

# Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes  
Topeka, KS  
April 26, 2019  
1:00 PM

## **Members Present**

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative  
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative  
Natalie McClane, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)  
Karen Pahls, Provider Member  
Ann Elliot, Provider Member  
Kate Walter, Parent Member  
Heather Staab, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)  
Alix Kumer, Provider Member  
Laci Reamer, Parent Member (Families Together)  
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member  
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)

## **Members Not Present**

Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)  
Stacy Harvey, Parent Member

## **Nonmembers Present**

Susan Bowles, Provider  
Kelly Franz-Langford, TARC  
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Provider  
Russell Child Development Center  
Kim Kennedy, Head Start  
Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet  
Marites Altuna, Kansas Deaf-Blind Project  
Jordan Christian, SICCC Staff Person

**Call to order:** Chair Dave Lindeman introduced himself 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 March 2019 were reviewed and approved with edits.

Ann Elliott – Made motion to accept agenda

Karen Pahls – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

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Heather Staab – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

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**Public Comments:**

None.

**Presentations:**

-Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet

- Overview and history of the Cabinet shared with the SICC.
- The Cabinet makes recommendations to the Governor's Office regarding Early Childhood Block Grant initiatives.
- Preschool Development Grant update and handout shared with the council. Community engagement sessions will take place across Kansas in June and July. Planning on eventually having 40 locations.
- Actively working in collaboration with the Governor's Education Council.
- The Cabinet is also looking into workforce development. This will hopefully encourage more certifications and online trainings across Kansas. Education necessary for certain positions, as well as salaries, are being heavily looked at.
- The Cabinet is working on aligning their work with KSDE's STAR Recognition programs and Kansas State Board of Education goals.

-Scott Kedrowski and Deanna Berry, Russell Child Development Center

- Current budget for the tiny-k program is roughly \$2.3 million. Part of this comes from a county mill levy.
- Have had 67 referrals so far in April alone.
- 13 Counties: Finney, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearny, Lane, Morton, Scott, Seward, Stanton, Stevens, and Wichita
- More Than 30 Communities/Townships/Cities
- 7 counties are considered Frontier Counties, 4 Rural Counties, 2 Densely-settled Rural Counties
- Official Population: 97,728
- Official Population Under 18: 29,180 or 30%

- Official Population Under 5: 7,737 or 8%
- Service Area is 10,030 square miles, or 12.3% of the State of Kansas.
- ¼ of Households Speak a language other than English in the home
- 31% of residents are Hispanic/Latino
- 11% of the overall population is foreign born, nearly double the Kansas average of 6%.
- 14% of Children Under 18 Live Below the 100% Poverty Level
- 20.3% of live birth mothers without a High School Diploma vs state average of 12.5%
- 6 Pediatricians (Located in **two** of the thirteen counties.)
- New center currently being built and will be finished in 2019.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee** – per Dave Lindeman – approved agenda for April meeting.

**SPP/APR** – per Heather Staab – no report.

**Early Childhood/Funding Workgroup**- per Kim Kennedy- meeting held prior to the full council meeting. Reviewed statewide funding document on early childhood programs. Will share out notes with the full council.

**Social-Emotional Workgroup** – per Karen Pahls- held a brief meeting, but did not move forward with discussion due to schedule conflicts with other members.

### **Agency Reports:**

**KSDE** – per Natalie McClane –

- All Early Childhood Grant Applications for the 2019-2020 school year have gone through the initial review.
- The amount of funding available and the mechanism for distribution are dependent on the Legislature (and there was some possibility that changes would be made this year). KSDE plans to share recommendations for the 4 Year Old At-Risk program with the State Board for their approval in mid-May and for the Kansas Preschool Pilot and Kansas Parents As Teachers programs at their June meeting.
- Next Early Learning Webinar will be on May 3rd at 11:00. The access link can be found on the KSDE Early Learning Website.
- The updated data window for Indicator 12 will be open from April 1 through May 15<sup>th</sup>. Schools that had a finding for Indicator 12 must submit updated data during this window. This is only about 7 schools.

**DCF** – per Nichelle Adams – no report.

**KDHE** – per Heather Staab – handout provided. Determinations will be posted to KDHE's website in May.

**Insurance** – per Lisa Collette – no report.

**Families Together** – per Laci Reamer- handout provided.

**Others** –

**Other Reports:**

**Staff** – Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for June 12 at the Topeka Public Library. Also beginning work on an LICC handbook. Received examples from North Carolina, Michigan, and Idaho. Hope to have this completed for the June meeting. Attended the Hays LICC meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Concordia LICC on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Plan on attending the Shawnee county LICC meeting on May 6. Continue to update the ICC website. If you are interested in attending any out of state conferences, OSEP or DEC, please let Jordan know.

**Chair Report** – will be meeting with the Executive committee to plan agenda for June 12 meeting. If others would like to have input, please submit ideas or content to Dave and Jordan.

**Adjournment:**

Ann Elliott – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Heather Staab – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Wednesday, May 22, 1-4pm.