

# KANSAS INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

MEETING MINUTES – Topeka, KS – DCF Learning Center

January 25, 2013

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Duncan, Chair & Governor's Rep.  
Tiffany Smith, KS Dept. of Education  
Sarah Walters, KDHE  
Susan Threinen, Provider Member  
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member  
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Provider  
Dr. David Lindeman, Regents Rep.  
Dr. Tish Taylor, Provider Member  
Janice Smith, Public Member  
Tammy Scheopner, Parent Member  
Jill Bamber, Parent Member  
Nancy Kruse, Provider Member  
Sharon Hixson, Public Member  
Melissa Schellhamer, Parent Member  
Pamela Beach, Dept. for Children & Families

## NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Coordinator  
Kim Kennedy, Head Start Collaboration  
Freda Tresvan, Wyandotte County LICC

## MEMBERS ON TELEPHONE

Darla Nelson-Metzger, Parent Member  
Dr. Dale Walker, Public Member  
Deb Voth, Provider Member

## MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Ks. Insurance Department Rep.  
Representative Gail Finney  
Senator Jean Schodorf

Mary Duncan, Chair of the Kansas ICC, called the meeting to order with a welcome and asked for introductions from those around the table and on the telephone.

## ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Nancy Kruse moved and Kathy K-O seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes from November 6<sup>th</sup> were distributed. Kathy K-O moved approval. Pamela Beach seconded the motion, which was approved. Nancy Kruse moved approval of the December 14 minutes. Pamela Beach seconded that motion, which was approved.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No one chose to speak at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The task chart from previous meetings was reviewed.

## **Other States, ICCs, and Their Web Sites**

Susan Threinen gave an overview of the web sites from other states. We utilized the technology and looked at them as she spoke. Features that were helpful were noted. Chairman Duncan complimented Susan on her hard work and presentation.

## **Meeting of the Minds – Web Sites**

Having just reviewed other states' web sites, we broke into small groups to discuss. Reporting Back:

**Agencies** small group was particularly impressed with the LICC information. They also liked the details on committees and their work. A listing of meeting dates and locations was good. There was some discussion on location of archives. A reminder to not forget we are birth to five years. A Family Resources page would be helpful, but a caution to not re-invent the wheel. They urge ICC staff should be gate-keeper. **Providers & Public** group mentioned some of the same things, especially LICC info. They want more pictures to keep it visually interesting. Reports from agencies and committees should be uploaded.

**Parents** group urged the use of family friendly formatting, especially headers. They also mentioned LICC info.

Chairman Duncan thanked everyone for their input.

## **2013 Legislative Review**

Mr. Bowman provided a review of the 2013 Legislative session. The Governor's Budget Recommendations are the starting point for every budget discussion. For the first time Governor Brownback is issuing a two-year budget cycle.

If nothing changes, our legislative research staff anticipates a shortfall of under \$300 Million for the FY 2014 budget. The state constitution does not allow a deficit budget. The Governor is urging a reconsideration of the .6 of a cent sales tax that is currently scheduled to lapse on July 1, 2013. He is also proposing the end of two deductions to the state income tax form. Of course, the Legislature will look at every agency budget carefully and attempt to curtail expenditures, even further.

Mr. Bowman reviewed a small number of bills that have been introduced. Among them: HB 2025 creating a KanCare oversight body, SB 77 altering the makeup of the child death review board, and SB 44 regarding the subject of dyslexia. Further discussion around the dyslexia bill was noted. Staff will send out this bill to members.

Mr. Bowman also mentioned the proposed constitutional amendment on the topic of judicial selection, and the current school finance lawsuit. The initial ruling by a panel of district court judges was that FY 2013 school funding is not adequate according to their interpretation of the state constitution. This decision was immediately appealed by Attorney General Schmidt. Tax policy was also mentioned.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

Written reports were sent out in advance and are attached to these minutes.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Executive Committee

This group met to create the agenda for this 1/25 Council meeting. Other matters considered included: The staff evaluation process, the web site revisions, and the strategic plan as revisited by each committee. The Executive will meet again on February 21 at 1pm.

### Family Voices

The Parent members continued work on educational pieces around transition. They will be meeting again on February 12 at 9:30 am.

### Service Delivery Committee

Their focus continues to be upon personnel shortages. They also submitted a written report. This committee will meet again on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

### Evidence Based Practices committee

This group also provided written notes. This committee will work on-line, rather than meet in February.

### Systems Committee

This group suggests a quarterly informational message for local partners. The intent is to summarize all the various ICC committees and their work. This committee would be willing to take the lead in compiling this information and sending it out, if that is agreeable. The next meeting is being re-arranged to accommodate some scheduling challenges.

