

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes
Topeka, KS
November 19, 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
Doug Bowman, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Debbie Deere, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Melinda Kline, Foster Care Representative
Laura Smith-Everett, Parent Member
Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)
Laurie Schmitt, Parent Member
Susan Bowles, Provider Member
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member

Members Not Present

Alex Red Corn, Public Member
Jennifer Oborny, Provider
Shannon McMahon, Head Start

Nonmembers Present

Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Jordan Christian, SICCC Staff Person
Erin Schuweiler, Kansas School for the Deaf
Monica Ross, Johnson County Infant-Toddler
Amanda Petersen, KSDE
Andrea Baker
Jennifer Nichelson

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 2021 were reviewed and approved with edits.

Lisa Collette – Made motion to accept minutes

Ann Elliott – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

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

Debbie Deere – Made motion to accept agenda

Liz Brunscheen-Cartagena – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment

No comments

Infant Toddler Services of Johnson County- Monica Ross

- Overview
 - Created in 1992
 - Transition children to six different school districts within Johnson County
 - 477 Square Miles
 - Largest tiny-k program
 - We are own lead and fiscal agent
 - Underwent program restructure in 2017
- 2021: 1,589 referrals to date and 2,148 children served
- Bright Spots
 - Supportive medical community
 - Pediatricians and support staff
 - Family Practice Physicians
 - NICUs
 - Supportive community partners
 - ITSJC Team dedicated to families, the organization, and one another
 - Friends of ITSJC (FITS)
- Challenges
 - Own lead and fiscal agent
 - KDHE grant based off of previous year's data, so it is difficult to keep up with need as the program grows.

- Emotional toll on staff since March 2020 due to COVID and indirect impacts of the pandemic
- Finding additional funding streams to support gaps

SICC Contract Renewal/Use of Funds

- Council discussed upcoming contract renewal for 5 years to continue funding for the SICC. The contract is agreed to by KSDE, KDHE, and DCF.
- Council anticipates asking for increase in funding in year 3 of the next 5-year contract. The amount is TBD.
- Members discussed ways to spend down existing funds. This included ways to partner with Local ICCs to assist them with meetings, events, projects, etc.
- More discussions will take place at upcoming monthly meetings. New contract needs to be routed between the state agencies for approval starting roughly in March or April. Current contract expires 6/30/21

The Council made a motion to begin using SICC funds to support specific requests from Local ICCs and partner organizations. These requests will be reviewed and approved by the Council.

Laura Smith-Everett – Made motion to accept new policy

Tricia Waggoner – 2nd motion

Motion carried – 10 votes yes, 5 abstain

Committee Reports:

ECLRE Committee-

- Committee met on October 26 and November 9 (full committee)
- 2nd/reminder email sent to child care providers and community preschool programs inviting them to complete the online survey with invitation to volunteer for focus groups
- A total of 19 child care providers have received a packet of 10 children’s board books on social emotional development as a thank you for responding to the online survey.

Funding and Workforce Committee-

- The Group discussed the financial operations of Tiny-K Programs in the Needs Assessment from 2019 in further detail.
- The group discussed coming up with potential survey questions based off this section as well as further discussing the recommendations that were already made.
- The committee discussed potential members to their group from different organizations and/or agencies in more detail. Added a Tiny-k coordinator from a larger group and discussed inviting one from a smaller program.
- Received great feedback from Johnson County’s Tiny-k Coordinator concerning

private insurance.

