

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes – Topeka, KS
October 25, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Duncan, Chair and Governor's Representative
Pamela Beach, Department for Children and Families
Matthew Connell, Provider Member – present on telephone
Kerry Haag, Kansas State Department of Education
Sharon Hixson, Public Member
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Provider Member
Dr. David Lindeman, Regents Representative
Melisa Schelhamer, Parent Member – present on telephone
Tammy Scheopner, Parent Member – present on telephone
Sabra Shirrell, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Janice Smith, Public Member
Susan Threinen, Provider Member

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Bowman, Coordinator
Sara Walters, KDHE

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Darla Nelson-Metzger, Parent Member
Kansas Insurance Department Repr.
Representative Position
Senate Position

Mary Duncan, Chair of the Kansas ICC, called the meeting to order with a welcome and asked for introductions. The Council is using a new distance meeting program called "Live Meeting". Members Matthew Connell and Tammy Scheopner were present via the Live Meeting program. Kerry Haag was present as the representative for the Kansas State Department of Education.

August 2013 meeting minutes were approved pending the correction to the roll. Sharon Hixson participated by telephone, not in person. September meeting minutes were approved pending a correction in the 4th paragraph to replace the word "statutes" with "bylaws". Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer moved to approve both August and September meeting minutes as amended. Pamela Beach seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment regulations are posted on the KDHE website for public comment through the 20th of November. Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer asked if the Council needed to take action on this document in order to provide feedback by the 11/20/13 deadline. Sarah Walters, KDHE representative, will be discussing this document at our 11/20/13 meeting and will take any Council feedback with her after the meeting concludes that day. Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer moved to approve the 10/25/13 agenda. Dr. Lindeman seconded. The agenda was approved as presented.

Old Business & Public Forum: There was none presented.

DEC Initiative: Sarah Walters and Dr. Eva Horn participated in a National Early Childhood Leadership Summit at the Division for Early Childhood Conference. The summit discussed IDEA funding in the federal budget and the need for leadership in early childhood special education. Recommendations included: bringing diversity to leadership to more closely represent the families we serve; providing more leadership training for ECSE providers that are "mid-career"; ensuring that the leadership training is systematic so that there are always new leaders to take the place of those who are retiring. Dr. Lindeman shared more information about personnel preparation in the state of Kansas as the field of early childhood special education grows. Dr. Lindeman talked about the Kansas In-service Training Systems and the role it plays in continuing education for teachers across the state of Kansas. They have just implemented a book group that meets on a regular basis to review literature.

The Division for Early Childhood has a legislative section on their website: www.dec.sped.org. There is a link to send an email to your state-specific senator and/or Congressperson that will discuss the need for more funding for early childhood special education. Sharon Hixson queried about KS funding over the past 20 years – information that she would like to include in the body of the email sent by the CEC website. Discussion was held regarding past budgets and where to find that financial information. Staff will provide some Kansas specific information.

Strategic Plan: A draft version of the 2013-2014 Strategic Plan was distributed for discussion and possible approval. Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer asked if the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report committee was specific to KDHE. Doug indicated that the Council reviews the Part C document per request from KDHE. Pamela Beach shared the work of the service delivery committee during the 2012-2013 year and asked if the information they gathered pertaining to personnel shortages could be placed on the Council's websites as a reference for people looking for work. Discussion was held about connecting with the local networks to find out how they are addressing their personnel shortages as well as how to communicate/collaborate with higher education in the state of Kansas to inform the colleges/universities of the personnel shortages. This will be added as "dissemination of information" under the website committee and a separate work group need not be assigned. A motion was made by Pamela Beach to approve the strategic plan. Kathy K-O seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting of the Minds: The Council was broken into small groups to brainstorm additional information that Doug Bowman could share with the LICCs when he goes to meet with them. Suggestions given include: 1) talk about the website, 2) having a Council member attend with him to help build connections between the State ICC and the LICC, and 3) consider sharing LICC strategic plans among LICCs statewide.