## **Chair/Staff Report**

Staff reported on a request from a researcher at KU to send out a survey concerning collaboration at the Local ICC level. Feedback was to get our letter out to them first.

The Children's Cabinet is now serving as the Early Childhood Advisory Council, in response to federal law. In that capacity they are creating smaller work groups, and they invite interested persons to participate. Groups include: Professional Development, Mental Health, Data, Preventing Child Abuse/Neglect, and one finishing up the Early Learning Standards.

**Meeting of Minds Wrap-up**

The committees did a quick review of the high points covered in our analysis of other states' web sites. We hope to incorporate these into our efforts to revitalize our Kansas ICC web site.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The next meeting of the Kansas ICC will be at 1pm on Friday, March 1 in Wichita at the Doubletree Hotel, located just north of the Wichita Airport. Our meeting will be immediately after the KDEC conference.

Task	By Whom	Deadline
SB 44 out to Members	Staff	1/29/2013
Testimony sent out to Agency Heads Prior to Hearings	Staff	2/28/2013
Maintenance of Effort Educational Materials	Staff	2/15/2013

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**DCF - ICC REPORT - January 2013**

**Under the Governor's Initiatives,** DCF awarded a \$200,000 grant to Sunflower Broadcasting of Wichita to produce public service announcements, develop online marketing materials, and buy media time to advance the agency's fatherhood initiative.

**Prevention and Protection Services**

Child Welfare Contracts: PPS awarded the child welfare contracts late last week. They are as follows by region: Reintegration, Foster Care and Adoption Service Contracts and Family Preservation Contracts for the Kansas City Region awarded to

KVC Behavioral Health Care Inc., for the Eastern Region awarded to KVC Behavioral Health Care Inc., for the Western Region awarded to St. Francis Community Services, for the Wichita Region awarded to St. Francis Community Services.

Executive on Loan: Ms. Jennifer Benham, the Casey Family Foundation Executive on Loan, has joined the PPS team and will lead the design, planning and implementation of the DCF / DPPS "Front End ReDesign" Initiative. The "Front End ReDesign" is a PPS priority to undergo a critical review of our business process from Intake to Investigations and implement practice, policy or system improvements that enhance our initial response to children and families who touch our system.

### **Economic and Employment Services**

Employment Unit: As one step towards the mission of encouraging personal responsibility, Economic and Employment Services recently filled four unclassified positions to increase both the number of consumers meeting Federal work participation requirements and the number of employment resources available within each of the four regions of the Kansas Department for Children and Families. These positions will enhance existing work programs and employment services, while working closely with community providers and employers to develop new partnerships. The positions will be located in Emporia, Overland Park, Topeka and Wichita.

Head Start State Collaboration Up-dates: Prepared by Kim Kennedy

- Early Learning Standards

The revision work for the Early Learning Standards has been completed. Carla Heintz; lead (formerly with KITS), Gayle Stuber; co-chair (KSDE) and Kim Kennedy; co-chair (DCF/HSSCO) will be meeting at the end of this month with the graphics designer at KSDE to work on formatting. A section on Approaches to Learning will be added as well and the document will include examples of practice. The team is looking at completion by the Spring of 2013. Official roll-out and training dates are to be determined.

- KHSA Connections

The HSSCO office will continue to work with the Kansas Head Start Association to support parent Health Literacy project and promote use of the book *What to do When Your Child is Sick*. Financial Literacy is another parent literacy initiative that has been launched within the last year and is supported by the HSSCO. This project will educate families on the value of saving and how to more effectively manage their finances.

Other initiatives that are in the works include childhood obesity prevention and education and identifying/ developing a universal assessment tool for Head Start and Early Head Start programs in the state.

- Annual HSSCO Needs Assessment

In October the Annual HSSCO Needs Assessment survey was completed. The data collected from that survey provides the HSSCO with information as to what

collaboration connections are working and what areas of collaboration need addressed. This information is used to write a needs assessment report and to develop or to up-date a 5 year strategic plan. A needs assessment report has been completed and the HSSCO 5 year strategic plan has been up-dated and submitted to the federal office for approval. Once approval has been received both the needs assessment report and strategic plan up-dates will be made available for viewing. An electronic copy of the needs assessment report and strategic plan will be sent to the Kansas Head Start Association and to the Head Start directors.

- **Region VII Collaboration Meeting**

January 10 the Region VII HSSCOs joined the Head Start TA and the Region VII staff at a Collaboration Directors Meeting. This meeting was held at the Region VII Head Start Office in Kansas City. Guylaine Richard from the National Center for Parent, Family and Community Engagement and Jhmur Saeed from the National Center for Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness presented on "Attitudes and Practices for Meaningful Grantee Support". In addition there was time allotted to discuss collaboration work and challenges around the regional priorities.

