

**KANSAS INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON  
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

**April 2, 2004**

**Social Rehabilitation Services Learning Center, Topeka, Kansas**

**Welcome and Introductions**

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Non-Members Present:</u>
<p>Ellen Mellard, Chair, Northeast Kansas Education Service Center            Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center            Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member            Carolyn Nelson (representing Secretary Bremby)            Carolyn Weinhold (representing Secretary Schalansky)            Marnie Campbell (representing Commissioner Tompkins)            Mark Tremaine, Parent Member            Richard Martinez, Parent Member            Maria Martinez, Parent Member            Karla Kenton, Parent Member</p>	<p>Karen Snell, Families Together            Kathy Boyd, Osage County Interagency Coordinating Council            Kathy Johnson, Shawnee County Interagency Coordinating Council            Cheryl Davenport, Shawnee County Interagency Coordinating Council            Doug Bowman, Coordinator            Patty Miller, Staff</p>
<u>Members Not Present:</u>	
<p>Senator David Haley            Representative Brenda Landwehr            Susan Adams, Johnson County Infant and Toddler Services            Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative            Doctor Chet Johnson, University of Kansas Children's Development Unit            Bob Tomlinson, Kansas Insurance Department            Doctor Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas Center on Developmental Disabilities</p>	

**Approval of March, 2004 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair. Sharon Hixson made a motion to approve the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Interagency Coordinating Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Carolyn Nelson; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The March Minutes will be finalized and posted on the Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council website.	Patty Miller	April 5, 2004

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Nothing reported.

**COMMITTEES**

**Partnerships Committee** - Maria Martinez

Discussion: Need to organize an Ad Hoc Committee and include representatives from the Advocacy Committee to discuss a celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State Interagency Coordinating Council. It was suggested we explore having a student project to research history of the State Interagency Coordinating Council. The celebration involves public awareness, advocacy and building partnerships with existing or others interested in getting involved. May have a parent from Wichita speak at the strategic planning session in the fall.

**Funding Committee** - Deb Voth was unable to attend.

Discussion: No report.

**Advocacy Committee** - Doug Bowman for Debbie Mai

Discussion: Approximately half of the Local networks were represented at the Advocacy *tiny-k* day that was scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Senator Dave Kerr added in the budget an additional \$200,000 for Infant Toddler services to make whole anticipated shortfalls.

**Newborn Screening Task Force** - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Senate Bill 418 regarding a birth defect registry replaces House Bill 2350.

Conclusion: Senate Bill 418 has passed the Senate and the House. The bill is on the Governor's desk to be signed.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
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<p>Maria Martinez moved to make a motion for creating an Ad Hoc Committee for State Interagency Coordinating Council 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Seconded by Mark Tremaine; the motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Debbie Mai          Maria Martinez          Mark Tremaine          Marnie Campbell          Kathy Johnson          Peggy Miksch</p>	<p>June 1, 2004</p>
<p>Send a letter of thanks to KaAnn Graham for speaking with Senator Dave Kerr, representing Infant Toddlers in Kansas.</p>	<p>Doug Bowman</p>	<p>April 2004</p>

**Categorical Aid Task Force** - Doctor Dave Lindeman was unable to attend.  
 Discussion: No report.

**Parent Leadership Training Task Force** - Maria Martinez

Discussion: Need to set up a time to do teleconference call June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004, to discuss the Parent Leadership Conference that will be held October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

**MEETING STRUCTURE**

Discussion: 1) Frequency of meetings and committee structure in the mornings does not work for all. Currently, there are three standing committees and three Task Forces. An idea of meeting structure would involve one afternoon of each month consisting of State Interagency Coordinating Council meeting then Committees and Task Forces would meet after that (or whenever they chose). 2) The purpose of the meetings would be to inform/share, gain feedback, or direction and motion from the Council. 3) Governmental Affairs Committee created to assist with timelines to do a platform.

Conclusion: Will begin new meeting structure May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 1:00 pm. Will shorten the Interagency Coordinating Council meeting and have Committees and Task Forces meet following the Interagency Coordinating Council meeting.

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<p>Thomas Kohmetscher made a motion to structure the Interagency Coordinating Council meeting to meet once a month in the afternoon followed by the Committees and Task Forces for the months of May, June and July, 2004. The committees can meet at own specified location. Seconded by Marnie Campbell; passed unanimously.</p>		<p>Trial period from May through July 2004.</p>
<p>Explore process of Kan Ed Interactive Television session.</p>	<p>Doug Bowman</p>	<p>July 1, 2004</p>
<p>Chairpersons of each Committee and Task Force will be contacted informing of new meeting structure.</p>	<p>Doug Bowman Ellen Mellard</p>	<p>April 2004</p>
<p>Updating rosters for Committees and Task Forces.</p>	<p>Doug Bowman</p>	<p>April, 2004</p>
<p>Sharon Hixson moved that a committee be appointed on Governmental Affairs and a task force on Public Forum. Seconded by Thomas Kohmetscher; passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Thomas Kohmetscher and Mark Tremaine - Governmental Affairs  Maria Martinez and Sharon Hixson - Public Forum  Staff will implement</p>	

**COORDINATORS REPORT** - Doug Bowman

Discussion: The Governor's budget included an increase for Smart Start from \$3.2 million to \$8.4 million. Kansas State Department of Education budget - The school finance likely will not be worked on until the Omnibus Session. One item for Omnibus consideration would be fee for Infant-Toddler services, and information provided by the lead agency as to how the 37 Local Networks are spending monies. Recommendation made to have an interim study of children serving programs under one umbrella, for example, the Children's Cabinet.