Executive Committee and Chairman's report: Mary Duncan, Chair, sent a letter of request to the Department of Children and Families for use of technology and technology staff. She is looking into ways to provide e-orientation for new – and existing – members using Centris Symposium or other live meeting programs. Work group rosters were distributed. Article VI (six) of the Council bylaws was distributed for review and discussion. Discussion was held with regard to wording on number 5) voting by proxy and the advanced notice of items that need to be voted on. Mary Duncan and Doug Bowman have been in communication with Colleen Riley and her KSDE staff to plan the agenda for our joint meeting with SEAC on November 20th. Lunch is provided. The Council will meet at the DCF Learning Center at 2nd and MacVicar in the morning and move to the Landon State Office building for lunch and our afternoon joint meeting.

Work Group Reports:

Website: There is a plan in place for production, but we don't yet have a firm timeline. The task force chair, Pamela Beach, has been asked to provide a 10 minute presentation on the new website during our November joint meeting. The work group is looking into how to best use the expertise of Council members as the website is developed.

SPP/APR: Writing has begun while waiting on data tables from OSEP. Sarah Walters estimated that a draft would be ready by the end of November/first of December.

Communication/Collaboration: no report. Sabra Shirrell is newly appointed as chair.

Agency Reports:

DCF: no report

KDHE: There are several state regulations that have been examined, modified, and proposed. Part H language has been removed and replaced with Part C. The new federal regulations have been added. Family Service Coordinators are now required to have, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree in a social sciences field. This will take effect in July 2014. Language has been changed to reflect the current language for each licensing body in the state of Kansas, and to use the "tiny-k" name. Clarification was added that the LICC chair cannot be the local Part C/tiny-k coordinator for that area. Only one parent is required to be on the LICC. Public comment is open till November 20th.

KSDE: Kerry Haag reported. The department has moved to the 6th floor of the Landon State Office Building. The ECSE coordinator position has been advertised and they are beginning to screen applicants. Early learning standards have been approved.

Doug: Doug Bowman and Mary Duncan met with the governor's appointment secretary to check the status of vacant positions. Matthew Connell joins as a provider member. Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer has been appointed for another 4 year team. Linda Shepard is the new representative from the Insurance Commission. The Legislative Coordinating Council met and filled the vacant Senate seat: Elaine Bowers, a republican from Concordia KS, will join the Council. The House has not yet formerly appointed a representative, pending questions. Doug met with the Reno County LICC 10/18/13. Preliminary conversation was held regarding how best to present the new member orientation to maximize time and resources. Three possible dates will be sent out in the near future. Jim Redmon, the long-time Executive Director of the Children's Cabinet, resigned.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Threinen

Task	By Whom	Deadline
Post Approved Strategic Plan on ICC Web Site	Staff	November 1, 2013
Finalize Agenda for 11/20 joint meeting with SEAC	Chair and Staff	November 1, 2013
Arrange details for Orientation session for new members	Chair and Staff	November 1, 2013

Below is something we found on the DEC (Division of Early Childhood for the Council of Exceptional Children) web site. Individuals may act as they think proper.

Tell Congress to Increase Funding for IDEA's Early Childhood Programs!

The budget battles on Capitol Hill will soon turn to funding for IDEA; now is the time to tell Congress that more funding is needed for IDEA's Early Intervention and Preschool Program.

Did you know that IDEA's early childhood programs are serving more than one million children and families, a 50% growth over the last two decades?

But federal funding has failed to keep pace. In fact, federal funding per child has been cut by 35% over the last 20 years!

Our message to Congress is clear: we need more funding to fully address the needs of children and their families!

We could possibly provide a hot link to make it easy for them to produce a letter to any or all of the Kansas Congressional delegation on the topic.

I was asked to add some Kansas data. Here is what I found:

The high water mark for Infant Toddler funding on a per child basis was Fiscal Year 2009. That was the last time Kansas gave an increase in state funding to the program. Since then, the state appropriation has been

level. The number of children over that same period has grown by 33.8%. In that time frame, the total federal grant awarded to Kansas has inched up by \$114,260. That is a 3% increase.

