

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes
Topeka, KS
September 17, 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)
Shannon McMahon, Head Start
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Laurie Schmitt, Parent Member
Susan Bowles, Provider Member
Debbie Deere, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

Members Not Present

Alex Red Corn, Public Member
Melinda Kline, Foster Care Representative
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member
Jennifer Oborny, Provider
Laura Smith-Everett, Parent Member
Lesli Girard, Provider Member (Families Together)
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)

Nonmembers Present

Jordan Christian, SICCC Staff Person
Erin Schuweiler, Kansas School for the Deaf
Rebecca Clancy, RCDC
Doug Tressler

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 August 2021 were reviewed and approved with edits.

Jennifer Oborny – Made motion to accept minutes

Melinda Kline – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

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

Susan Bowles – Made motion to accept agenda

Liz Brunscheen-Cartagena – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment

Lisa Collette

- Deaf-Blind Services certification registry reminder- getting children certified in a timely manner, especially during C to B transitions.

ECLRE Update- Julie Rand

- Received limited feedback from the stakeholder survey for setting indicator targets. Thanked the SICC for their assistance and for members helping fill out the survey.
 - 39 survey responses on Indicator 9 survey
- Overview of kick-off ECLRE event at KSDE Summer Leadership Conference.

Committee Planning:

- Council discussion on committee assignments
- The Social-Emotional Committee and Funding Committee decided on initial meeting dates.
- Susan Bowles volunteered to Chair the LICC Annual Retreat Planning Committee

Executive Committee Elections

- Ballots shared with Council members. Ability for write-in candidates/nominations as well.
- Ballots were to be returned to Council staff on 9/24/21

Committee Reports:**ECLRE Committee-**

- Committee met on August 31 (small group) and September 7 (full committee)

- Finalized online survey (Qualtrics) so that the link could be provided to licensed programs (five communities) to complete the survey
- Email sent to child care providers and community preschool programs inviting them to complete the online survey with invitation to volunteer for focus groups

Agency Reports:

KCCTF Report-

- Governor Laura Kelly, Representative Troy Waymaster and the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund joined American icon Dolly Parton to announce the statewide expansion of her namesake Imagination Library book gifting program. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books to children (0-5 years old), free of charge through funding shared by local community partners. In year one of the expansion Kansas will form partnerships with community partners and provide start-up funding. Read more about year one in [Governor Kelly's news release](#). For more information on how to register, become a community partner, and learn more about this exciting program, go to this link at the Children's Cabinet, [Imagination Library](#).
- 1-800-Children has created social media posts for partners to utilize across their social media platforms. Please reach out to [Kaitlyn Moore](#) (kamoore@kcsli.org) if you would like these files for your organization to post or if you have any other 1-800-Children questions or requests. Please continue to promote this tool across all media to help the families you serve and tag Kansas Children's Service League when you see these sponsored posts. You can also share these posts directly from the KCSL [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.
- **Parent Training Resource - Family Connect Modules- [Greenbush](#)**, as part of their *All in for Kansas Kids* Quality Subgrant work, is offering a series of 5 interactive modules connecting families to resources and services to promote the healthy development of children ages 0-5. A limited number of **\$25 stipends are available** upon completion of the module. [All 5 Modules](#) are now available. Questions can be directed to [Barbara Gannaway](#), Greenbush Family/Community Engagement and Early Learning Consultant. barbara.gannaway@greenbush.org

KSDE Report-

- Kansans Can Success Tour: Kansas Commissioner of Education Dr. Randy Watson once again facilitated community conversations across the state to gather feedback on the state's vision for education. The Kansans Can Success Tour kicked off July 26 in Salina and came to an end Thursday, Sept. 9, at Shawnee Heights High School in Tecumseh.
- The 2021 Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot is underway. To advance kindergarten readiness, all Kansas elementary schools are required to partner with families to better understand incoming kindergarten students' development. All accredited schools are required to administer both the Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ-3) and Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: Social-Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2) to kindergarten students by

September 20, 2021. All data (including pending Family Access screenings) must be submitted in ASQ Online by October 11, 2021.

- KSDE offers new way for Kansans to stay connected with latest education news: Parents, educators and community members can stay connected to the latest pre-K-12 education news through “Insight Podcast,” hosted by Kansas Commissioner of Education Dr. Randy Watson.
- [Kansas MTSS & Alignment](#) will be hosting a series of Behavior and Social-Emotional Learning (BSEL) webinars featuring Dr. Jessica Hannigan, Assistant Professor in the Educational Leadership Department at California State University, Fresno:
 - Sept. 28, 3:30-5:00 p.m. – Tier 1 Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
 - Jan. 25, 3:30-5:00 p.m. – Alternatives to Suspension
 - April 14, 3:30-5:00 p.m. – Student Engagement[Register for all three BSEL webinars HERE](#). Contact [Krystal Porter](#) with questions.

DCF Report-

- USDA FNS temporarily increased Food Assistance benefits from March 2021 through September 2021 due to the National Public Health Emergency. The temporary increase will end September 30, 2021 and will be replaced with the new Thrifty Food Plan amounts which is an increase from the original base benefit starting October 1, 2021 and are set to increase by 25%.
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) supplemental funds allocated by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) will be used to provide financial support to child care providers throughout the State of Kansas. The Kansas Department for Children and Families is partnering with the Kansas Department for Health and Environment to offer support to child care providers by waiving the application and background check fees which began on September 1, 2021 and will continue through September 30, 2023. Comprehensive background check fees will be paid for all currently licensed providers and new affiliates (individuals living, working or volunteering in a facility). All application fees will also be paid.
- Kansas Department for Children and Families in partnership with Child Care Aware of Kansas, is launching a second round of Child Care Sustainability Grant program to aid child care providers in meeting the costs of operating their business. With grant awards again ranging from \$5,000 for family child care programs to \$60,000 for large centers. The Child Care Sustainability grant application will be available via the Child Care Aware of Kansas website starting October 1 and must be received by November 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. CST.

KDHE Report-

- State Part C staff are in the process of making first quarter payments to local programs.

- We continue to update and give guidance about pandemic related policies to local programs.
- The budget for American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds was submitted to OSEP at the end of August. Money was set aside in this budget to supply new equipment to local programs, develop hiring incentives to fill vacancies at local programs, a branding initiative, program promotion, working with universities to increase the number of students going into Part C careers, and improving the use and quality of data collected by the state. We are developing implementation plans for the funds currently and have two years to use them.
- The branding initiative will create a uniform logo and overall look to the tiny-k network making it easier for parents to understand what Part C does and to find local programs.
- With a new position at the state related to public outreach we are creating a plan to work with doctors, childcare facilities, and early childhood workers throughout the state to increase awareness of Part C.
- Gather stakeholders and focus groups about reworking forms used in Part C service.

Other Reports:

Staff –

- Presenting at the Help Me Grow National Conference on 9/24 regarding statewide developmental screening
- All in for Kansas Kids- Strategic Plan Ideas/Collaboration with SICC (October)
- ASQ Screening Update-
 - Deadline to administer is 9/20. Working with districts extensively since July
 - Over 53,439 total screenings entered as of 9/13. Compared to 55,319 total in 2020.
- SAP/SICC National Webinar (Quarterly)
 - 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 October SICC meeting
 - Flint Hills LICC 9/24
 - Shawnee County ECC 10/4
 - McKids (McPherson) LICC 10/7
 - Children and Families Network LICC 10/12

Chair Report – no report.

Adjournment:

Susan Bowles – Made motion to adjourn the meeting
 Shannon McMahon – 2nd motion

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

The next State ICC meeting will be on Friday, October 15th.