

# Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes  
Topeka, KS  
March 29, 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)  
Matt Connell, Past-Chair  
Stacy Harvey, Parent Member

## **Nonmembers Present**

Susan Bowles, Provider  
Kim Kennedy, Head Start  
Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet  
Peggy Kemp, DEC  
Marites Altuna, Kansas Deaf-Blind Project  
Phoebe Rinkel, KCCTO-KITS Infant Toddler Specialist Network  
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 not a quorum).

**Meeting Minutes:**

The draft minutes from January 2019 were reviewed and approved with edits.

Ann Elliott – Made motion to accept agenda

Alix Kumer – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

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**Public Comments:**

-Lisa Collette- handout from the Kansas Deaf-Blind Project regarding an upcoming event.

**Presentations:**

-Peggy Kemp, Integrated System of Services Presentation (Division for Early Childhood)

- Website overview- <https://www.dec-sped.org/>
- The Division for Early Childhood (DEC) promotes policies and advances evidence-based practices that support families and enhance the optimal development of young children (0-8) who have or are at risk for developmental delays and disabilities.
- DEC is an international membership organization for those who work with or on behalf of young children (0-8) with disabilities and other special needs and their families.
- Use of Connect Modules, which are no cost for families.
- Annual Conference October 1-4 in Dallas.

-Phoebe Rinkel, Recommended Practices (aRPy)

- Website overview- <https://www.dec-sped.org/dec-recommended-practices>
- Handouts shared
- Used to be over 200 recommended practices, this was recently cut down to 66. This was done by looking at practices that had the largest impacts across the entire spectrum.

**LICC Annual Retreat Discussion:**

- Possibility of using “Survey Monkey” to find out topic ideas at the possible LICC Annual Retreat

- Decided that a temporary sub-committee would be formed to proceed with the planning process. Motion carried – All members voted yes
- Committee members will include Alix Kumer, Lisa Collette, and Susan Bowles

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee** – per Dave Lindeman – approved agenda for March meeting and began discussion of the LICC Annual Retreat.

**SPP/APR** – per Heather Staab – Report submitted on time. The committee reviewed the document and submitted edits to Heather Staab. The final version will be sent out to all SICC members. KDHE scheduled to have a meeting with the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) in April. SSIP submitted on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Early Childhood/Funding Workgroup**- per Kim Kennedy- No meeting.

**Social-Emotional Workgroup** – per Karen Pahls- No meeting.

**Agency Reports:**

**KSDE** – per Natalie McClane –

- Early Childhood Grant Reviews in Process
  - 4 Year Old At-Risk – 229 Applicants
  - Kansas Preschool Pilot – 104 Applicants
  - Kansas Parents as Teachers – 66 Applicants
- 2019 Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Window
  - August 1-September 20, 2019
- Efforts to Strengthen Early Childhood in 2019
  - Community Engagement Sessions Map
  - Children’s Cabinet meeting on April 11 9:30-11:30 in the Old Supreme Court Room on the third floor of the statehouse.
  - Kansas Early Childhood Advisory Team meeting on Thursday, April 11th from 1:00pm – 4:30pm
- Early Learning Webinar April 5th at 11:00am.

**DCF** – per Nichelle Adams – April 5<sup>th</sup> is Child Abuse Awareness day, wear blue to support awareness.

**KDHE** – per Heather Staab – Reset targets for SPP which happens once every five years. State Part C grants are due April 19<sup>th</sup>. 31 out of 33 programs are considered in full compliance. A Budget Enhancement has been written by KDHE and approved by the Governor’s Office. All providers tracked their workload and time as part of the Part C Needs Assessment. Vision screening guidelines were also updated by KDHE.

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

**Families Together** – per Laci Reamer- no report.

**Others** –

**Other Reports:**

**Staff** – Legislative Bill Tracker handout shared. Provided an SICC update at the Annual Coordinators Meeting in Newton. Updates to the SICC website shared, all

minutes have been posted. Gave an LICC Orientation to new Part C Coordinators in Salina. SEAC will meet on April 17<sup>th</sup>, and the School Mental Health Advisory Council meets April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Chair Report** – no report.

**Adjournment:**

Ann Elliott – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Karen Pahls – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, April 26, 1-4pm.