Funding, Per Child:		total grant*		
FY	State	Federal	TOTAL Dec 1 st child count	
2009	1,782	1213.6	2,995.6	3,210
2013	1,372	933.2	2,305.2	4,297

*This represents the entire federal Part C grant. That portion sent to local providers, the part that supports state operations, contracted services, etc.

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-Part C Infant Toddler Services

- We have completed the annual compliance review of programs and have numerous corrective action plans in place. Transition to Part B continues to be an issue for our local programs
- On Nov. 5, 2013 Sarah will be presenting to the Joint committee on administrative rules and regulations. This is in regard to our revised and updated state regulations. The meeting is in room 152-S of the Statehouse. If Rachel or any other representatives would like to be there, they are welcome.
- Sarah just returned from a conference where she was invited to participate in a National Early Childhood Special Education Leadership Summit.
- We are in the process of reviewing the randomly selected IFSPs for compliance.
- We met with a representative from DCF about CAPTA requirements and are planning to present a workshop with them at the Governor’s Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect on November 7th on referring children who have been substantiated for abuse and neglect to Part C infant toddler services for developmental screening.
- MOA with KSDE around use of Categorical Aid has been revised and is back at KSDE for further review.

Upcoming Program Events/Activities

- November 5, 2013 : Regulation presentation to the Joint committee on administrative rules and regulations
- November 20, 2013: State ICC meeting jointly with SEAC
- November 20, 2013 Public Hearing on Part C Regulations, at KDHE Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 10:00 AM in the Santa Fe Trail Conference room at KDHE

-MCH Unit Information for Section Director’s Report – 10/24/13

Joe Kotsch attended the Tri-Regional Faith and Community Summit on Oct. 24-26 in Kansas City, MO, sponsored by the Region VII U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office on Women’s Health, Office of Minority Health and the HIV/AIDS Resource Network, and a variety of other local, state and national partners. The summit’s purpose is to “educate, empower, and engage leaders from faith- and community-based organizations as they work to improve their personal health, advance the health and wellness of their organizations and communities, and protect the health of future generations.” Joe and Cristi Cain of KU-CPPR co-presented a workshop, *Using Technology for Health (Text4Baby) and using social media as a Health Tool*. Joe also intends to learn and utilize ideas for better engaging diverse populations and people of color in public health programs.

- Debbie Richardson in partnership with KU-CPPR have had a poster proposal accepted for presentation at the January 2014 AMCHP Annual Conference. The poster title is *Follow the yellow brick road with Kansas ECCS and MIECHV: Supporting statewide developmental screenings for children through innovative cross-systems change and collaboration strategies.*
- The following sessions will be presented at the Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect scheduled November 6-8 in Topeka:
 - *Current Infant Safety Concerns: A Roundtable Discussion* – Jamie Klenklen will speak about Safe Haven for Infants.
 - Preconference Institute, *Healthy Moms, Happy Babies: A Train the Trainers Curriculum for Home Visitation Programs to Address Domestic Violence* – sponsored/arranged by the MIECHV program with a national trainer from Futures without Violence.
 - *What is MIECHV? The Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program in Kansas* – Debbie Richardson, KU-CPPR, and local program partners
 - *Kansas MIECHV Programs: Measurement and Use of Implementation Fidelity Data to Inform Practice* – KU Juniper Gardens, local program partners, and Debbie Richardson
 - *Home Visiting with Multiply Challenged Families: Lessons from MIECHV* – Wyandotte County program partners
- As part of the MIECHV program objectives, a state home visiting strategic planning process has been initiated with a workgroup of state leaders. Full day strategic planning sessions have been held in Sept. and Oct. with another scheduled in December. The goal of the strategic planning is to foster a state infrastructure and sustainability of a coordinated, integrated system of quality home visiting services in KS.