January 2013 - KSDE Report

**KDEC 31st Annual Conference, "Survive and Thrive In Uncertain Times"**

February 28-March 1, 2013 at the DoubleTree (formerly the Hilton Wichita Airport Hotel) in Wichita, KS. Dr. Robin McWilliam, Janice Fialka and many outstanding presenters will provide applicable evidence-based practice information. Access registration, fees/payment, hotel, agenda, keynote and other pertinent conference information <http://www.cvent.com/d/6cqs34/1Q>

**Transition from Part C to Part B Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Part B Indicator 12**

In Kansas, both C and B ECSE programs were able to successfully and timely transition 2225 children and only two children did not meet the third birthday timeline requirement. This is a great accomplishment for the local programs who have been working so hard to ensure children are able to transition timely. For more resources to assist with guidance, please refer to the KITS-TASN website for transition resources <http://kskits.org/ta/transitionPartCtoPartB/index.shtml>

**Early Childhood Outcomes- Outcomes Web System (OWS)- Part B Indicator 7**

KITS-TASN posted the webinar, Understanding your ECO Data to assist local programs with improving their outcome data. There is also a data drilldown guide to support programs with evaluating early childhood outcome reporting process, and identifying patterns in the data that can lead to improved services to Kansas children and families. This information is posted on the KITS-TASN website <http://www.kskits.org/ta/ECOOutcomes/Index.shtml>

**Early Childhood Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Part B Indicator 6**

A preschool child with a disability who is eligible to receive special education and related services is entitled to all the rights and protections guaranteed under Part B of the IDEA. One of these guaranteed rights is the right to be educated in the least restrictive environment in regular classrooms alongside their peers without disabilities. The child's placement must be based on the child's individualized education program (IEP). In addition, the IEP must include an explanation of the extent, if any, to which the child will NOT participate with nondisabled children in regular class.

This year, OSEP has required that States report Early Childhood LRE-Indicator 6 and that the FFY 2011 Indicator 6A percent and Indicator 6B percent for this year will be the baseline measurement. The Baseline and Target are reported in a State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) 2011 and is due to OSEP February 2013. The district percent on FFY 2011 Indicator 6A and 6B are reported in the FFY 2011 APR reports which will be distributed

March 2013. The data for the FFY 2012 state and district Indicator 6A and 6B percent will come from the Dec 1, 2012 Education Environments. The KITS-TASN website has a NEW Early Childhood LRE page at [http://kskits.org/ta/preschool\\_LRE\\_Resources/index.shtml](http://kskits.org/ta/preschool_LRE_Resources/index.shtml)

#### **Parents as Teachers** (submitted by Janet Newton)

Great News! Parents as Teachers is level funded in the Governor's Budget for FY2014 and FY2015. This is just the beginning of the budget process but we are starting off in a very good place. There is some language recommending the program change to serve low income families and charging those families that can afford the services. We will be monitoring this throughout the process.

Congratulations to programs that received funding through one of the new Early Childhood Block Grants. There are a number of programs that are using those funds to expand services to 3 to 5 year olds. The KSDE Foundations for School Success Team to add data collection for PAT 3 to 5 year olds in 2013-14.

The next PAT Foundational Curriculum/Model Implementation Training in Kansas will be:

July 15-19, 2013

August 19-23, 2013

Both training sessions will be held in Kansas City Kansas. Other options for training outside of Kansas are listed in the PAT National training calendar at [www.parentsasteachers.org](http://www.parentsasteachers.org)

#### **School Readiness Project** (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

The School Readiness Framework has been endorsed by the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The School Readiness Data Task Force Final report that includes the Framework as well as the list of Indicators and the Data Elements that describe them can be found <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4295>

Other updates:

1. The Kansas State Department of Education has posted an Early Childhood Data Coordinator position to support the work of developing a Comprehensive Early Childhood Data System. Once the data coordinator is hired, a steering committee will be convened to oversee implementation of a Data System Work Plan presently under development with support from Missy Cochenour, State Support Team SLDS Technical Assistance Expert.
2. Mapping the data elements of the School Readiness Framework to the Priority Policy Questions is in process and is slated for completion by the end of January. This will give us a 'status report' of what early childhood data Kansas has currently available—and where we have gaps.

The activities of 2012 have set the stage to implement the School Readiness Framework statewide, positioning it for use across the state as an organizational structure for programs, policies, and processes.

**Four Year Old At-Risk Program** (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Teachers in the Four Year Old At-Risk program worked diligently to enter data in the Early Childhood Success in School web application using the Kansas Early Learning Inventory for Fours-Revised (KELI-4R) and the Classroom Practices Survey as well as the Home Survey which collects information on practices that support school readiness in the home. State level results will be available later—hopefully in the spring. This is the second year of the Early Childhood Success in School data collection. The Application for funds for 2013-14 will be available in early February. It is anticipated that there will be no funds for new child slots nor for new programs.

