

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes
Topeka, KS
August 20, 2021
1:00 PM

Members Present

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative
Ann Elliott, Provider Member
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Julie Rand, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)
Laura Leistra, Medicaid Representative
Gary Henault, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member
Shannon McMahon, Head Start
Jennifer Oborny, Provider
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Laura Smith-Everett, Parent Member
Laurie Schmitt, Parent Member
Susan Bowles, Provider Member
Alex Red Corn, Public Member
Melinda Kline, Foster Care Representative

Members Not Present

Julie Rand, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)
Debbie Deere, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)

Nonmembers Present

Jordan Christian, SICC Staff Person
Erin Schuweiler, Kansas School for the Deaf
Trisha Moritz, USD 265 Goddard
Logan Stenseng, Thrive Allen County
Tammy Dreiling, Kid-Link/DSNWK
Rebecca Clancy, RCDC

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 2021 were reviewed and approved with edits.

Jennifer Oborny – Made motion to accept minutes

Melinda Kline – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

The agenda for August 2021 was reviewed and approved with edits.

Susan Bowles – Made motion to accept agenda

Liz Brunscheen-Cartagena – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment

None

Strategic Plan Review

- Council members reviewed the draft of the Strategic Plan for state fiscal year 2022. This included goals and actions for reach committee.
- Reviewed reports for each session from the June Strategic Planning meeting.

Motion to approve the 2021-22 Strategic Plan.

Laura Smith-Everett – Made motion to accept

Ann Elliott – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Committee Assignments

- The following committees were approved for the current fiscal year:
 - Executive Committee
 - Social-Emotional Workgroup
 - State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR)
 - Funding and Workforce Committee
 - Local ICC Retreat Planning Committee
 - Early Childhood Least Restrictive Environment Committee
- Council members were given the opportunity to select as many committees as they'd like to be involved with, with there being a requirement to select at least one.

- New Chairs will be needed for the Social-Emotional Committee and the Local ICC Retreat Planning Committee. All committee assignments will be reviewed at the September SICC meeting

SICC Annual Report

- Review of the SICC Annual Report due August 30th
- Council members provided feedback and edits
- Executive Committee will meet prior to deadline for final review and approval. The report will then be submitted by SICC staff to the Governor's Office

Committee Reports:

ECLRE Committee Report-

- Committee met on July 13 and August 10
- Completed, submitted and receive approval of human subjects review application submitted to KU review board
- Completed entry of question in online survey (Qualtrics) so that a link could be provided to licensed programs (five communities) to complete the survey

Agency Reports:

KDADS Report-

- KDADS ins in the process of working with several state agencies and Providers as we plan of CCHBC certification. This is a major change in the Behavioral Health service delivery for the state. We are in the process of building our team to assist with this project.
- KDADS continues to work with DCF related to the development of a Mobile crisis program for youth that is planned go live later this year
- KDADS is waiting to hear from SAMSHA related to a new round of SOC grant that if awarded will focus on High Fidelity Wraparound and Parent Peer Support
- KDADS has requested a no cost extension related to the Disaster Relief grant to continue training and services through the grant

DCF Report-

- DCF is partnering with Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act in order to help support those who are searching for work with their child care needs through connecting them with our TANF or Food Assistance work programs.
- Over \$34 Million in support has been approved for about 2,550 child care providers in your communities through sustainability grants with federal pandemic relief dollars received by DCF as the Child Care Development Fund lead agency. Through a contract, Child Care Aware is processing the applications and approvals. Applications were received for around 3157 as of 8/6/21.
- Children under the age of 6 in a household that received food assistance in

Kansas at any time since October 1, 2020 are eligible for P-EBT benefits if they live or attend a childcare facility in an area where one or more schools were closed or operating with reduced attendance or hours. The specific benefit amount per child will be provided to the household on the approval notice received in the mail. Families will receive their benefits on a new or their existing Kansas Benefits Card (EBT Card).

- For households that already receive public assistance through DCF, the P-EBT benefit were automatically issued to the household's Kansas Benefits Card (EBT Card). Benefits were issued in one lump sum, staggered over 10 days in June 2021 for the months of August 2020 through May 2021. An application through DCF was not needed. Households that did not receive public assistance must apply through the DCF self-service portal, using a unique identifier received from their school. The application process started July 12. Recipients can use their P-EBT funds to purchase eligible foods from approved retailers that accept food assistance benefits, like grocery stores and online at Aldi, Amazon or Walmart. P-EBT for the summer months of 2021 will be issued as a supplemental benefit in the fall. There is more information on DCF's webpage.

Other Reports:

Staff –

- Three Lakes transition to Ottawa (USD290)
- ASQ Screening Update-
 - All tiny-k programs have their accounts active
 - Districts have begun screening 7/1.
 - Over 21,000 screenings entered so far, another 9,000 in progress (pending)
- SAP/SICC National Webinar (Quarterly)
 - SICCs during COVID- September 28, 1-2:30
 - SAP/SICC September 2021 Webinar Lessons Learned During COVID Pandemic on Stakeholder Engagement
- Upcoming Conferences
 - DEC Conference 9/20-9/24 (Virtual)
 - To Register- <https://www.deconference.org/>
 - Let me know by Monday, 8/30, if you'd like to attend

Chair Report – no report.

Adjournment:

Ann Elliott – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Laura Smith-Everett – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, September 17th.