

# Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes  
Topeka, KS  
October 18, 2019  
1:00 PM

## **Members Present**

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative  
Karen Pahls, Provider Member  
Ann Elliott, Provider Member  
Laci Reamer, Parent Member (Families Together)  
Heather Staab, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)  
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)  
Kate Walter, Parent Member  
Natalie McClane, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)

## **Members Not Present**

Stacy Harvey, Parent Member  
Alix Kumer, Provider Member  
Gary Henault, KDADS  
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member  
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative  
Natalie McClane, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)  
Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)

## **Nonmembers Present**

Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)  
Jordan Christian, SICCC Staff Person  
Heather Smith, KDHE  
Nichole Fairley, PAT  
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Provider NKESC  
Susan Bowles, Pending Provider Member  
Susan Threinen, KSSB  
Sabrina McAdoo, KSSB  
Shannon McMahan, Head Start

**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 September 2019 were reviewed and approved with edits.

Ann Elliott – Made motion to accept agenda

Heather Staab – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

**Meeting agenda:**

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

Heather Staab – Made motion to accept agenda

Ann Elliott – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

**Public Comments:**

-None

**Topeka Parents As Teachers (Nichole Fairley):**

- 4 components to the PAT model
  - Personal Visits
  - Group Connections
  - Resource Networking
  - Child Screening
- 4 locations in Topeka
  - Quinton Heights Education Center
  - Pine Ridge Partnership
  - Avondale East Community Center
  - Shaner Early Learning Academy
- Increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parenting practices
- Provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues
- Prevent child abuse and neglect
- Increase children’s school readiness and success
- Topeka PAT 2018-19 Review
  - 238 families served
  - 315 children served
  - 2354 total visits
  - 234 connections made to community resources

- 30 families who speak Spanish as their first language
- 42% of families have two or more stressors
- Group Connections include:
  - Playgroups( includes specialty Bi-lingual playgroup Music and Movement playgroup, Dad's playgroup, and Gross Motor Playgroup), Parent Cafes, Zoo Night, Discovery Center, Dental Express, BLOCK Fest, Mulvane Art Lab, Sensory Events

**Part C Needs Assessment (Heather Smith):**

- Overview provided regarding the Part C Needs Assessment. A formal strategic plan is still being put into place. Seven committees will work on this starting in September, and will meet into the spring of 2020.
- There will be a push for aligning agency work and maximizing family engagement.
- Website links will be shared with the SICC once they are made public
- Part C Needs Assessment statistics:
  - Information analyzed for all 33 tiny-k programs
  - Time studies collected from 400 individuals in 31 programs
  - 429 stories collected
  - 550 surveys analyzed
- Dissemination of the Draft Strategic Plan in May/June 2020.
- Recommendations include
  - Partnerships and Relationships of tiny-k programs
  - Financial operations of tiny-k programs
  - Service delivery practices
  - Family, community, and program experiences
  - <http://www.ksits.org/strategicplan.htm>

**Executive Committee New Member Election:**

The election of a new member to the vacant position on the Executive Committee.

Ann Elliott – Self nomination

Nichelle Adams – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee** – per Lisa Collette – approved agenda for October meeting.

**SPP/APR** – per Heather Staab – Grads 360 system discontinued. Will update the SICC when more information is available.

**Early Childhood/Funding Workgroup-** per Kim Kennedy- discussed 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing for programs and how this could be more efficient. Will look at states in a similar

position as KS and see where their funding streams come from, then report out findings at the next SICC meeting. Will also review both needs assessments and see possible areas the committee can assist with.

**Social-Emotional Workgroup** – per Karen Pahls- Review, edit and adopt SE Committee Goals for the 2019-20 year and discuss timeline for each.

Goals:

To provide resources so that children and families can access activities focused on social emotional development.

To schedule a presenter from the Board of Education to share at one of our meetings about the Socio-Emotional and Character Development Standards.

To raise awareness of the impact technology has on social emotional development

#### **Agency Reports:**

**KSDE** – per Natalie McClane – Updates on Indicators 12, 7, and 6. Also provided updates on Preschool Aged At-Risk and the Kansas Preschool Pilot.

**DCF** – per Nichelle Adams – handout provided.

**KDHE** – per Heather Staab – Rush and Sheldon Conference on December 4-6.

Master Coach Trainings continuing. Will be sharing out the Part C Needs Assessment with local programs starting next week. New monthly coordinator meetings are going well. There will be position realignment happening in the coming months to the Infant-Toddler team at KDHE. Coordinator meeting in Junction City on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Families Together** – per Laci Reamer- handout provided.

**Others** –

#### **Other Reports:**

**Staff** – handout provided.

**Chair Report** – discussed November 15<sup>th</sup> SICC meeting. This meeting will be cancelled and a morning meeting scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Adjournment:**

Ann Elliott – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Natalie McClane – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

The next State ICC meeting will be on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.