

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

**August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Wichita State University, Wichita, KS**

**Welcome**

**Members Present:**

Ellen Mellard, Chair, NE KS Education Service Center  
Nancy Krase, Provider Member  
Dr. Margy Hornback, KSDE (Comm. Corkins Representative)  
Carolyn Weinhold, SRS (Secretary Daniels Representative)  
Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member  
Rep. Melody Miller, House member  
Linda Kenney, (Secretary Bremby Representative)  
Tom Laing, Public Member  
Linda Mitchell, Public Member  
Maria Martinez, Parent Member  
Susan Carriger, Provider Member

**Non-Members Present:**

KaAnn Graham, Reno Co.  
Lorraine Bokorney, Rainbows United  
Deb Voth, Rainbows United  
Claudia Shannon, KC Ks schools  
Amy Herring, Project Eagle &  
WY Co LICC  
Lee Price, Rainbows United  
Nancy Juhlin, REACH/Greenbush  
  
Doug Bowman, Coordinator

**Members Not Present**

Insurance Commissioner Praeger Representative  
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative  
Senator Carolyn McGinn  
Dr. Heather Rainwater, Provider Member

Dr. David Lindeman, Regents  
Richard Martinez, Parent Member  
Julie Broski, Parent Member  
Ks. Insurance Commission Rep.

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair. Introductions were made by all in attendance. The proposed May meeting minutes were approved unanimously in a motion made by Maria Martinez and Seconded by Susan Carriger. The proposed minutes for July 7<sup>th</sup> were approved unanimously on a motion made by Tom Kohmetscher and seconded by Margy Hornback.

**PHONE CALL WITH OSEP**

Mr. Bowman gave a brief background, reminding the Council of the discussion that took place in December of 2005 concerning the State Performance Plan for Part C and also for services for children aged 3-5 years within Part B.

Then, the teleconference began with Marie Mayor, staff from the US Department of Education. Dr. Mitchell commented that data verification can sometimes be a challenge in our Kansas Part C system. KaAnn Graham remarked that overall, our Part C data system was a strength. Claudia Shannon said that a stronger connection between our data system for Part C and the education data system would be good. Ellen questioned if Kansas devoted enough resources to training and

technical assistance needs. Tom Laing remarked that there simply wasn't enough funding to meet the needs of children and families. Claudia Shannon also commented that staff shortages were sometimes the problem, even when funding was available.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Dr. Mitchell informed the council of the passage of HB 2578 in last year's Legislature. This allows special education teachers to apply for financial assistance in completing their degrees in exchange for a three-year commitment to teach. For more information go to [www.kansasregents.org](http://www.kansasregents.org)

Carolyn Weinhold discussed the upcoming training in the use of a social\emotional screening tool. There will be six, regional trainings scattered across the state. They will be free. Look for details.

### **WYANDOTTE COUNTY**

Tom Laing reported on the activity of the sub-committee. See attached report. Claudia Shannon reported that there are still concerns around the provision of services. She further asked how the state can support local communities.

Amy Herring reported that just this week, the Local ICC had signed the assurances page that is attached to the contracts with KDHE. It was asked if families are getting information. Claudia responded that families were being contacted and individual meetings were being held.

Linda Kenney informed the Council that there was an on-going internal review within KDHE around the process by which a new lead agency had been selected for Wyandotte county.

Dr. Mitchell moved and Tom Laing seconded a motion that KDHE communicate with the Council (and the Governor) the legal status of Wyandotte County's Part C services. This would then clarify and determine any further work to be completed by the sub-committee. Passed Unanimously.

### **COORDINATORS REPORT** - Doug Bowman

Doug Bowman briefly discussed the process by which he is filling the ICC secretary position. He also reported that the Governor's appointments staff will be working on Council appointments, with a promise to have them done within the next month.

### **KDHE REPORT**

A written report was submitted (see attachment). Linda Kenney was asked about the vacancy in the Part C coordinator position. She replied that it has been posted and work is underway to fill it.

### **KSDE REPORT**

Dr. Hornback reported on the 2006 Leadership Confernece held the previous week in Wichita. Materials are available on their website [kansped.org](http://kansped.org)

Work continues on our efforts to match the data systems to track children who transition from Part C to Part B at three years of age.

**SRS REPORT**

See attached

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next State ICC meeting is scheduled for September 8th, 2006, in Topeka, Kansas at the SRS Learning Center. The meeting will begin at 1:00PM