



Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

ANNUAL REPORT: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

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 (ICC) is based in both federal law and state statute. We serve as an advisory body to state agencies and others with the majority of our members appointed by the Governor and the remainder by administrators of state agencies, the Kansas Board of Regents, Kansas House and Senate leaders, and the Kansas Insurance Commissioner, as described in federal law and state statute. Our area of focus concerns children with (or at risk of) disabilities or developmental delays aged birth through five years and their families. Council activities are largely directed by the Annual Strategic Planning meeting (Attachment #1) and our Memorandum of Agreement (MOA-Attachment #2) with state agency partners.

ANNUAL PRIORITIES AND GOALS

The council focused on Article 2 of the SICCC Bylaws (Attachment #3), which pertains to identifying families as an important focus in early intervention. Discussion points included:

- Empowerment of families to advocate on behalf of their child and family
- Improving Community Involvement
- Equip families to advocate and be involved in their child's early intervention or education plan and services
- Educate families and providers (including special education directors) about services for children with social-emotional needs
- Support transition from Part C/Infant Toddler Services to Part B/Early Childhood Special Education Services



KANSAS ICC ROSTER 2017-18

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COMMITTEES AND ANNUAL GOALS

Following discussion by council members and guests, the committees/work groups were identified for the 2017-18 fiscal year, and volunteers for each group 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.

Committee Membership for 2017-18:

- *Executive Committee:* Chair- Matt Connell
Other Members- Heather Staab, Liz Brunscheen-Cartagena, Mary Duncan, Stephanie Parkison
- *SPP/APR Committee:* Chair- Heather Staab
Other Members- Barb Dayal, Kate Walter, Matt Connell, Dave Lindeman, Lesli Girard
- *LICC Support Committee:* Co-Chairs- Lisa Collette & Mary Duncan
Other Members- Lesli Girard, Heather Staab
- *Family Voices Committee:* Chair- Kate Walter
Other Members- Liz Brunscheen-Cartagena, Lisa Collette, Laci Reamer
- *Inclusion Workgroup/Committee:* Chair- Natalie McClane
Other Members- Dave Lindeman, Heather Staab, Karen Pahls

Executive Committee Activities/Responsibilities:

- Release policy statements to the public
- Set agendas for full council meetings
- Approve/add updates to the SICC website
- Advice and assist lead agencies (MOA Pg. 4, C)

SPP/APR Committee Activities/Responsibilities:

- Review and approve Part C annual report in February and then recommend to the council approval of the report so it can be sent to the Office of Special Education Programs, US Department of Education
- Convey data and information regarding the report to the full council



LICC Support Committee Activities/Responsibilities:

- Draft the LICC Survey, which is then sent out to all LICCs
- Assist in promoting local councils across the state
- Created an Acronym list which was disseminated at LICC meetings
- Drafted a template of by-laws for LICCs to create/review their own
- Creation of a Child Find list for LICCs to consult options in their area

Family Voices Committee Activities/Responsibilities:

- Recruit and support orientation of new parent members
- Provide an avenue for parent members to discuss information and support one another
- Provide the full council with insight on how legislation is affecting parents and families of children with disabilities

Inclusion Workgroup Activities/Responsibilities:

- Collect Data from state agencies
- Drafting policy statements
- Discussion/updates on State and Federal finances
- Will contain one member from each state agency (KDHE, KSDE, DCF)

KANSAS ICC MEETINGS AND ACTIONS

All SICC meetings follow 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. Orientation for new members was provided in addition to new SICC orientation notebooks. Meeting agendas, minutes, reports and handouts are posted on the website at <http://www.kansasicc.org/meeting-minutes.html>

September 15, 2017 (Topeka, KS) - The Council's annual Strategic Plan and agenda were approved. Kerry Haag with KSDE provided updates regarding the new State Professional Development Grant, and how this will possibly affect the population that the SICC works with. 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.

December 8, 2017 (Topeka, KS) - Previous meeting minutes and current agenda were approved. Erin Schuweiler with the Language Assessment Program-Deaf and Hard of Hearing updated the SICC on their council's work regarding SB 323 and the changes in Kansas. The SICC discussed how they can assist with this work, and how to get the LICCs across the state involved. Heather Staab gave an overview of Part C services in Kansas for the new members on the SICC.



January 9, 2018 (Topeka, KS) – This was the joint annual meeting between the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) and the SICCC. Updates were given by Representative Monica Murnan regarding the status of the Kansas Preschool Program (KPP) and its challenges so far. Tiffany Blevins with KSDE updated both councils on the progress of Kindergarten Readiness in Kansas, and shared early childhood data in regards to IDEA Part B and C and their corresponding indicators. Nis Wilbur with KSDE shared updates on the status of 4 year old at-risk in Kansas, as well as Parents as Teachers (PAT). Staff Person to the SICCC, Jordan Christian, presented on LICC changes across the state as well.

