

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

**July 7th, 2006
SRS Learning Center, Topeka, KS**

Welcome

Members Present:

Ellen Mellard, Chair, NE KS Education Service Center
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member
Dr. Margy Hornback, KSDE (Comm. Corkins Representative)
Carolyn Weinhold, SRS (Secretary Daniels Representative)
Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member
Linda Kenney, (Secretary Bremby Representative)
Tom Laing, Public Member
Linda Mitchell, Public Member
Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Dr. David Lindeman, Board of Regents
Rep. Melody Miller, House member

Members Not Present

Insurance Commissioner Praeger Representative
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative
Senator Carolyn McGinn
Nancy Kruse, Provider Member, Senate Member
Richard Martinez, Parent Member
Julie Broski, Parent Member
Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Dr. Heather Rainwater, Provider Member

Non-Members Present:

KaAnn Graham, Reno Co.
Lesli Girard, Families Together
Deb Voth, Rainbows United
Dr. Howard Rodenberg, KDHE
Doug Bowman, Coordinator
Kathy Johnson, Shawnee Co.
Ryan Weir, KDHE
Joe Porting, KDHE
Crystal Lockner, LV Co.
Michele Fridlington, LV Co.
Dawn O'Brien, LV Co.
Cathy Jambtosic, LV Co.
Sandra Bavientos, LV Co.
Adriano Chaparro, visitor
Maria Gonzalea, visitor
Beronica Canela, visitor
Ed Henry, Clay/Washington Co.
Kim Shaw, Wy Co.
Dr. Cindy Lane, KC Ks schools
Dr. Jill Shackelford, KC Ks sch.
Janet Waugh, Ks Board of Educ.
Amy Henry, Project Eagle
Claudia Shannon, KC Ks schools
Dr. Laura McCrary, CTLC-ES
Christine Glover, CTLC-ES

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Ed Henry informed the Council that the tiny-k foundation would be holding a meeting with Insurance

Commissioner Prager on July 11th in Manhattan.

KDHE USE OF FEDERAL PART C FUNDS - Dr. Howard Rodenberg

Dr. Howard Rodenberg, Director of Health for KDHE apologized for the process that recently occurred in decision-making around federal funds usage. He would prefer to have conferred with the Council and the local networks. He did contend that KDHE has fallen behind over the years in meeting the federal mandates associated with this program.

Linda Kenney gave details on the proposed uses of the federal funds. She said the topic had been mentioned at a May 3rd meeting of the local coordinators without incident.

Tom Kohmetscher said that the local networks acknowledged the need for infrastructure, but wondered why KDHE hadn't asked for this funding earlier. Rep. Miller asked why wasn't KDHE involved in the advocacy to acquire these funds. Dr. Rodenberg answered their comments.

Tom Laing moved and Tom Kohmetscher seconded that the Council send a letter to the Governor seeking immediate funding to support the infrastructure needs of KDHE in meeting the federal mandates of Part C. This could be a supplemental appropriation, but should not detract from the gains made in funding local networks. The motion passed unanimously.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY

Linda Kenney gave a brief review of developments in Wyandotte County. Joe Porting mentioned that files had only been transferred to the new lead agency on June 30, 2006.

Dr. McCrary gave a brief overview of Easter Seals and the Children's Therapeutic Learning Center.

Several Wyandotte County families spoke to their concerns about services and language barriers. Dr. McCrary said that bi-lingual services would be in place first thing Monday morning. She also spoke to the challenge in reviewing files and IFSP documents. Families should hear from TLC within a matter of days.

Dr. Lane questioned an item in the timeline distributed by ICC staff. Her concern centered around the proceedings of the April 11 meeting of the Wyandotte County LICC.

Dawn O'Brien distributed a lengthy document. In it she questioned the process by which KDHE selected a new lead agency for Wyandotte County.

Linda Kenney commented that to the best of her knowledge, the process was proper. Ryan Weir

answered a direct question about the factors that lead KDHE to make the decision to award the contract to CTLC instead of Nurturing Families.

After much discussion, Tom Laing moved and Linda Mitchell seconded a motion to form an ICC sub-committee to review the process undertaken by KDHE in selecting a new local lead agency in Wyandotte County. To report back to the full ICC at the August 4th meeting. Motion passed Unanimously. Volunteers included: Maria, Ellen, Margy, Tom Laing, Eve, and Linda.

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Doug Bowman briefly discussed the process by which he is filling the ICC secretary position. He also reported that the three state agencies have agreed to increase their contribution to Council funding by \$3,000 each. Scheduling of future meeting was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next State ICC meeting is scheduled for August 4th, 2006, in Wichita, Kansas at the WSU campus
The meeting will begin at 1:00PM