There was discussion regarding the Smart Start Planning Grants and the impact on the Local

Interagency Coordinating Councils.

Carolyn Nelson mentioned the sliding fee scale information provided to the Legislature last year is being revised for them to review this year. Some states using the sliding fee scale method are losing money and others are breaking even. About 50% of Kansas families receiving Infant-Toddler *tiny-k* services are on Medicaid, therefore these families can not be charged for any service. Some of the infant-toddler services that cannot be charged for any family of a child receiving services are evaluation, child find, and service coordination. Services that can be charged are direct services, for example, speech, occupational and physical therapy.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Follow-up with legislative process.	Doug Bowman	end of session

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT** - Carolyn Nelson

Carolyn Nelson handed out a copy of her report, (Attachment A).

Discussion: The Kansas Department of Health and Environment received the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center's 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Part C Updates. The information is maintained on the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center website at <http://www.nectac.org> .

Kansas Department of Health and Environment has forwarded requirements to the federal government on Self Improvement Plan, and the Part C Annual Performance Report for federal fiscal year 2002. The report will be available on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment website <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/bcyf/cds/its/index.html> by May 1, 2004.

The Vision Screening Guidelines have been completed. The guidelines will be available at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's website listed above.

Tracy Wohl has returned to Kansas and Kansas Department of Health and Environment as Program Manager for the Kansas Maternal and Child Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant program.

Sound Beginnings has continually received good or excellent ratings nationally for the number of newborns screened.

Ryan Weir, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, has developed graphs (Attachment B), showing Kansas Infant-Toddler Services Child Count Trends. Overall numbers for the annual count continue to rise.

## **KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** - Marnie Campbell

Copy of her report, (Attachment C).

Discussion: Kansas ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for having the largest proportion of public school 8<sup>th</sup> graders scoring at the highest two levels in reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

Kansas is one of the top three states in the proportion of high school graduates with scores in the top 20% nationally on either ACT or SAT college entrance examinations.

The December 1, 2003, child count for the 3 through 5 preschool program is 9190, which is a 6% increase of children served over last year. This increase is very consistent with the increases we've had every year.

National Association of State Boards of Education Early Childhood Grant to Kansas State Board of Education. Kansas was one of five states to be awarded a small grant in 2001. The funding level is \$10,000 for this year. By addressing early childhood standards across programs administered by various agencies and organizations, the project goals include enhancing teacher quality in the context of the overall state system, including areas of authority under the Kansas State Board (for example, program outcomes accountability, accreditation, teacher licensure, ongoing professional development, program and content standards) and school readiness indicators.

Conclusion: Early Intervention works best when done earlier in life rather than later. Schools need to be supportive before children reach age three.

The number of Kansas teachers being honored with certification from the prestigious National Board of Professional Teaching Standards has tripled since 1999.

## **SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES REPORT** - Carolyn Weinhold for Alice Womack

Carolyn Weinhold handed out a copy of the Social Rehabilitation Services report, (Attachment D).

Discussion: Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation Study received approval to move forward with an evaluation project in Kansas and Missouri to study how programs serving two generations with a mix of employment and skill building services and Early Head Start/Head Start and other high quality childcare for young children might better serve both populations. The kick-off event for this project is scheduled for May 10, 11, 2004.

The Kansas School Readiness Guidelines Workgroup met March 29, 2004 to review the modules developed by subcommittees for seven developmental areas for children birth through entering kindergarten ages that will link to K-12 standards.

Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, the Children's Cabinet and Social Rehabilitation Services are meeting with Development Corporation for Children to begin planning the

second phase of First Children's Finance-Kansas. This will assist in loans being accessible and affordable to childcare businesses.

Healthy Smiles III, a project of the Kansas Head Start Collaboration Office, was held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in Hays. There is a need for a grant that would involve a video about oral health for children with special needs.

Social Rehabilitation Services is changing its payment system for childcare providers enrolled with Social Rehabilitation Services and serving children who receive child care subsidy benefits. The Electronic Benefit Transfer will be piloted June, 2005 through August, 2005, with statewide implementation in September, 2005.

The Parent Leadership Conference is planned for October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, located at the State Capitol in Topeka. Involved are Head Start, Children's Cabinet Parents and Interagency Coordinating Council Parents. The Children's Cabinet and Kansas Head Start Association will help fund the Interagency Coordinating Council Parents. Still working on mileage reimbursement for parents.

**INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT** - Robert Tomlinson was unable to attend

Discussion: None, no report given.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be at 1:00 pm, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004, located in Topeka, Kansas at the Social Rehabilitation Services Learning Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Macvicar, S.W. East Circle Drive South, Building 2600, Room D. The Committees will meet following the Interagency Coordinating Council meeting.