

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes
Topeka, KS
August 24, 2018
1:00 PM

Members Present

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

Members Not Present

Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)
Alix Kumer, Provider Member
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member

Nonmembers Present

Susan Bowles, Provider Member
Myron Melton, KSDE
Kelly Langford, TARC
Russell Child Development Center
Jordan Christian, SICCC Staff Person

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 draft minutes from June 2018 (Strategic Planning) were reviewed and approved with edits.

Alix Kumer – Made motion to accept agenda

Ann Elliot – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

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

Alix Kumer – Made motion to accept agenda

Mary Duncan – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comments: None

Presentations:

-Kelly Langford, Local Program Update (TARC)

- Early intervention and the corresponding impacts were presented. Stated that Birth-3 years old is the most critical time for brain development, and supporting families lead to success.
- TARC is the 3rd largest early intervention program in Kansas, with roughly 750 kids. Have been involved in early intervention since 1986, servicing Shawnee County.
- According to the Kansas Children's Cabinet, there is an \$11 return on every \$1 invested in early childhood initiatives in Kansas.
- Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Principles were discussed.
- Overview of Tiny-k services was provided. This included a timeline of when services begin, clear until they leave the program or move on to Part B.
- Tiny-k revenue was discussed and shared. Categorical Aid makes up 41.4% of revenue, and Part C makes up 25.4%.
- Staffing challenges were shared with the SICC.
- One positive of TARC is the expertise of the staff and the support programs that assist and collaborate with their work.

-Myron Melton, KSDE Social-Emotional Workgroup Update

- Social-Emotional growth and Kindergarten Readiness are part of KSDE's vision for Kansas.
- School redesign principles were shared and discussed. Including the real world applications of these changes, and the community partnerships that help with these transitions in schools.

- Overall, KSDE's focus has been on K-12, but the agency is now putting more of a focus on pre-k involvement and success. KSDE is still working on making these connections, and pulling in the correct groups for advice.
- The integrated learning process is critical to the success of each student. It is both content and process based, and therefore integrates human growth, relationships, academics, and environment.

SICC Annual Report:

The SICC Annual Report was shared with members for their review. The report was approved with edits.

Heather Staab – Made motion to accept the report

Alix Kumer – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Gubernatorial Survey Discussion

After discussion, it was decided by the council to set up a temporary committee to work on this task and discuss its effectiveness further. Members volunteering to join the committee were: Dave Lindeman, Matt Connell, Mary Duncan, Stacy Harvey, Liz Brunscheen-Cartagena, and Lisa Collette.

Mary Duncan – Made motion to create the committee

Alix Kumer – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Vice-Chair Update:

Chair Dave Lindeman has appointed Lisa Collette as Vice-Chair for the SICC.

Council Membership:

The council discussed possible additions that could be made to the SICC in terms of membership. Groups that were mentioned include: Head Start, the Kansas Deaf-Blind Project, Parents as Teachers, and legislators. It was decided that the council would continue to review this issue, recruit, and discuss at a future meeting this Fall.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – per Dave Lindeman –

SPP/APR – per Heather Staab – no report at this time. Will not start meetings until October.

Early Childhood/Funding Workgroup- per Kim Kennedy-

Social-Emotional Workgroup – per Karen Pahls- defined the work of the committee for the upcoming year. Also discussed state initiatives that the SICC can

assist with or gather more information from. Partners and presenters were also discussed, and the committee will look into who can be involved with future SICC meetings.

Agency Reports:

KSDE – per Natalie McClane – ASQ and ASQ-SE update provided.

DCF – per Nichelle Adams – no report.

KDHE – per Heather Staab – (handout provided). SSIP discussion and updates to the IFSP were shared to make sure the processes are more aligned.

Insurance – per Lisa Collette – no report.

Families Together – per Laci Reamer- (handout provided)

Others –

Other Reports:

Staff – Continue to visit LICCs and share data from the annual survey. Acronym lists also being shared with LICCs. Shared the annual survey data with the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) in July. New formation of an Early Childhood Division at KSDE, director is Amanda Peterson.

Chair Report – no report.

Adjournment:

Ann Elliot – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Natalie McClane – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, September 28, 1-4pm.