



Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

ANNUAL REPORT: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

The mission of the Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services is to ensure that a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services is available in Kansas to all children with or at risk for developmental delays from birth through age 5 and their families.

INTRODUCTION

The Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) is based in both federal law and state statute. This council is responsible for advising and assisting the Kansas governor, legislature and state agencies on matters that impact Kansas families with children, ages birth to 5, who have, or are at risk for, developmental delays and to ensure that a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services is available in Kansas for these children. The majority of the Council members are appointed by the governor. The remainder of the council members are appointed by state agency heads:

- Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
- Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF)
- Kansas Department for Aging and Disabilities Services (KDADS)
- Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR)
- Kansas Insurance Commissioner

Along with two Kansas legislators selected by the Legislative Coordinating Council.

Council activities are guided by statute, by-laws and the mission statement and are largely driven by the Annual Strategic Planning meeting and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA-Attachment #1) with state agency partners.

ANNUAL PRIORITIES AND GOALS

During Fiscal Year 2022, the council focused on community services and functions of the SICC. Topics have included:

- Services to children and families by local Part C programs.
- Changes in function and focus of local mental health centers.
- Implementation of Ages & Stages Questionnaires® partnerships for screening in communities.
- Inclusion in Least Restrictive Environments for children ages 3-5.
- Supports for Local ICCs (LICCs).
- SICC State Agency Memorandum of Agreement.
- Roles and responsibilities of the SICC and its members.

KANSAS ICC ROSTER 2021-2022

Name	Position on Council	Email	Term expires
David Lindeman (Chair)	KBOR representative	lindeman@ku.edu	N/A
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Amy Meek	and Trust Fund		
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Gary Henault			
Laura Smith-Everett	Parent member	Laura4kansas@gmail.com	7/31/2023
Vacant	Provider member		
Vacant	Legislators x2		
Kristy Cotton	Staff to the SICC	kcotton@ksde.org	N/A

COMMITTEES AND ANNUAL GOALS

Following discussion by council members and guests, the committees/work groups were identified for FY 22, and the chair for each committee were identified (listed below). The chair of the SICC encouraged Council members to pick a committee they have not served on in the past. Committee chairs were selected during the Annual Planning Session (June 2021).

Committee Leadership for 2021-2022:

Committee	Chair
Executive Committee	David Lindeman
State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) Committee	Tricia Waggoner
Early Childhood Workforce and Funding Committee	Lisa Collette
Social-Emotional Committee	TBA
Early Childhood Least Restrictive Environment (ECLRE) Committee	David Lindeman
LICC Support Committee	Susan Bowles

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Refine template for agency reports, committee reports, local community presentations and state systems presentations.
- Set agendas for full council meetings.
- Approve/add updates to the SICC website.
- Act on behalf of Council should action be time limited/prior to next SICC meeting.

SPP/APR COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Review and approve Part C annual report.
- Recommend to SICC approval of report at the January meeting.
- Recommend to SICC authorization for Council chair to sign report for submission to Office of Special Education programs, U.S. Department of Education.

EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE AND FUNDING COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Build membership for this committee and establish a new chair.
- Review items from Strategic Planning Involving Funding.
- Set attainable goals involving Strategic Plan suggestions.
- Discussions around insurance (approaching the Insurance Commission regarding claims and distributing funds each year to programs).
- Examine Part C funding formula again (Review 2019 Needs Assessment recommendation, as well).
- Examine recommendation that Medicaid funding remain for teleintervention.

ECLRE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Finalize survey by August 2021.
- Send out survey to licensed child care providers in designated areas.
- Compile survey feedback/data analysis.
- Focus groups with respondents.
- Compile information from focus groups.
- Report results/information to the full Council.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Build membership for this committee and establish a new chair.
- Compile social-emotional data/community assessments.
- Increase the capacity of physicians/pediatricians to understand who might have developmental delays.
- SSIP discussions/feedback.
- What resources are available for families and programs as we address challenges of COVID-19?

LOCAL ICC ANNUAL RETREAT COMMITTEE

- Determine if the event will be virtual or in person.
- Develop and send survey to finalize topics for regional retreats.
- Plan arrangements for retreats.
- Identify retreat focus/topics.
- Conduct retreats.
- Send post-retreat survey.

