

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

July 16, 2004

Social Rehabilitation Services Learning Center, Topeka, Kansas

Welcome and Introductions

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Non-Members Present:</u>
Ellen Mellard, Chair, Northeast Kansas Education Service Center Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member Carolyn Nelson (representing Secretary Bremby) Sally Kahle (representing Secretary Schalansky) Doctor Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas Center on Developmental Disabilities Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative Susan Adams, Service Provider Member Richard Martinez, Parent Member Karla Kenton, Parent Member	Deb Voth, Rainbows United Charles Friedrichs, Marshall County Interagency Coordinating Council Kathy Boyd, Osage County Interagency Coordinating Council Doug Bowman, Coordinator Patty Miller, Staff
<u>Members Not Present:</u> Senator David Haley Representative Brenda Landwehr Mark Tremaine, Parent Member Robert Tomlinson, Kansas Insurance Department Doctor Chet Johnson, University of Kansas-Children's Development Unit Marnie Campbell, Kansas State Department of Education	

Approval of May, 2004 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair. Ellen Mellard informed the Council that Doctor Chet Johnson has resigned his position to the Council due to his dual role at the Medical Center.

Sharon Hixson made a motion to approve the amended May 7th, 2004, Interagency Coordinating Council meeting minutes. The minutes are amended to reflect Deb Voth, Karin Brownlee, Ethel Peterson and Mimi Nagle are recognized for their service as former members of the Council, in addition to Sharon Hixson. Seconded by Richard Martinez; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The May Minutes will be amended and posted on the Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council website.	Patty Miller	July 22, 2004

PUBLIC FORUM

Sharon Hixson asked about a motion made in previous Interagency Coordinating Council meeting regarding Legal Interagency Coordinating Council membership to be referred to legal council to determine if in violation of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Doug Bowman answered legal staff from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will review.

COMMITTEES

Governmental Affairs Committee - Tom Kohmetscher, Chair

Discussion: This committee is still in the process of developing a legislative platform. This committee will assist and provide ongoing legislative issues, that is, regulatory process, reviewing post audit reports, specific legislative action such as reviewing bills.

Funding/Finance Committee - Deb Voth, Chair

Discussion: Ed Henry, *tiny-k* Foundation, an entity to do statewide fund raising, has drafted a bill to ask for \$4 million from lottery to go towards *tiny-k*. This proposed bill will go to local networks for review.

Partnerships Committee - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: Will work with the Advocacy Committee to discuss history of the State Interagency Coordinating Council. The timeline of celebration of the 20th anniversary of the State Interagency Coordinating Council is 2006.

Advocacy Committee - Debbie Mai, Chair, was unable to attend.

Discussion: Doug Bowman reported the Advocacy Committee met July 14, 2004 in Wichita. The Advocacy Committee will have an agenda for review of the next Advocacy Committee at the September retreat. The *tiny-k* Foundation, an entity to do statewide fund raising, is giving consideration for legislation of a lottery scratch ticket for Early Intervention Services.

Parent Leadership Task Force - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: Persons that went to Orlando conference in May 2004 are Maria Martinez, Karla Kenton, Richard Martinez, Mark Tremaine and Peggy Miksch. The parents gained valuable information and insight in what is going on around the country. High points were cohesive learning from other parent stories. Brainstorming helped bring information together. A plan will be implemented.

Newborn Screening Task Force - Doug Bowman for Doctor Chet Johnson, Chair

Discussion: Doug Bowman mentioned Doctor Chet Johnson upon his resignation of the Council, will continue to assist in efforts of implementing Senate Bill 418, creating a birth defect registry. This bill identifies newborns using vital statistics information and informing parents of availability of free screenings (and therapy services, if child qualifies). Linda Kenney, Director, Bureau for Children,

Youth and Families, will pursue funding from the Center for Disease Control or may look at other resources.

Interagency Agreement Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: The Interagency Agreement regarding Part C services has been discussed via phone conference. This Task Force recommends to the Council, that we will tackle the early childhood comprehensive plan versus the many agreements currently in process. Sharon Hixson made a motion to strive toward a comprehensive plan (interagency agreement) for children with disabilities related to early childhood disabilities and at risk programs. Seconded by Carolyn Nelson; passed unanimously. A progress report will be given in September. The Interagency Agreement completion date may be by the end of 2004.

