

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

**January 6th, 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 Representative)
Dr. Heather Rainwater, Public Member
Alice Womack, SRS (Secretary Daniels Representative)
Susan Carriger (Adams), Service Provider Member
Deanna Peterson, (Secretary Bremby Representative)
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:

Kim Strunk, DD Council
Karen Snell, Families Together
Deb Voth, Rainbows United
Carolyn Weinhold, SRS
Linda Kenney, KDHE, BCYF
Doug Bowman, Coordinator
Patty Miller, Staff

Members Not Present:

Dr. Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas, Regents Representative
Bob Tomlinson, KS Insurance Department (Commissioner Praeger Representative)
Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative
Senator Carolyn McGinn
Representative Melody McCray-Miller
Tom Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member
Nancy Krase, Parent Member

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

Approval of December 2005 Minutes

Mark Tremaine made a motion to approve the December 2nd, 2005, meeting minutes. Seconded by Tom Laing; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The December ICC Minutes will be posted on the Kansas ICC website.	Patty Miller	January 12 th , 2006

PUBLIC FORUM

Dr. Eva Horn raised an issue regarding teacher licensure in the State of Kansas. In order for teachers to acquire permanent licensure they need to pass the Kansas Performance Assessment (KPA). Linda Mitchell discussed Early Childhood Unified (ECU), birth through grade three, is the new early childhood teaching license in Kansas. Linda stated individuals doing scoring of the KPA at the state level are experienced with K-12, but not early childhood experience. A suggestion was made to find more individuals with early childhood experience to serve on the KPA committees that do the scoring so they can seek out ways to improve the scoring. Dr. Margy Hornback, stated she would volunteer for the KPA committee, and also plans to attend the Early Childhood Higher Education Options (ECHO) group.

Tom Laing, Interhab, made a motion that the Council convey in writing that questions have been raised to the Council regarding the applicability of current KPA protocols for use in early childhood teaching situations, and requesting that the Kansas Department of Education make a presentation to the Council and answer questions. Also, with an invitation for Martha Gage to come to a State ICC meeting to update the Council on the implementation status of the Early Childhood Unified Teaching License. Seconded by Dr. Eva Horn; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Send letter to KSDE concerning applicability of the current Kansas Performance Assessment (KPA) for Early Childhood teachers.	Doug Bowman	January 10 th , 2006
Request Martha Gage come to one of our meetings to update Council on the implementation status of the Early Childhood Unified Teaching License.	Doug Bowman	January 10 th , 2006

KSDE STATE PERFORMANCE PLAN - Dr. Margy Hornback

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

Discussion: State Performance Plans (SPP) and Annual Performance Reports (FFY 2005-2010) are required and were to be in place one year after the enactment of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004. The SPP require baseline data on the indicators, measurable and rigorous targets, improvement strategies, timelines, resources, reports of progress and slippage on the targets, and reporting to the public on the performance of every Local Education Agency (LEA) every year for every indicator.

Transition Indicator: Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) developed and implemented by their third birthdays.

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, 2006 and with a larger group of stakeholders on February 16, 2006. The meeting with the larger group of stakeholders will include two representatives from the Council. Doug Bowman and Tom Laing will represent the Council and assist KSDE to work through issues on transition from Part C to Part B.

Letters were sent to Local Education Agency (LEAs) for data verification on children reported as “Part B Eligible” by Part C providers, but Part B Management Information System (MIS) data indicated that IEPs and/or special education services were not provided by their third birthdays.

Child Outcomes Indicator: Percent of preschool children with IEPs who demonstrate improved positive social-emotional skills, acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, and use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.

Least Restrictive Environment (LRE): Percent of preschool children with IEPs who received special education and related services in settings with typically developing peers.

When thinking about LRE in preschool, “The key question for the IEP team to consider is where this child would be if s/he did not have a disability”.

COMMITTEES and TASK FORCES

Funding/Finance Committee – Doug Bowman for Dr. Dave Lindeman, Co-Chair
A copy of a memorandum from the Funding Committee was handed out, (Attachment B).

Discussion: There have been many discussions as to how special education money is distributed in Kansas. The largest source of funding for the Infant-Toddler Networks is special education. Networks choose to access special education money on a per staff basis or a per child basis, i.e. individual student contracts. The Funding Committee was given the task to meet and give recommendation regarding accessing Categorical Aid for local infant-toddler networks.

As a result of questions from the Funding Committee, a letter was sent to KSDE staff and the KDHE staff asking questions to assist in making policy recommendations. The next meeting for the Funding Committee is scheduled for February 1st, 2006 from 1:30 to 4:30, located at the SRS Learning Center, 2nd and Macvicar, Room 3, Topeka. March 2006 is the deadline for the recommendations, i.e. white paper.

Advocacy Committee – Doug Bowman for Tom Kohmetscher, Co-Chair
Discussion: Need to set a date for the *tiny-k* day in Topeka.

The Advocacy Committee asks how to arrive at the position of the ICC as it pertains to advocacy matters, and what are the specific advocacy positions. Some issues that were discussed in the past pertained to *tiny-k* issues, teacher licensing, and Least Restrictive Environment.