KANSAS ICC MEETINGS AND ACTIONS

All SICC meetings follow an agenda sent to members in advance. Standing agenda items include introductions, approval of previous minutes, approval of agenda, public forum, old business, committee reports, agency reports, staff report and report from chair. All meetings took place virtually because of COVID-19.

Orientation for new members is provided. Additionally, information was shared with all members on the role of the Council during the February meeting. Meeting agendas, minutes, reports and handouts are posted on the website at <https://www.kansasicc.org/meeting-dateslocations.html>

Beginning in August 2018, the SICC set in place the standard practice of hearing reports from a local service program and a state-level program or project (Attachment #4). The intent of this practice was to engage both local and state partners, as well as educate the SICC members regarding supports, services and programs in the state. By providing this information, the work of the SICC will be facilitated, and members of the Council will have additional information regarding services that can be referenced to the mission of ensuring a comprehensive system of integrated services.



Aug. 20, 2021 (Zoom) - The Council's Annual Report and agenda were approved. Members of the SICC decided which committees they would work with for the duration of the current fiscal year. Committee and agency reports were provided.

Sept. 18, 2021 (Zoom) – Julie Rand, who serves on the Early Childhood team at KSDE, provided an ECLRE update. The Council discussed committee assignments. Committee and agency reports also were provided.

Oct. 16, 2021 (Zoom) – Emilee Wilke, from REACH tiny-k Infant Toddler Services, provided an overview of the program. Erica Figuero, University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research (KU CPPR), shared with the Council an update about the Statewide ASQ Implementation. Committee and agency reports were provided.

Nov. 10, 2021 (Zoom) – Monica Ross, from Infant Toddler Services of Johnson County, provided an overview of the program. The Council went over contract renewals and usage of funds requested by LICCs. Committee and agency reports were provided.

Dec. 18, 2021 (Zoom) – Suzy Green, from tiny-k Intervention Douglas County, provided an overview of the program. Jordan Christian, SICC staff member, shared midyear updates with the Council. Committee and agency reports were provided.

Jan. 12, 2022 (Zoom) – Annual joint meeting with the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC). Dr. Eva Horn, from the Pre-service Programs and Lack of Student Teachers in Early Childhood, spoke to the Council about the teacher shortage and the reasons for the shortage across the state and nation. Shane Carter, from Unified License, reviewed endorsement types for license. Committee and agency reports were provided.

Feb. 18, 2022 (Zoom) – John Copenhaver, from TAESE Utah State University, provided to the Council an ICC Orientation and an overview of the SICC. Tricia Waggoner, from KDHE, shared a review of the SPP/APR and shared data for reach indicators. Committee and agency reports were provided.

March 19, 2022 (Zoom) – Julie Rand, from KSDE, shared an overview of the SPP/APR Part B 619 update. Shaun Dierker provided an overview of what the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics offer. Committee and agency reports were provided.

April 16, 2022 (Zoom) – Jonnie Brown, from Harvey County tiny-k Toddler Services, provided an overview of the program. Tricia Waggoner, from KDHE, shared SPP/APR updates. Committee and agency reports were provided.

May 21, 2022 (Zoom) – Kristy Cotton, new SICC staff member, introduced herself to the Council. Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, from Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, provided an overview of the program. Chris Tilden, CPPR, spoke with the Council about collaboration with LICCs. Committee and agency reports were provided.

June 18, 2022 (Zoom) - The council had its annual strategic planning session virtually via Zoom. The agenda for the day was reviewed and approved. The SICC had their strategic planning session with Jenny Memmott, from KU CPPR facilitating. The group was challenged with identifying potential areas of focus that the SICC could concentrate on during the upcoming year using LucidSpark Brainstorming. The SICC will approve the strategic plan at its first meeting of FY23 in August 2022.

STAFF REPORT

Staff person to the SICC provided training and completed virtual visits to 19 different LICCs (Attachment #4) across the state, with some of them being visited multiple times (MOA Pg. 4, E, Attachment 1).