March 2, 2018 (Wichita, KS) - Previous meeting minutes and agenda were approved. Heather Staab addressed the council regarding IDEA Part C updates for Kansas. LICC Chairs from Sedgwick County and Douglas County presented on the work of their councils in their community, and any possible ways the SICCC could be of assistance. Staff person to the SICCC, also shared information on the SICCC at a breakout session during the Kansas Division for Early Childhood (KDEC) conference. Committee and agency reports were also provided.

April 6, 2018 (Topeka, KS) - Previous meeting minutes and agenda were approved. Updates from staff on LICC visits given to the council. Kelly McCauley with the School Mental Health Initiative team presented on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and how these can contribute to disabilities within the birth-5 population. The SICCC also reviewed and discussed any possible legislative updates that may affect the council's duties or scope of work in the following fiscal year. Committee and agency reports were also provided.

June 22, 2018 (Topeka, KS) - The council held its annual strategic planning session. The agenda for the day was reviewed and approved. The SICCC held an election to appoint a new interim chair – David Lindeman. Committees and their members were decided upon. Two new committees were created, the Early Childhood-Funding Workgroup and the Social-Emotional Committee. A Presentation was given by the staff person on data compiled from the Annual LICC Survey.

STAFF REPORT

Staff person to the SICCC completed support visits to 20 different Local ICCs across the state, with some of them being visited multiple times (MOA Pg. 4, E). These included: North Country Connection, Osage County, Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coalition, Salina Area ICC, Leavenworth County, Ottawa-Wellsville, Topeka/Shawnee County, Wyandotte County, Bourbon County Coalition, Arrowhead West, Neosho County, Marion County, Marshall County, Woodson County, Garden City Coalition (which covers 11 Southwest Kansas Counties), Butler County, Johnson County, Chautauqua-Elk Counties, and Hays/Ellis County. The staff also coordinated the Annual LICC Survey with the LICC Support Committee, and compiled the data before



presenting it to the full council at the annual planning session. Furthermore, staff presented updates and data from the surveys to the LICCs themselves, provided technical support, and gave updates on the state agencies work. Presentations were given on a variety of topics that focused on the needs of each LICC and their community outreach initiatives.

The staff person also updated multiple SICC files including local councils that had dissolved or been annexed, as well as the LICC chair list from 2016-17. An orientation PowerPoint was also created for new SICC/LICC members. Meeting minutes, agendas, logistics, and locations were also arranged by the staff (MOA Pg. 4, D). The annual report was also prepared by the staff person, and reviewed by the full council before being submitted prior to August 30, 2018 (MOA Pg. 4, F).

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES

Council activities are primarily directed by the Annual Strategic Plan and our Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the state agencies. Much of our activity takes place at the committee level.

A list of Council accomplishments for Fiscal year 2017-18 includes:

- Creation of two new committees, which will begin in fiscal year 2018-19. Each will contain at least four members from the council.
- Letter submitted to Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran regarding the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill (Attachment #4).
- Letter submitted to Senate and House members regarding bonding settlement tobacco dollars (Attachment #5).
- Letter submitted to the Kansas House Health and Human Services Committee regarding telehealth legislation (Attachment #6).
- Joint SICC-SEAC (Special Education Advisory Council) meeting in January 2018. This provided insight to both council's current projects, and helped align some of their objectives and goals. This allows both the SICC and SEAC to better coordinate and assist the children and families of Kansas. (MOA Pg.4, B)
- More frequent meetings have been scheduled for the upcoming fiscal year. It is planned that some meetings will be located in locations across the state, thus allowing for different and new members of the public to attend.
- Received data from the LICC Survey, which will give guidance and new approaches that the SICC can use in order to better assist the local councils. These were then compared to the findings from the 2016-17 Annual LICC Survey (Attachment #7). Here are a few of the important data trends the comparisons showed:
 - 9% increase of LICCs that have parent members attend meetings
 - 8% increase of LICCs that have a health or medical agency representative in attendance
 - 11% decrease in challenge of finding a LICC Chair that is not the local Part C Coordinator
 - 81% have reviewed their current by-laws or created new ones



- New additions/ changes to the council membership have been discussed. This will assist the council in its future work.
- In October, 2017 state agencies on the SICC updated the MOU to a 5-year contract, agreed upon by KSDE, KDHE, and DCF, which was routed for signatures from each agency and was completed in October. This will then be reviewed and possibly updated in 2022.
- Appointment of a new Interim Chair, Dr. David Lindeman, at the June Strategic Planning meeting.



APPENDIX

- Attachment 1- Strategic Planning Minutes from June 2018.
- Attachment 2- SICC MOA/Contract between KDHE, KSDE, and DCF.
- Attachment 3- SICC By-Laws
- Attachment 4- Graham-Cassidy Letter to Senators Moran and Roberts
- Attachment 5- Tobacco Dollars settlement Letter
- Attachment 6- Telehealth Bill support letter sent to Kansas Legislature
- Attachment 7- PowerPoint regarding LICC Survey Data