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# Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes  
Topeka (KSDE)  
June 22, 2018  
10:00 AM

## **Members Present**

Matt Connell, Chair & Public Member  
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children & Families (DCF)  
Mary Duncan, Past Chair, Governor's Representative  
David Lindeman, Regents Representative  
Ann Elliot, Provider Member  
Lesli Girard, Provider Member  
Laci Reamer, Provider Member  
Natalie McClane, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)  
Heather Staab, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)  
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children & Families (DCF)  
Lisa Collette, Insurance Commission Representative  
Alix Kumer, Provider Member  
Karen Pahls, Provider Member  
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member

## **Members Not Present**

Kate Walter, Parent Member  
Legislative Representative (R)  
Legislative Representative (D)





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### **Nonmembers Present**

Stacey Harvey, Parent  
Susan Bowles, Provider  
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Provider  
Jordan Christian, SICC 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.

### **Continuation and Creation of Committees:**

- Executive Committee will continue.
- SPP/APR Committee will continue.
- Early Childhood Workforce/Funding Committee created.
- Social-Emotional Development Committee created.

### **Open Discussion:**

-Heather Staab suggests that inviting local programs to come and present at each meeting should be a priority of the SICC. This will help determine our scope of work and advocacy as a council.

-Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer suggested that the SICC look at the shortage of providers across the state, especially in rural areas. Finding a way for universities in Kansas to partner with KSDE to lessen this issue was one strategy proposed.

-Dave Lindeman would like the SICC to look into Personnel Development and the dstatus of different disciplines across the state. In this regard we could also communicate with community colleges on how to make them a “feeder system” for areas of need in Kansas.

-Matt Connell suggested Part B and C finances be further discussed at the first Fall meeting.



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

-Karen Pahls suggested having presenters at most meetings that can update the council on Social-Emotional Development, and what areas the council can assist with this work.

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

-Dave Lindeman would like to see more information on the new Telehealth law. How is it being used already, and in what ways could it be more effective?

-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 behavioral issues in young children.

### **Priorities for the SICC in 18-19:**

- 1) Funding, staff retention, and recruitment.
- 2) Social-Emotional Development work in Kansas
- 3) Insurance Efficiency for local programs

-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.



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### **SICC Chair Election:**

-The council voted on a replacement interim chair for Matt Connell. Dave Lindeman was appointed to this position until the Governor's Office can provide a replacement.

### **LICC Survey Presentation**

-Jordan Christian provided an update regarding the Annual LICC Survey sent out in the spring. The data was compiled and compared to the previous year. This will also be shared with the LICCs themselves.

### **Tentative Schedule for Upcoming Fiscal Year:**

- Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 - In Person (Topeka)
- Sep. 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 - In Person (Topeka)
- Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 - In Person (Location TBD)
- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 - In Person (Topeka)
- Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 - In Person (Topeka)
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 - In Person (Topeka)
- Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 - In Person (Topeka)
- Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 - In Person (Location TBD)
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 - In Person (Topeka)
- June 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 - In Person (Topeka)

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

### **Committee Work**

-The council broke into two committees to discuss their scope of work and meeting dates for the duration of the year.

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**Adjournment:**

-Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, August 24, 2018. It will be in person in Topeka.