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LOCATION CHANGE: The Kansas State Department of Education is in the process of moving from its current location to the Landon State Office Building. The Early Childhood, Special Education, and Title Services Team members are fully moved. Email addresses and phone numbers are the same as before—just the land address has been changed. We are now located at:

Landon State Office Building
900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 620
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1212

Early Childhood Special Education, Section 619 (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

Tiffany Smith, the KSDE Section 619 Coordinator, has moved into a new position outside of the Kansas State Department of Education. Tiffany is working in the field of Mental Health and will provide strong leadership in that area. We miss her, but are happy that she is still providing services that help children and families in Kansas! The position has been posted and is in now in the HR Process.

Technical Assistance System Network (TASN)

There are many resources available regarding Early Childhood through the KITS – TASN website: www.kskits.org These resources include an Early Childhood Resource Center and a Training Calendar.

Parents as Teachers (submitted by Janet Newton)

The Parents as Teachers program is moving into its second year of data collection using the Foundations for School Success web application. The data collected will continue to be used to show the strength of the PAT program and the impact of the high quality services, supports, and education parent educators provide to families and children.

School Readiness Framework Update(Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

The School Readiness Framework has been officially supported by multiple agencies and organizations. Members of the State Agencies Early Childhood Leadership Team have shared the Framework and the overview of their Team's work and mission for the past several months. The Framework provides Kansas with a vision for School readiness across four components: Community; Educational Environment; Family; Child.

State Pre-Kindergarten (formerly the Four Year Old At-Risk) Program (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

The Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Program is up and running for 2013-14! The teachers are hard at work, observing their children and completing the Kansas Early Learning Inventory for Fours (KELI-4) on 10 randomly selected children in their classrooms. Families of these children will be asked to complete two surveys, and the teachers have two surveys to complete as well—Classroom Practices and a new one around Transition practices. The KELI-4 is the final version after several years of statistically analyzing and validating the items, including aligning them with the 2013 Kansas Early Learning Standards.

Kansas Preschool Program (formerly the Pre-K Program) (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

The Kansas Preschool Program has made some changes for this and upcoming years that will positively impact the learning of the children involved in the KPP classrooms. Changes for the next couple of years include: (1) requiring all teachers to be licensed and, starting in 2014-15, licensed in Early Childhood or Early Childhood Unified; (2) requiring all sites to participate in the research-based Multi-Tiered System of Supports – a model of providing high quality, research-based services that result in improved learning; and, (3) planning for a 2014-15 implementation of a Parent Education/Family Engagement model that is research-based and has fidelity of implementation—at this time *Parents as Teachers for 3-5* and the *Head Start model* meet criteria. With the focus on 'proof of improvement' in all aspects of education and early learning, the KPP is poised to provide that proof while showing improvement!

Kansas Early Learning Standards (Submitted by Gayle Stuber)

The long awaited (!!!) Kansas Early Learning Standards are now posted on the KSDE website. Please go to: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3321> for your copy. OR—go to www.ksde.org and click on Early Childhood on the left side of the page. Scroll down to Early Childhood Unit Resources for Kansas Early Learning Standards.

In the past, the Early Learning Standards have been printed for distribution. Due to the added costs and the reality that in the past several years, fewer than half of the printed copies were ever requested, no hard copies will be made of this revision. The document has a new look and has included Kindergarten Standards where possible which should make this a great resource for early childhood educators and their Kindergarten counterparts. Please share!

The previous version from 2009 had several sections around using the standards such Connecting with how children learn, developing standards-based IEP's and other topics. These sections will be reviewed, revised where needed to bring the information and the resources up to date, and be made available online. Training will also be developed and hopefully provided in the upcoming year. There is no set timeline yet—but you will be kept updated!

Homeless (Submitted by Tate Toedman)

Our national conference is scheduled for November 2-5 in Atlanta. Tate will be going and am expecting about 15 others from school districts across Kansas to be attending. We have started working on the 2014 national NAEHCY conference that will be in Kansas City, Missouri at the Westin Crown Center October 25-28. We typically have between 900-1000 attendees.

Our Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition conference is scheduled for April 7-9, 2014 at the Ramada Inn and Convention Center in Salina.

9,330 students were identified in Kansas public schools during the 2012-2013 school year as homeless.

I have attached flyers for both of the conferences in 2014.