

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes

Zoom

May 15, 2020

1:00 PM

Members Present

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative

Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative

Karen Pahls, Provider Member

Ann Elliott, Provider Member

Heather Staab, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)

Kate Walter, Parent Member

Julie Rand, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)

Susan Bowles, Provider Member

Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member

Liz Long, Medicaid Representative

Alix Kumer, Provider Member

Amy Meek, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)

Gary Henault, KDADS

Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)

Members Not Present

Stacy Harvey, Parent Member

Laci Reamer, Parent Member (Families Together)

Nonmembers Present

Jordan Christian, SICCC Staff Person

Natalie McClane, KSDE

Shannon McMahan, Head Start

Tammy Dreiling, Kid-Link/DSNWK

Cayla Wasson, Shawnee County ECC

Deanna Berry, RCDC

Scott Kedrowski, RCDC

Kelly Frantz-Langford- TARC

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 April 2020 were reviewed and approved with edits.

Ann Elliott – Made motion to accept agenda

Lisa Collette – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

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Liz Brunscheen-Cartagena – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comments:

-Families Together Proposal for letter of support from SICC to remain the Parent Training and Information (PTI) center for Kansas.

Susan Bowles – Made motion to draft support letter

Lisa Collette – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Integrated System of Services (Kelly Frantz-Langford- tiny-k Alliance):

- Overview of Alliance activities in 2019-20
 - legislative outreach and lobbying efforts
 - achieved additional funding for tiny-k programs, roughly \$2 million

Audio recording corrupted at this point. Notes not available.

LICC Handbook Review:

- Handbook shared with the council prior to the meeting.
- General discussion and ideas for additional sections
- Second draft will be shared with the council at the June planning meeting. Will be approved and disseminated to LICCs following council action.
- Once approved, it will also be added to the SICC website as a resource.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – per Dave Lindeman – approved agenda for May meeting. Also discussed options for holding the strategic planning session in June.

SPP/APR – per Heather Staab – N/A

Early Childhood/Funding Workgroup- per Kim Kennedy- N/A

Social-Emotional Workgroup – per Karen Pahls- N/A

Agency Reports:

KSDE – per Julie Rand –

Districts across the state are implementing continuous learning for all children

- Addressing basic needs:
 - Providing meals using a variety of programs
- Continuous Learning Plans
 - <https://sites.google.com/ksde.org/kansascontinuouslearning2020/home>
- Funding
 - KSDE Early Childhood Funding
 - Federal CARES Act funding
- Q & A's listed regarding data reporting, Early Childhood Outcomes, and transitions listed on the KSDE website under:
Compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Kansas Special Education for Exceptional Children Act during the COVID-19 Pandemic
<https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/ECSETS/Announcements/COVID-SpEd-legal-FAQ.pdf>
- Secretary DeVos released the RECOMMENDED WAIVER AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 3511(d)(4) OF DIVISION A OF THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (“CARES ACT”)
<https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/cares-waiver-report.pdf>. There is a section, on page 11, for a Waiver Authority Recommendation (IDEA Part C to Part B Transition).

DCF – per Nichelle Adams –

- TANF applications have increased from this time last year.
 - Week of March 16 94% increase in applications compared to 2019
 - Week of March 23 105% increase
 - Week of March 30 100% increase
 - Week of April 6 87% increase
- Food Assistance:
 - DCF issued emergency food assistance benefit to current Food Assistance program households. The emergency allotment increases a household's monthly benefit to the maximum allowed for the size of the family. The maximum monthly benefit for a family of four is \$646.
- LIEAP Season

- The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a Federally funded program that helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit. DCF is adding a second opportunity for Kansans to apply for the LIEAP program. The new application period begins May 1 and runs through May 29. If an applicant has already received a LIEAP benefit during the 2020 LIEAP season they are not eligible to receive another payment. For more information, individuals may visit www.lieap.dcf.ks.gov.

KDHE – per Heather Staab –

- Overview of telehealth and early intervention during COVID-19
- Activities in March 2020
 - Master Coach training
 - Family Service Coordination training
 - Daily COVID updates to the field
 - KITS creating home-visitation packet for local programs
 - KDEC/DEC webinars
- Part C Grants
 - Local Grants
 - Submitted via Kansas Grant Management System (KGMS)
 - All programs entered grant data
 - 2 million state general fund update
 - Currently in “grant revision” until May 22nd
 - Federal Grant
 - Submitted prior to May 1st
 - Public Commit
 - Posted on KDHE website
 - No response specific to the grant application
- Part C Referrals
 - Statewide declined in Part C referrals since COVID
 - Tiny-k programs continuing to operate and provide services virtually
- SPP/APR submission to Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on 4/28/20

Insurance – per Lisa Collette – no report.

Families Together – per Lesli Girard- no report.

Others –

Other Reports:

Staff – handout provided.

- SAP/SICC National Webinar on April 30th
 - <https://collab.osepideastthatwork.org/SAP-SICC>
- Participated in weekly statewide Head Start calls

- Continue working with Heather Staab and the KITS team on several lead agency/boundary changes for tiny-k programs
- KSDE EC Webinar on 5/11 (next webinar will be in August)
- Lakeshore Learning Resources (access to in-home learning/school readiness for parents)
- Upcoming Conferences
 - OSEP Leadership Conference 5/22-5/24
 - DEC- Minneapolis from 10/20-10/23
- Attended LICC meetings
 - Sumner County LICC 5/1
 - Pony Express LICC 5/6
 - Leavenworth County LICC 5/6
 - Elk-Chautauqua LICC on 5/11
- Upcoming LICC meetings
 - Contact me for meeting dates/ zoom links

Chair Report – no report.

Adjournment:

Ann Elliott – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Susan Bowles – 2nd motion

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

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, June 19th.