Staff also presented updates, provided technical support and gave updates on the state agencies' work to LICCs. Presentations were given on a variety of topics that focused on the needs of each LICC and their community outreach initiatives. Staff also worked with three local programs, and their LICCs, where local lead agency changes were initiated

SICC staff completed 31 total technical assistance and support visits to LICCs around the state by attending virtually, including:

- REACH ICC, Geary County ICC, Pony Express LICC, SE KS Regional LICC, Shawnee County Early Childhood Coalition, Riley County LICC, Franklin County LICC, North Country Connection LICC, RCDC ICC (CFN), Ottawa Wellsville ICC, Leavenworth County LICC, Central Kansas ICC, Wyandotte County LICC, Butler County ICC, Douglas County ICC, Flint Hills ICC, Harvey County ICC, Johnson County ICC, McKids ICC, Reno County ICC, Sedgwick County ICC, Sumner County LICC, Pottawatomie-Wabaunsee LICC and Marion County ICC.

Staff spoke on a variety of subjects that focused on the unique needs of each LICC. Examples included:

- The role of the LICC in relation to the local lead agency for Part C, the steps to take in selecting a new local lead agency, and updates from Topeka/the Legislature.

An orientation PowerPoint (Attachment #5) was used for new SICC/LICC members. Meeting minutes, agendas, logistics and locations were also arranged by the staff (MOA Pg. 4, D, Attachment 1). The annual report was also prepared by the staff person and reviewed by the full council before being submitted prior to Aug. 30, 2022 (MOA Pg. 4, F, Attachment #1).

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES

Council activities are primarily directed by the Annual Strategic Plan and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the state agencies. A portion of our activity takes place at the committee level. A list of Council accomplishments for FY 21 includes:

- Lickvar-Armstrong, C.A. & Horn, E. (2021, September). ECLRE: Community provider perspectives in highly performing districts. Poster presented at the Division for Early Childhood 37th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, Virtual Conference.
- Lindeman, D.P. & Christian, J. (2022, February). *Kansas SICC: Partnering with communities and stakeholders*. Paper presented at the 40th Annual Kansas Division for Early Childhood Conference: Making a Change Starts Here, Wichita, Kansas.
- Lickvar-Armstrong, C., Christian, J., Horn, E., & Lindeman, D.P. (2022, February). *EC LRE: Community provider perceptions in high performing districts*. Paper presented at the 40th Annual Kansas Division for Early Childhood Conference: Making a Change Starts Here, Wichita, Kansas.
- Joint SICC-SEAC (Special Education Advisory Council) meeting on January 12, 2022. This provided insight to both council's current work and helped align some of their objectives and goals. The goal of this meeting is to coordinate advisory functions, especially regarding children aged 3-5 years. (MOA Pg.4, B Attachment 1)
- Presentation on an initiative with mental health Centers. Letters were sent to the first centers making the change and their LICC. (2022, April).
- SICC introduced new staff member Kristy Cotton.
- KDHE Part C State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) Approval and Review.
- Met with the Governor's Appointments Office focusing on meeting the requirements of IDEA regarding SICC membership.
- Additions/changes to the council membership were discussed. Resignations included:
 - Alex Red Corn, public member
 - Jennifer Oborny, provider member
 - Shannon McMahon, Head Start representative
- The SICC staff completed work on the SICC website (kansasicc.org).
- The SICC staff sent out certificates to past council members thanking them for their time for serving on the Council.

APPENDIX

- Attachment 1: SICC MOA/Contract between KDHE, KSDE, and DCF.
- Attachment 2: SICC By-Laws
- Attachment 3: LICC PowerPoint
- Attachment 4: DEC Poster
- Attachment 5: 2021-2022 Meeting Presentation Matrix
- Attachment 6: ICC LRE Presentation
- Attachment 7: KDEC SICC Presentation
- Attachment 8: ICC Composition Matrix
- Attachment 9: Letter to Allen.Linn.Bourbon
- Attachment 10: Crosswalk
- Attachment 11: 2022 KSDE SPDG (State Personnel Development Grant) Letter

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