The Kansas Early Education Partnerships (KEEP) agenda is the universal pre-school pilot project, expansion of Early Head Start, and Child Care Subsidy.

The platform from the ICC includes funding and prevention. Dr. Mitchell suggested we devote some attention to issues. These might include:

- a. reduce risk of child abuse and neglect
- b. increase screening at birth
- c. drug exposed children

Doug Bowman will send out a draft platform to the ICC, and the local networks within the next week for review that would include bullets that would be beneficial for legislators, and will include process and dates.

Partnerships Committee – Maria Martinez, Co-Chair
Discussion: No report.

Parent Leadership Task Force – Maria Martinez, Chair
Discussion: A New membership orientation is scheduled for February 3rd, 2006, at 10:00 am. New members are invited to attend. There will be a luncheon at noon for a \$5 fee.

Interagency Agreement Task Force –
Discussion: Carolyn Nelson is working on the Interagency Agreement.

Twentieth Anniversary Task Force – Maria Martinez, Chair
Discussion: *Tiny-k* day is an educational experience for a lot of different entities. Not only need to discuss the State ICC platform, but need to educate legislators on what the State ICC is. Will draft information to the local networks asking about including previous members to be able to include at the ICC Strategic Planning meeting.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the February ICC meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces Doug Bowman	February 3, 2006
Funding Committee will meet and give recommendation regarding accessing Categorical Aid for local infant-toddler networks.	Dr. Dave Lindeman, Co-Chair	March, 2006
Represent the Council and assist KSDE to work through issues on transition from Part C to Part B.	Doug Bowman, Coordinator Tom Laing, Interhab	February 16, 2006
Draft a platform for the Advocacy Committee and send to the ICC for review. This information will be beneficial for the legislators.	Doug Bowman, Coordinator	January 10 th , 2006

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Doug Bowman reiterated the February 3rd, 2006, new member orientation at 10:00 am, with a luncheon at Noon located at the SRS Learning Center, 2nd and Macvicar, Room A.

Doug Bowman is back to work full-time.

As the Legislative Session begins, the best way to reach Doug Bowman is via e-mail.

The March 3rd, 2006, State ICC meeting will be in conjunction with the conference, of the Kansas Division of Early Childhood. The meeting will be located at the Double-Tree in Johnson County.

Doug Bowman has been asked to join the Kansas Learning First Alliance. The Council has agreed for Doug to attend a few meetings, and he will report back to the Council. The minutes from the meeting will be sent out.

A letter was sent to Secretary Roderick Bremby, KDHE, regarding the budget request for Part C in FY 07 budget. As a result of the letter, Doug Bowman met with Mr. Aaron Dunkel, KDHE. Aaron

Dunkel mentioned that the lead agency's budget request was for level funding.

The Governor will give the State of State address January 9th, 2006. Items to watch for are:

School Funding

Universal Pre-School

Other Early Childhood Issues, i.e., Early Head Start, *tiny-k*, Parents as Teachers.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Ellen Mellard, Chair

No report.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT – Bob Tomlinson, unable to attend

Discussion: No report.

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

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

Discussion: Planning continues for the Caring for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (CFIT) training for Physicians, and nurses.

Plan to meet with Mary Beth Bruder from the University of Connecticut, the end of January to discuss the development of a Service Coordination web-based training for service providers.

The Part C Infant-Toddler Six Year State Performance Plan (SPP) has been submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

Attached is a draft plan of how KDHE and KSDE will address child outcomes.

KDHE continues to wait for the revised regulations of IDEA in the Part C. Attached is a letter to Secretary Spellings to address the delay.

Rebecca Scott from *tiny-k* tiny-teeth has done infant-toddler oral health training to over 30 *tiny-k* networks.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Dr. Margy Hornback

A copy of the KSDE report was handed out earlier in agenda, (Attachment A).

Discussion: This was discussed earlier in the meeting. See KSDE State Performance Plan.

SRS REPORT - Alice Womack

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

Discussion: The Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (KACCRRRA) was chosen to pilot a self-assessment designed to evaluate current processes/practices.

Kansas was chosen as the only state in the nation to assist with the design of a State Control Self-Assessment Instrument to be used for management control and evaluation of the Child Care program.

Three pieces of legislation concerning Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) have passed the House and Senate and are awaiting the President's signature.

Carolyn Weinhold, SRS, asked for the Council's approval for joining the Parent Leadership conference for November 2006, and tentative for November 3rd and 4th, located in the Capitol.

Carolyn passed out a brochure on the Fourth Annual Statewide Kansas Fatherhood Summit. March 19-21, 2006, at the Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, in Wichita, KS. Attachment E.

ADJOURNMENT

The next State ICC meeting is scheduled for February 3rd, 2006, in Topeka, Kansas at the SRS Learning Center, 2nd and Macvicar, South West East Circle Drive South, Building 2600, Room A. The meeting will begin at 1:00PM. Linda Mitchell made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Susan Carriger.