the “Zoom” program.

-New meeting locations across the state will be decided upon for several of the meetings.

-If possible, a November and February meeting will be added to the calendar.

-Local programs will be invited and encouraged to attend future meetings.



-Possibility of even having LICCs host SICC meetings occasionally was discussed.

Adjournment:

-Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, September 15, 2017. It will be in person in Topeka. (Location and Time TBD).