

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes
Topeka, KS
September 28, 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)
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
Kate Walter, Parent Member
Alix Kumer, Provider Member

Members Not Present

Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member
Heather Staab, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)

Nonmembers Present

Susan Bowles, Provider Member
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer
Amanda Peterson, KSDE
Nancy Ochoa, Kansas Insurance Department
Lauren Childers, Kansas Insurance Department
Jordan Christian, SICCC Staff Person

Call to order: Vice Chair Lisa Collette introduced herself 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 August 2018 were reviewed and approved with edits.

Karen Pahls – 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.

Mary Duncan – Made motion to accept agenda

Alix Kumer – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comments:

-Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer

- Expressed interest in the work being done on the SICC Early Childhood/Funding Committee
- Concerned with the current funding formula for Part C. Some programs covering too large of a geographical area given their resources and staff that they have

Presentations:

-Susan Bowles, Local Program Update (Kid-Link DSNWK)

- DSNWK currently covers 18 counties, with offices in Stockton, Russell, and Norton. Employs 7 full time staff.
- Early Intervention Services (birth-3) currently serve around 100 kids.
- Sources of funding shared (PowerPoint)
- Fundraising is a much more difficult issue in central and western Kansas.
- Perform various child-find activities to make sure no children are being left behind
- LICC meets quarterly in Stockton. Members include: Parents as Teachers, School Administrators, County Health Office, Parents, and Part C staff.
- Staffing challenges were shared with the SICC.

-Nancy Ochoa and Lauren Childers, Kansas Insurance Department

- Overview of consumer and general health issues.
- Most common complaints are long-term care and rising rates.
- Encourage all families to thoroughly read their policies
- Any time families have questions regarding insurance claims please direct them to the consumer division at the Kansas Insurance Department for help.

- The department is a great avenue for information that families can use.
- General discussion and questions on family reimbursements were also covered.

Gubernatorial Survey Committee Update

After discussion, it was decided by the group that it is not in the SICC's best interest to move forward with a questionnaire at this time. Two meetings were held to discuss the issue.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – per Dave Lindeman – approved agenda for September meeting.

SPP/APR – per Heather Staab – no report at this time.

Early Childhood/Funding Workgroup- per Kim Kennedy- (handout provided)

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 – no report.

Insurance – per Lisa Collette – (presentation)

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. Shared information regarding the SICC at the annual statewide PAT Coordinators meeting in Topeka. The SICC orientation has been scheduled for October 11.

Chair Report – no report.

Adjournment:

Ann Elliot – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Alix Kumer – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, November 2, 1-4pm.