

# Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes

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September 9, 2016

1:00 p.m.

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

## **Members Not Present**

Cindy Hermes, Insurance Commission Representative  
Elaine Bowers, Legislative Representative  
Valdenia Winn, Legislative Representative  
Lynn Krehbiel, Provider Member (Head Start)

## **Non-Members Present**

Lee Price – Sedgwick Co. ICC  
Maryann Peerenboom – DCF

**Call to order:** Chair Matt Connell introduced himself and called the meeting to order with a welcome and reading of the mission statement for the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC). Matt asked for introductions of participants on the conference call and confirmed a quorum of members present.

**Meeting minutes:** Minutes of the SICC meeting of 4-22-16 were emailed to all members prior to the meeting. Minutes were reviewed, no changes recommended, and no corrections suggested. Stephanie Parkison moved and Kate Walter seconded the motion to accept minutes of the 4/22-16 meeting. Motion passed.

**Meeting agenda:** The draft agenda for the SICC meeting today was emailed to all members in advance of the meeting. Dave Lindeman moved to approve the agenda as revised. Mary Duncan seconded. Motion passed.

**Public forum:** Barb asked if the dates of upcoming meetings could be noted. Heather indicated they should also be on the web-site.

**Old business:** Dave wanted to know if at some point in the future the letter to the legislature would be posted to the web site. Matt said that it could be and he would address that issue by adding the PDF document under that meeting.

**Meeting of the Minds Activity:** Lee Price, ICC coordinator for Sedgwick County gave a short presentation on changing to a primary service model. Some of the information provided is as follows:

- When filling primary resource provider positions they must first go through a six week orientation process.
- During that six week period the worker is not generating maximum revenue. Often work load shifts to other employees already carrying heavy loads.
- This option allows worker to feel successful from day one. Coming in prepared to deal with parents.
- Although successful program it does have issues that Part C programs have to cope with.

Discussion followed with members talking about working with higher education so that students are more prepared at practicum and graduation and concerns that this isn't really helping the children. They brainstormed some ideas about teachers coming together from across the state to express issues they face and possible solutions. Heather offered to put together some information regarding misconceptions about Primary Source Intervention to present in the future.

### **Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee:** Matt reported that members met the previous week via email to draft an agenda for 9/9-16. He thanked Liz for putting together the Meeting of the Minds Activity.

**LICC Support:** Mary Duncan reported that the committee had met on 9/1/16. The group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. Member shared their ICC experiences at this meeting, a few of

their comments were shared. The first task the group is taking on is a power point to share with members and be emailed to ICCs across the state. A copy of the power point will be made available to members to provide input. Also the next project will be to add content pertaining to transition from C to B. Next meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**High Quality Workforce:** This committee met in August, Dave indicated discussion focused on KSDE Board Policy on Kindergarten and pre-K teacher assignments. ICC wanted to take a look at that policy and make some recommendations. A draft was sent out today for members to look at. This will be brought to full council for consideration.

### **Agency Reports**

**KSDE:** See written report. Barb indicated that work was being done to the Phase 3 improvement plan focusing on reading goals Pre K through 12.

Janet Newton has resigned as state coordinator for Parents as Teachers. The department will be posting to fill that position very soon.

The new PK program grant application has provided important data from the field regarding current practices. This data is currently being finalized along with the 2015-16 data collected from other surveys completed by PK teachers.

The Kansas Pre School Program is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year and is located across the state in 12 sites. Funding is now provided by TANF funds.

The Kansas School Readiness Framework provides structure for programs at both the state and local levels to make program, process, and procedure decisions throughout alignment of program components. This assists in promoting school readiness for children and support the need for strong early learning experiences that enhance school readiness.

Portions of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) go into effect October 1. 16 districts and 30 staff members will be attending the National conference in Orlando in late October.

Every spring English Learners in grades K-12 take an English Language Proficiency Assessment. Kansas joined ELPA21 consortium to create a new assessment. 54,130 children were assessed. Scores will be reported to the state in late fall. Comments from the field have been very positive.

**DCF:** Stephanie Parkison reported that there have been some very positive changes at DCF. New Head Start Performance standards were released September 1<sup>st</sup>. These standards will totally replace standards that were first released in 1975 and last revised in 1998.

As part of the Child care and Development Fund, a resource guide is being developed to help families find services to include child care, preschool programs and how to identify a quality program. A brochure is being developed to be distributed to families at food distribution sites, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and health departments across the state.

Links to Quality is now the official name for the new Statewide Quality Improvement System (QRIS) that will be administered by DCF. A statewide tour is wrapping up that discussed recent changes in the child care subsidy and to learn more about the upcoming Links to Quality field Test.

The Kansas Early Head Start program has awarded 10 grantees in the Child Care Partnership Grant. A top priority of this grant is to help parents become self-sufficient and work directly with Child Care Partners.

The Kansas Early Head start Home Visitation Grant has awarded 11 grantees and was able to expand services into counties not previously served.

A state level Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was established in 2010 to coordinate services for infants and young children with or at risk for developmental delays. KDHE, KSDE, KDCF, ACF and OHS are coordinating efforts to update the MOU.

**Insurance:** No report

**Families Together:** No report

#### **Other Reports**

**Staff Report:** No report

**Chair Report:** Matt indicated that the web site was up to date. He will look at adding a tab titled "Meeting Dates". All the committees and membership lists were up to date.

**Adjournment:** Stephanie Parkison moved and Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

The next State ICC meeting will be in November 16th. It will be a joint meeting with KSDE Special Education Advisory Council.