**Pre-K Program** (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

As was noted for Parents as Teachers, the Pre-K Program is level funded in the Governor's Budget for FY2014 and FY2015. We need to remember that this is just the beginning of the budget process but we are starting off in a very good place. The Pre-K Program will have some changes for the 2013-14 year which will be clarified in the upcoming application process next month.

**Homeless** (Submitted by Tate Toedman)

The Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition (KSHC) annual statewide homeless conference will be in Pittsburg, Kansas April 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a liaison training in Pittsburg on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We hope to have an education track this year at the conference.

Next year's NAEHCY national conference will be in Atlanta, Georgia November 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. Find out more information about next year's and past years' conferences under the conference tab on the newly redesigned [NAEHCY](#) website.



I will be attending the State Coordinator's meeting for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth in February. All nine districts will be monitored this spring and summer. We are also using a new evaluation system that will go along with the monitoring process this year.

The KSDE homeless website is available at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=372>

**Migrant** (Submitted by Doug Boline)

Year-end data for the Migrant Family Literacy Grant recipients is being reviewed. Early analysis indicates that participating districts are seeing growth for their efforts. The grant offers promise for helping break the intergenerational cycle of poverty and increase literacy in Kansas through; early childhood education, adult literacy, parenting education, and interactive literacy activities between parents and their children. The grant focuses on children birth through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, but serves all school age children as need arises. Districts with grants in '11-'12 and continuing in '12-'13 are: Cimarron, Ulysses, Lakin, Deerfield, Elkhart, Olathe, Dodge City, Garden City and Kansas City.

**Early Childhood Special Education Technical Assistance**

There are many resources available regarding Early Childhood Transition (Indicator 12), Early Childhood Outcomes (Indicator 7) and Least Restrictive Environment (Indicator 6) for Early Childhood, as well as the other Part B Indicators.

Please go to the TASN website to request Individualized Technical Assistance or to get information regarding the [Kansas SPP Indicator Improvement Resources](#), Public Reports and other useful links. <http://ksdetasn.org/cms/>

**KSDE Early Childhood webpage**

The KSDE website <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2284> has information, reports and documents about Early Childhood programs, including Parents as Teachers, ECSE Part B, Kansas Pre-K, 4 Year Old at Risk and our Birth to Five State Early Childhood Documents from our regional summits. This includes Part B ECSE Contacts across the state as well as the KDHE Part C tiny-k contacts.

<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4745>. If you would like to add or update Part B ECSE contact information, please contact Beccy Strohm at [bstrohm@ksde.org](mailto:bstrohm@ksde.org)

**Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services**

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**Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs –**

SHS is moving forward with our regionalization initiative in the eastern half of the state for SFY 14. We have been selected to present at AMCHP in February regarding our regionalization initiative as well as embedding a Patient Support Navigator within several of our multi-disciplinary specialty clinics in KC and Wichita.

## **MCH**

Staff will be meeting with Governor's Public Health Conference planning committee to plan 2013 conference. Staff will be attending the School Health NASN Board meeting in Alexandria, VA and have a 30 minute presentation. Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is the program the subcommittee is leaning toward implementing State wide. The State MCH Healthy Start representative will be reviewing the new on-line Basic Home Visitation Training provided by Kansas Head Start Association on January 22 and 23.

## **MIECHV**

The first year (10/1/11-9/30/12) Performance Report was submitted to HRSA which provides baseline data on Benchmark indicators, participants and services.

## **Part C**

The Procedure Manual is almost ready for public comment and Public Hearings. It will be out for comments for 60 days and we will hold public hearings, tentatively in March. The information will be sent to the Council when they are scheduled.

Revision of the State regulations is moving forward and is almost ready to go to the Attorney General's office. These will also be part of a public comment period. More information to follow.

The APR has had its final edits per input from our OSEP contact and Mountain Plains Technical Assistance provider and is ready to send. We were also asked to send information regarding follow up from the Verification visit. That information will be included with the APR submission. The letter from OSEP requesting this information is available upon request.

We continue to try to educate about the Maintenance of Effort Requirements. Attached are some documents prepared for your information.

We will be meeting with KSDE in March to begin development of an MOA regarding the use of Categorical Aid funds in Part C. OSEP is requiring this as part of the Grant Application process and the System of Payments requirements.

There is a Webinar on Transition and the IFSP document on January 30, 2013. Information can be found on the KITS training calendar. [www.kskits.org](http://www.kskits.org)

There will be an IFSPalooza in Wichita on February 27, 2013. Information about this training is available on the KITS training Calendar. [www.kskits.org](http://www.kskits.org)