Agency Reports:

KCCTF Report-

- The Administration for Children and Families is partnering with CMS to help the early childhood workforce access health coverage during the Open Enrollment period for Marketplace coverage, which started on November 1.
 - Starting on November 14th, the Week of Action will raise awareness among the early childhood workforce about how to access health coverage and connect with navigators and assisters.
 - Learn more at [the Administration for Children and Families website](#).
 - Find local help with the enrollment process at [getcoveredamerica.org](#).
- Any organization that provides developmental screenings or would like to start providing developmental screenings is welcome to join! To sign up or for more information, contact your local community Part C Account Administrator. You can locate yours on this [ASQ contacts](#) list. If you have any other questions, please reach out to Erica Figueroa, erica.l.figueroa34@ku.edu.
- The Early Childhood Block Grants and Preschool Pilot Grants are now available. The application process started November 1st and goes through December 20th.
- Recommendations Panel Update- The Panel met this morning, from 9-11:30 a.m. for their monthly meeting. Mr. Dan Wuori, Senior Director of Early Learning – [The Hunt Institute](#), shared an overview of the Build Back Better Act's child care and prekindergarten components. Panel members discussed what passage of the Build Back Better Act would mean for Kansas, and how the state can most effectively prepare to take advantage of this opportunity.

KSDE Report-

- **The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2022-2023 Kansas Preschool Pilot grant has been released.** KSDE and the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund have aligned preschool program requirements for the Early Childhood Block Grant and the Kansas Preschool Pilot. Applicants will submit a single grant proposal to apply for both grants. KSDE and the Children's Cabinet will collaboratively review grant proposals and determine which funding source is best suited to award for each accepted proposal. This cross-agency common application process is intended to streamline the grant-writing and reporting process for local grantees.

Timeline: RFP released Nov. 1 and due Monday, December 20 at 5PM

- **Thank you for sharing your feedback as KSDE develops the FFY 2020 – 2025 State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR).** This evaluates the State's efforts to implement the requirements of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and describes how the state will improve

special education. The SPP/APR includes indicators that measure child and family outcomes, as well as other indicators that measure compliance with IDEA requirements. There are PowerPoints that explain the indicator changes and KSDE's final decisions on indicator targets for the next SPP/APR cycle on [the KSDE SPP/APR webpage](#). You can [click here to review the Kansas SPP/APR data visualizations and stakeholder survey results](#). If you have any questions about the SPP/APR please contact Bert Moore (bmoore@ksde.org).

DCF Report- no written report.

KDHE Report-

- The Part C Coordinator, Tricia Waggoner, attended the Family Advisory Council Meeting on October 16. She will be assisting, as needed, with the Family Advisory Council's Early Childhood Work Group going forward.
- Tricia Waggoner met with the National Fragile X Foundation and arranged for them to provide a presentation/training to the local program Part C Coordinators in February. The National Fragile X Foundation is working with the CDC to increase testing for Fragile X in traditionally underserved populations.
- Tricia Waggoner attended the International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute Conference the week of the 25th.
- The KDHE Team, with the help of KITS, has been crafting the Strategic Plan to be released soon. Once complete, focus groups will be set up to help implement the vision laid out in the plan.
- The KDHE Team is working on the State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Review and State Systemic Improvement Plan in order to present it to the board for review in December.
- The Community Health State Assessment Subcommittee, which Tricia Waggoner serves on, is wrapping up and the Bureau of Family Health contributed a significant amount of data on the health of women and children that will help guide the Healthy Kansas 2030 initiative.

KDADS- no written report.

Other Reports:

Staff –

- Presented to the PAT Programs on 11/18 regarding statewide developmental screening initiatives
- Discussions at Recommendations Panel meetings involving SICC and LICCs- upcoming recommendation
- Reno County Infant-Toddler Program- fiscal agency change
- ASQ Screening Update-
 - Over 800 programs screening statewide
 - 66,701 total screenings entered as of 10/11. Compared to 55,319 total in 2020.
- SAP/SICC National Webinar (Next meeting will be in January)

- SICC's during COVID- September 28, 1-2:30
- [SAP/SICC September 2021 Webinar Lessons Learned During COVID Pandemic on Stakeholder Engagement](#)
- Upcoming LICC meetings prior to November SICC meeting
 - Pony Express ICC 12/1
 - Woodson County 12/2
 - Shawnee County ECC 12/6
 - Marion County ICC 12/7
 - PWITS ICC 12/10
 - Butler County EC Task Force 12/15

Chair Report – no report.

Adjournment:

Lisa Collette – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Ann Elliott – 2nd motion

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

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