

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
October 19th 2016
12:00pm

Members Present

Matt Connell, Chair & Public Member
Stephanie Parkison, Vice-Chair & Kansas Dept. for Children & Families (DCF)
Mary Duncan, Past Chair, Governor's Representative
David Lindeman, Regents Representative
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Provider Member
Elizabeth Brunschee-Cartagena, Parent Member
Kate Walter, Parent Member
Karen Pahls, Provider Member
Barbara Dayal, Kansas State Dept. of Education (KSDE)

Members Not Present

Cindy Hermes, Insurance Commission Representative
Elaine Bowers, Legislative Representative
Valdenia Winn, Legislative Representative
Lynn Krehbiel, Provider Member
Heather Staab, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Tammy Scheopner, Parent Member

Call to order: Chair Matt Connell introduced himself and called the meeting to order with a welcome and stated the members present.

Meeting agenda: The draft agenda for the SICC meeting today was emailed to all members in advance of the meeting.

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer – Made motion to accept agenda as written
Dave Lindeman – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public forum: No one asked to address the ICC

Discussion of Policy “Position Statement on the Policy for Prekindergarten / Kindergarten Assignments”: Chairman Matt Connell commented that Dave and the workgroup tasked with this project has a policy statement to present and to have reviewed by the ICC. Matt Connell asked Dave Lindeman to present the workgroups findings and answer any questions which might arise.

Dave Lindeman discussed the events leading to this policy statement and that the workgroup met several times via the phone email correspondence. to work on this document. Dave Lindeman also commented that this policy statement is reflective of other Kansas Early Childhood Organizations but does take into consideration the need for rural districts to fill open positions.

Kate Walter asked Dave Lindeman to explain what additional coursework is needed to become certified in Early Childhood. Dave Lindeman explained that depending on the teacher’s current certifications as well as the program they are attending, the requirements may vary from a few courses to a full degree program.

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer commented that the need for high-quality teachers is extremely important but understands the needs of rural districts.

Matt Connell reminded the members that the ICC has several options to consider and are not limited to the following; 1) Adapt the policy as written 2) Adapt the policy as written and present it to the Board of Education in person 3) Adapt the policy as written and submit it in writing to the Board of Education 4) Not adapt the policy in any form 5) Ask the workgroup to rewrite the policy.

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer – Made motion to adopt the policy, as written, and present in person to the Board of Education.

Dave Lindeman – 2nd motion

During discussion, it was recommended that the Chair, Matt Connell, present this policy to the Board of Education. Due to schedule conflicts, Matt Connell asked if another member would be available to present. Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer offered to present this policy statement with assistance from Dave Lindeman.

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Adjournment:

Dave Lindeman – Made motion to adjourn the meeting

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer – 2nd motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

The next State ICC meeting will be in Friday, January 6th 2017. It will be an online meeting via Adobe Connect. ICC Members are encouraged to attend the SEAC meeting on November 9th 2016