

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes
Topeka, KS
August 21, 2020
1:00 PM

Members Present

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative
Ann Elliott, Provider Member
Heather Staab, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Kate Walter, Parent Member
Susan Bowles, Provider Member
Julie Rand, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)
Liz Long, Medicaid Representative
Alix Kumer, Provider Member
(Debbie Deere representing) Amy Meek, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Gary Henault, KDADS
Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)

Members Not Present

Stacy Harvey, Parent Member
Karen Pahls, Provider Member
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member
Laci Reamer, Parent Member

Nonmembers Present

Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Jordan Christian, SICC Staff Person
Shannon McMahan, Head Start
Laurie Schmitt, Parent
Maureen Hernandez, Leavenworth County Infant-Toddler Services
Tammy Dreiling, Kid-Link (DSNWK)
Jennifer Oborny, Provider
Debbie Mai, Rainbows
Ron Mohl, Lakeshore Learning

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 minutes from June 2020 were reviewed and approved with edits.

Lisa Collette – Made motion to accept agenda

Ann Elliott – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

The agenda for February 2020 was reviewed and approved with edits.

Heather Staab – Made motion to accept agenda

Lisa Collette – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment

None

Local ICC Handbook

The Handbook from was reviewed and approved with edits.

Lisa Collette – Made motion to accept agenda

Susan Bowles – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Jordan will look into pricing to have the Handbook printed, as well as translated to other languages. Updates on this will be provided at a future meeting.

Lakeshore Learning- Ron Mohl:

- Overview and history of Lakeshore Learning
- Partnerships and current initiatives
- Walkthrough of website
 - Lakeshorelearning.com
 - Thousands of free resources for families
- Overview of new classroom modules and materials
- Discussion regarding materials with braille
 - Some in development but not being made in massive quantities due to lack of demand.

Approval of SICC Strategic Plan for FY21:

The Strategic Plan for FY21 was reviewed and approved with edits.

Ann Elliott – Made motion to accept agenda

Liz Long – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – per Dave Lindeman – approved agenda for August meeting.

SPP/APR – per Heather Staab – no report.

Early Childhood/Funding Workgroup- per Kim Kennedy-

- Working on EC Funding document
- Received answers from the Insurance question list. Shared with group.
- Lisa Collette appointed the new Chair of the committee

Social-Emotional Workgroup – per Karen Pahls- no report.

LICC Support and Planning Committee – per Alix Kumer- no report.

Agency Reports:

KSDE – per Julie Rand –

- **KSDE's Navigating Change 2020 guidance and updates.** In particular, the Operations section, the Remote Learning Section, and the new Appendix L: Guide to Remote, Hybrid, and In-Person Teaching and Learning provide helpful information for many recent questions. <https://www.ksde.org/Teaching-Learning/Resources/Navigating-Change-Kansas-Guide-to-Learning-and-School-Safety-Operations>
- **Indicator 7: Early Childhood Outcomes:** July 31 was the deadline to enter ECO data into the OWS system. However, if there are additions or changes that need to be made this is the time. **August 1 through September 15** data verification window is open. Changes **cannot** be made after September 15 for the previous school year.
- **Indicator 12: Transition from C to B:** Data Collection Window will Open from **August 28, 2020 to September 25, 2020**. The Indicator 12 data is entered by district staff into a module on the KSDE authenticated web application page called Kansas Integrated Accountability System (KIAS).
- **School Year 2020-21 Compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Kansas Special Education for Exceptional Children Act for Reopening Schools during the COVID-19 Pandemic:**
<https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/ECSETS/Announcements/COVID-SpEd-FAQ.pdf>

DCF – per Nichelle Adams –

- **EBT Online:**
EBT Online is a new program that allows individuals and families to purchase groceries online using their Kansas Benefits Card at Amazon and Walmart. Amazon will begin on August 18th and Walmart will start

with two Kansas stores on Aug 18th in Shawnee and Wichita and expand statewide on the 19th.

- **Emergency Food Assistance Benefits:**
Food assistance or (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) SNAP has maximum benefit amounts that can be issued to individuals and households. To assist during these difficult times some households are being issued an additional benefit in mid-April, mid-May, mid-June, mid-July and mid-August. The regular benefit and this additional benefit will equal that maximum benefit amount allowed for the household size.
- **Hero Relief Program:**
We extended the deadline for applications from child care providers for the Health Care and Emergency Worker Support Bonus application to September 15, 2020. This grant is being administered through Child Care Aware of Kansas.

KDHE – per Heather Staab –

KDADS

- Out of the office until at least early 2021.
- New COVID Program Coordinator
- Waiver discussion at a future SICC meeting.

KCCTF- per Amy Meek-

Insurance – per Lisa Collette – no report.

Families Together – per Laci Reamer- no report.

Others –

Other Reports:

Staff – Report provided.

Chair Report – no report.

Adjournment:

Alix Kumer – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Ann Elliott – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, September 18th.