

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

**February 3rd, 2006
SRS Learning Center, Topeka, KS**

Welcome and Introductions

Members Present:

Ellen Mellard, Chair, NE KS Education Service Center
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member
Dr. Margy Hornback, KSDE (Commissioner Corkins)
Dr. Heather Rainwater, Public Member
Alice Womack, SRS (Secretary Daniels)
Susan Carriger (Adams), Service Provider Member
Deanna Peterson, (Secretary Bremby)
Dr. Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas, Regents
John Meetz, KS Insurance Department (Commissioner Praeger)
Tom Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Linda Mitchell, Public Member
Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Mark Tremaine, Parent Member
Richard Martinez, Parent Member
Julie Broski, Parent Member

Non-Members Present:

Karen Snell, Families Together
Deb Voth, Rainbows United
Carolyn Weinhold, SRS
Gail Stuber, KSDE
Deanna Berry, Russell Child Ctr
Darin Valentine, Canton-Galva
Bill Seidl, Canton-Galva
Tammy Steele, Canton-Galva

Members Not Present:

Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative
Senator Carolyn McGinn
Representative Melody McCray-Miller
Nancy Kruse, Parent Member

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair.

Approval of January 2006 Minutes

Mark Tremaine made a motion to approve the January 6th, 2006, meeting minutes. Seconded by Dr. Heather Rainwater; passed unanimously.

Ellen Mellard, Chair, asked that when people discuss issues, to please define the acronyms that are used.

Ellen Mellard, also asked that when each person wants to speak to raise their hand and be recognized by the Chair.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The January ICC Minutes will be posted on the Kansas ICC website.	Patty Miller	February 7 th , 2006

PUBLIC FORUM

Maria Martinez announced that she sits on the Executive Council for Assistive Technology for Kansas. The Executive Director announced the project will have an Assistive Technology conference on March 27th and 28th in Topeka, KS. This information will be put on the Infant-Toddler list serv. There will be tracks that will include, Education, Community Living, Employment, and one other track. There will also be a vendor hall. Information will go out over the list serv along with hard copies.

Maria Martinez received information regarding the Symposium 2006 from the Midwest Symposium for Leadership and Behavior Disorders.

Maria Martinez mentioned that a site is using the Language Identification Card. This is a way to communicate with someone who speaks another language. Maria brought a brochure for anyone that may be interested.

Bill Seidl, Superintendent of Schools, Canton-Galva is located on the east side of McPherson County. Bill Seidl passed out a handout, (Attachment A). Mr. Seidl discussed the background of Canton-Galva. He discussed the issue with children in kindergarten who are not ready to go on to first grade. The children may have developmental delay. Some of the children need more time to become familiar with their surroundings. The Canton-Galva Preschool primary responsibilities are Special Education, Four Year Old At Risk Preschool, and Head Start. Bill Seidl discussed the need to gather data for children to look at growth patterns.

Darin Valentine, Elementary Principal, Canton-Galva, passed out a handout, (Attachment B). Darin Valentine discussed how collaboration works with other agencies. When implementing with different agencies, the two things that are relevant is that the children should be the priority. The second item is to be sure you have the personnel and resources needed.

Tammy Steele presented a video of children at the Canton-Galva preschool. There are typically

developing peers in each class. The classroom setting and activities are planned by the classroom teacher guided by the creative curriculum. Through collaboration with the kindergarten teachers, the children participate in age appropriate activities and experiences that promote kindergarten readiness. Each family in Head Start has a family advocate. Tammy Steele stated they are compiling data to support the program.

The Council was very impressed with the work being done in Canton-Galva.

COMMITTEES and TASK FORCES

Funding/Finance Committee – Dr. Dave Lindeman, Co-Chair

Discussion: The Funding Committee was to look at short term and long term issues. KSDE and KDHE have asked for more time due to other issues and staff time to answer questions. There will need to be staff involvement and legal advice for answers needed. See action items listed below. Susan Carriger made a motion to approve the recommended action items. Seconded by Tom Kohmetscher; passed unanimously.

Advocacy Committee – Tom Kohmetscher, Co-Chair

Discussion: See changes made to information that was sent out in meeting packet, (Attachment C). The change should read: General education funds generated by children aged three through five years of age with special needs should be “earmarked” *for children age 3-5 with special needs*.

The Council will focus most of its efforts on the following primary advocacy items:

School Finance

tiny-k funding (*second change to 6.3 instead of 6.1 million*)

The following secondary advocacy items will be supported:

Universal Pre-School

Prevention

Early Head Start

Ellen Mellard, Chair asks if the Council will accept School Finance and *tiny-k* funding with emphasis, and Universal Pre-School, Prevention, and Early Head Start with endorsements. Secondly, how the Council uses resources and staff time in terms of addressing the advocacy items. Tom Laing moved to approve the recommendations as the primary and secondary targets. Seconded by Dr. Heather Rainwater; passed unanimously.

Tom Laing moved that for the first two items; Council will provide testimony, advocacy on behalf of, and the primary resource person for those issues. On others; we support the submission of written

testimony to endorse the project and to be able to respond if asked to assist subject to the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the committee. Seconded by Linda Mitchell; passed unanimously.

