

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes
Topeka, KS
November 5, 2019
10:00 AM

Members Present

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

Members Not Present

Stacy Harvey, Parent Member
Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)
Heather Staab, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Laura Smith-Everett, Parent Member
Susan Bowles, Provider Member

Nonmembers Present

Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Jordan Christian, SICCC Staff Person
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Provider NKEESC

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 October 2019 were reviewed and approved with edits.

Kate Walter – Made motion to accept agenda

Natalie McClane – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

The agenda for November 2019 was reviewed and approved with edits.

Alix Kumer – Made motion to accept agenda

Karen Pahls – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comments:

-None

KSDE Updates (Natalie McClane):

- Preschool Aged At-Risk: next year all 4 year olds will be guaranteed a slot if they meet the state’s program criteria. This could potentially add around 1,000 kids to the program. Goal is to reduce classroom sizes from 25-20. Also want to make snacks/meal required for half-day students as well.
- Provided updates regarding Indicators 6, 7, and 12.

DCF Updates (Nichelle Adams):

- TANF is available to families who have a child under 18 or unborn.
- Families must meet very low income limits and resource limits
- Most adults must work or participate in work activities in order to receive cash assistance for their family.
- There is a 24 month time limit, with a possible hardship exemption up to 36 months.
- Child Care Subsidy Reasons:
 - Families who receive TANF
 - Low-income, working families.
 - Some families in education or training activities - This provides help for keeping a job or getting a better job.

- Teen parents completing high school or GED.
- Social services (parents in crisis situations) or child in foster care placement
- L2Q Expansion
 - Pilot ends April 2020
 - Additional Learning Community Consultants for 5 current learning communities
 - Adding 6th Learning Community

KDADS Updates (Gary Henault):

- CHIP Program overview provided
- Overview of the Federal grant- Systems of Care
- KDADS looking into getting additional funds to help with suicide prevention, particularly in young children.
- Curious as to what areas KDADS can be more involved with in regards to the birth-5 population.
- KDADS and DCF both currently have the same Secretary serving both roles.
- Working on new Brain Injury Waivers.
- The Autism Waiver is currently underfunded and has a waiting list. Seeing a lack of trained professionals across KS that are able to work with kids on the autism spectrum.
- Currently between 1,000-1,300 open slots on the Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) Waiver. Not currently being utilized enough.

Other Reports:

Staff – handout provided for Part C Needs Assessment Committees.

Chair Report – no report.

Adjournment:

Gary Henault – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Liz Brunscheen-Cartagena – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, December 13.