

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes
Topeka, KS and Virtual
August 19, 2022
1:00 PM

Members Present

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative
Ann Elliott, Provider Member
Laura Leistra, Medicaid Representative
Amy Meek for Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)
Heather Staab for Tricia Wagoner, Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Susan Bowles, Provider Member
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member
Natalie McClane for Julie Rand, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Monica Ross, Provider Member

Members Not Present

Gary Henault, KDADS
Laurie Schmitt, Parent
Laura Smith-Everett, Parent
Erin Schuweiler, Provider Member
Kimber Corn, Head Start Representative

Nonmembers Present

Jennifer McArthur, Parent
Kristy Cotton, SICC Staff Person
Tayler Cantrell, Parent

Barbara Kramer, KITS Team
Lisa Isaacson, KITS
Melinda Kline, 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).

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from June 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Susan Bowles – Made motion to accept agenda

Lisa Collette – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

The agenda for August 2022 was reviewed and approved with modifications.

Amy Meek – Made motion to accept agenda

Ann Elliott – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment

None

Support Letter for KSDE Grant Application:

- Nichelle Adams: inquired about DCF not being mentioned about the contribution to funding the staff for the SICC
- Dave asked Nichelle if would be okay in the future that DCF be identified since the letter has already been submitted and Nichelle agreed.

The Support letter for KSDE Grant application was reviewed and approved.

Susan Bowles-Made a motion to affirm the action of the Executive Committee

Ann Elliott- 2nd motion

Motion carried- All members voted yes

Strategic Plan:

The Strategic Plan application was reviewed and approved.

Lisa Collette-Made motion to accept Strategic Plan

Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena- 2nd motion

Motion carried- All members voted yes

Annual Report:

The Annual Report was reviewed and approved with modifications.

Susan Bowles-Made motion to accept Annual Report

Amy Meek- 2nd motion

Motion carried- All members voted yes

LICC Funding Request

The council voted that Kristy would review and bring recommendations to The Council for approval.

The LICC Funding Request was reviews and approved.

Lisa Collette-Made motion to accept LICC Funding Request and Kristy be the first to review form

Ann Elliott- 2nd motion

Motion carried- All members voted yes

Local Program Update

MCKids-McPherson County

Amy Robinson gave the Council updates of what was happening in McPherson County.

- Currently 60-70 children
- Has seen an increase in referrals and getting back on tract to be back to pre-covid numbers
- Focusing on Community Awareness and Collaboration
 - The statewide ASQ initiative has opened doors to 5 different medical practices, 5 daycare centers, local DCF and County Health Department
 - Amy met with each of these providers to share more about their Part C services
 - All medical practices have decided to use the ASQ screeners in their practices at Well Child Check-ups
 - Daycare centers will use 1-2 times a year especially when children are transitioning to the next classrooms
 - County Health Departments will be using screeners at WIC appointments
 - Amy would like to have all these providers trained and using the screeners by the end of the year.
 - Once the Daycare providers have been trained, they want to begin to reach out to in-home daycares to begin using the screeners as well

- They have Free community screenings monthly throughout the school year alternating having the screenings in the smaller communities.
- Local ICC is working with the Local Early Childhood Center to provide a family fair in Spring of 2023
 - Free meals for families
 - Developmental Hearing and Vision screenings
 - Door Prizes
 - Booths from community partners
- Promoting Early Literacy in Homes of Families they serve
 - Informed caregivers about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
 - Books through CDC are given to kids on their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd birthday

Committee Reports:

Social Emotional Workgroup

- Committee met in July and went over previous goals the committee had.
- Elizabeth asked that if anyone wanted to be on social emotional committee to please let Kristy know and she will add you to the group and get the zoom invite to you.
- The group brainstorming ideas to make the Socio-Emotional SICC website useful for parents.
 - Want more information about social emotional development in the early years (Birth-5)
 - Want more information on social emotional initiatives
 - What is lacking in social emotional development in the state of Kansas.
 - Members discussed each bringing resources to the next meeting that maybe could go on website
 - Discussed maybe having a zoom meeting or class for parents that help with social emotional awareness and how to help their children
- The committee set goals for 2022
 - Brainstorm ideas for the social emotional development SICC website
 - Find resources for social emotional development for the community and parents
 - Raise awareness how technology impacts social emotional development
- Committee members decided to meet the 4th Thursday of every month

SPP/APR Committee

- No report provided

Workforce and Funding Committee

- Committee met in July but not in August.
- Committee decided that Kristy will send out survey in September
- Will meet in September to discuss next steps
- The committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
- During October meeting will discuss survey results

LICC Support Committee

- Committee has been meeting every two weeks to prepare for the LICC Retreat
- The LICC Retreat will be on September 23 from 8:30-12:30
- Susan asked for volunteer to be facilitators for the breakout sessions during the retreat
- Susan asked to please get the word out to all early childhood educators or anyone who is interested in early childhood education
- The speakers for the retreat are Dr. Peggy Kemp (Parent Engagement) and Dr. Leni Swails (Social Emotional/Behavioral Health ages 2-5)

ECLRE Committee

- Committee did not meet during the month of July and August
- Continue collection of information from community childcare providers and their experiences with including children with disabilities and interaction with school based special education programs.
- Solicit additional providers to complete online survey
- Plan additional focus group
- Continue conversation with KSDE staff to coordinate efforts related to LRE

Executive Committee

- Executive Committee met in between the Planning retreat and August meeting.
- Had discussion on how to handle the LICC applications for funding support
- Approved the draft agenda for the meeting today
- Executive Committee met and discussed and approved in the interim to write support letter for KSDE Grant Application.

Agency Reports:

KSDE Report

- Shared the Number of children enrolled in preschool in public school districts for the 20-21 and 21-22 school year (Preschool-Aged-At-Risk, Early Childhood Special Education, Locally Funded).
- The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) Special Education and Title Services Summer Leadership Conference for school administrators of early childhood, special education, and title services programs was July 26-28 in Wichita.
- Kansas schools are partnering with families of incoming kindergarteners to complete the Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ).
- The Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and Kansas Department for Children and Families finalized language for the interagency contract outlining collaboration to support the State Interagency Coordinating Council in July
- The Kansas State Department of Education will be updating training materials for Indicator 7: Early Childhood Outcomes and evaluating our strategy for providing training and technical assistance on this topic moving forward.
- The first Kansas State Department of Education meeting of the year for Kansas Parents as Teachers Coordinators is Thursday, August 18. Kristy Cotton will share background about the State ICC and local ICCs, and ways Parents as Teachers staff can get engaged.
- The Kansas Early Learning Standards are currently going through an update and revision process with early learning partners across the state.

DCF Report

- Child Care Aware of Kansas, in partnership with the Kansas Department for Children and Families, is still issuing sustainability grants through Child Care Development Fund Recovery funds. Childcare providers will be able to receive monthly payments with currently amounts determined until Nov 2022 where potentially new amounts will be determined based on the amount of funding still available until May 2023.
- \$53 Million in Appreciation Bonuses have been made available to childcare providers through a partnership between Kansas Department for Children and Families, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Child Care Aware of Kansas. These bonuses are made possible due to Child Care Development Fund Recovery funds.

KDHE Report

- KHDE shared that new database will not be starting on September 1.

KDADS Report

- No report provided

KCCTF Report

- Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel next meeting is September 16 at 9:00am.
- Shared information on Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Other Reports:

Staff

- Shared information about previous and upcoming conferences
- Sent out certificates to past members
- Shared information on LICCs visited
- Shared information about LICC Retreat
- Shared information about Membership Openings
- Shared when and where Monthly Meetings will be

Chair Report

- No report provided

Adjournment:

Lisa Collette – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Laura Leistra – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, September 16, 2022.