Tiny-k day under the dome is March 8th, 2006.

Partnerships Committee – Maria Martinez, Co-Chair

Discussion: The Interagency Agreement is ready to be reviewed. Doug Bowman asked if the Council would like to see it prior to being routed through the agency attorneys. There were a couple of Council members that wanted to look at it. Doug will e-mail the document to them. Doug Bowman will work on a rough draft of the Memorandum of Understanding and will present at the next State ICC meeting.

Parent Leadership Task Force – Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: The New membership orientation was held February 3rd, 2006, at 10:00 am.

Interagency Agreement Task Force –

Discussion: Carolyn Nelson is working on the Interagency Agreement.

Twentieth Anniversary Task Force – Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: No updated report.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the March ICC meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces Doug Bowman	March 3, 2006

<p>Funding Committee in collaboration with the Council and the agencies will:</p> <p>Identify key persons and reaffirm their commitment to the workgroup</p> <p>Identify appropriate timeline to pursue clarification for networks who want support regarding individual contracts; and reconstitution of the workgroup to pursue funding questions</p> <p>Identify a better system</p>	<p>Dr. Dave Lindeman, Co-Chair</p>	<p>March 31st, 2006</p>
<p>Draft Memorandum of Understanding and present at the next State ICC meeting</p>	<p>Doug Bowman</p>	<p>March 3rd, 2006</p>

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Senate Bill 62 would allow grandparents who are raising their grandchildren to receive small monthly stipends from the foster care system.

Doug Bowman will monitor the review of tobacco dollars, and carving out a portion for senior services. Senate Bill 238, House Bill 2653, and House Bill 2192 may have a secondary impact on the Children’s Initiative Fund.

House Bill 2611 refers to the child passenger safety seat requiring the use of booster seats for children that have out grown the infant seat. Doug explained it is an injury prevention issue.

Doug Bowman will continue to monitor House Bill 2427, tiny-k lottery bill.

The Governor recommended \$3 million in funding to cover the child care subsidy caseload increase and 1.8 million in the SRS budget to expand Early Head Start services to existing programs. These funding increases would allow an additional 1099 children to be served by the child care subsidy

program in FY 2007 and an additional 192 children would receive Early Head Start services in FY 2007.

The KDHE budget held hearings February 2nd, 2006. The House Appropriations Subcommittee will finalize budget February 6th, 2006.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Ellen Mellard, Chair

No report.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT – Deanna Peterson for Carolyn Nelson

A copy of the KDHE report was handed out, (Attachment D).

Discussion: KDHE has been participating in CAPTA (Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act) conference calls at the federal level. KDHE will continue to look at what other states are doing and begin collaborating with SRS and forming a task group.

A draft letter is being proposed for the birth defects initiative. Deanna will take comments received from the Council back and make changes to the letter.

The final draft of the Inter-Agency Agreement is being circulated.

In addressing the networks concern regarding fiscal matters, the possibility of getting networks together that do a good job in billing Medicaid and private insurance to share tips on how they do this with other interested networks.

Outcomes training will begin this month. KDHE continues to work with KSDE and the Early Childhood Outcomes (ECO) center in addressing the child outcomes indicators set forth by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Dr. Margy Hornback

A copy of the KSDE report was handed out, (Attachment E).

Discussion: Kathy Whaley from National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC) is going to meet with KSDE and KDHE staff to discuss a plan for improving the combined data system on February 15 and 16, 2006.

Registration for training on the child outcomes indicator for Part C and Part B is now available on

<http://www.taken.org/earlychildhood> .

KSDE and KDHE Early Childhood staff members were invited to a National Early Childhood Summit and a Kansas Caucus on family supports and services by Ann and Rud Turnbull at the Beach Center.

SRS REPORT - Alice Womack

A copy of the SRS report was handed out, (Attachment F).

Discussion: SRS held its annual Stakeholder’s meeting on Monday, January 30, 2006, to advise the public about the Governor’s budget recommendations for the SRS budget for state fiscal years 2006 and 2007 and to answer questions.

Susy Toland, a graduate student at Kansas State University has received a grant from the Child Care Bureau to study relative care in Kansas.

The Kansas Fatherhood Coalition chaired by Carolyn Weinhold, Head Start Collaboration Coordinator will hold its fourth annual Fatherhood Summit On March 19-21, 2006 in Wichita.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT – John Meetz for Bob Tomlinson

Discussion: No report.

Deanna Peterson will work with John Meetz to obtain contact information for third party insurers.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Obtain contact information from the Kansas Insurance Department regarding third party insurers.	Deanna Peterson	March 31st, 2006
Monitor House and Senate Bills	Doug Bowman	March 3 rd , 2006

ADJOURNMENT

The next State ICC meeting is scheduled for March 3rd, 2006, in conjunction with the KDEC meeting located in Johnson County at the Double Tree, 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas. The State ICC meeting will begin at 1:00PM. Dr. Heather Rainwater made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Tremaine.

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