Categorical Aid Task Force - Doctor Dave Lindeman, Chair

Discussion: The Kansas Department of Health and Environment staff is working on formulas to be used as alternatives to categorical aid. Formulas used are from the Fiscal year 2003 survey of local networks. Categorical aid, Full Time Equivalence, individual contracts, and transportation funds are combined and redistributed. Continue to look at creation of a white paper regarding dissemination of special education money. Doug Bowman will monitor the School Finance Interim Committee.

Public Forum Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: Will review summary of Public Forum and work on gathering information. Recommendations with revisions back to Council by September.

Ad Hoc Committee - Maria Martinez, Chair

Creation of the State Interagency Coordinating Council 20th anniversary celebration activities will occur before the next Interagency Coordinating Council meeting.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the September Retreat and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces	September 10, 2004
Work on Plan B for Newborn Screening in case funding does not come to fruition from Center for Disease Control.	Doug Bowman and Doctor Chet Johnson	September 2004

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Maria Martinez made a motion that the Advocacy Committee send a letter to local networks regarding involvement in the election process. Seconded by Susan Adams; passed unanimously.

The August 6th Interagency Coordinating Council meeting will be by teleconference at 9:00 AM.

There may be an attempt to re-examine school finance to make available resources for preschool services for any Kansan 3 or 4 years of age. Doctor Dave Lindeman made a motion to write a letter to be sent to the Governor with copies to Secretaries, Commissioners, and Jennifer Crow, regarding focused representation of the Council, and have representation to meet with administration officials to propose the future direction of early childhood in Kansas. Seconded by Tom Kohmetscher; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Letter to be written from motion made to propose the future direction of early childhood in Kansas.	Doug Bowman	July 20, 2004
Letter to Local Networks regarding Early Learning Standards	Debbie Mai, Chair Advocacy Committee	August 1, 2004

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT - Carolyn Nelson
 Carolyn Nelson handed out a copy of her report, (Attachment A).

Discussion: Memo and letter from the Infant-Toddler Coordinator Association, Attachment B. Congress is beginning appropriations process for the budget. Infant-Toddler Coordinator Association is asking for support from the States via letters to Congressmen encouraging support of increased Part C funding, and stress how important early intervention is birth to five.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment Part C Coordinator vacancy will be posted on the State website. Two options to access the posting are: www.accesskansas.org and www.da.state.ks.us/ps/aaa/recruitment/review.htm.

System training has been provided for network coordinators, this is attached to the report.

Infant-Toddler is writing for a United States Department of Education General Supervision Enhancement Grant. Maximum amount per grant to be awarded is \$418,000.

The Kansas Early Intervention Longitudinal Study (KEILS) final report has been received from SRI International.

Doctor Dave Lindeman made a motion to write a letter that a Council member be involved in the hiring process of position vacated by Peggy Miksch, Part C Coordinator. Seconded by Tom Kohmetscher; number of persons voting yes is ten and one abstention, due to connection with the hiring process.

Sharon Hixson made a motion to write a letter thanking Peggy Miksch for her service to the Council. Seconded by Susan Adams; passed unanimously.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Doctor Dave Lindeman reported for Marnie

Campbell

A copy of Marnie's report was handed out, (Attachment C).

At the request of Dale Dennis at Kansas State Department of Education, Carolyn Nelson will represent Kansas Department of Health and Environment at a legislative educational committee meeting on Monday. Topic for discussion at the meeting is the early childhood guidelines developed by a committee of agency, parent and college representatives. Mister Bowman will also attend.

Doctor Dave Lindeman mentioned after reading Marnie's report if you have questions or other ideas, please send an e-mail to Marnie Campbell at MCampbell@KSDE.org .

SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES REPORT - Sally Kahle for Alice Womack

Sally Kahle handed out a copy of the Social and Rehabilitation Services report, (Attachment D).

Discussion: The Smart Start Strategy Forum was held the first week in June. The purpose of the forum was to allow community representatives the opportunity to learn about programs available that would meet their community's needs (based on their needs assessment) and could be a component of their Smart Start funding request.

A cross-agency team from Kansas participated in the final School Readiness Indicators Initiative meeting in Rhode Island in May, 2004. Next steps include work on a set of national indicators around school readiness for young children.

A meeting was held at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City on June 10th, 2004, to discuss the status of the current First Children's Finance Kansas loan program for child care providers

and the establishment of a Business Development Center to be housed at Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

Doctor Dave Lindeman made a motion to write a letter to Leadell Ediger, Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, regarding reinforcing their training of First Children's Finance Kansas Loan Recipients Plan on how services will be provided to children with disabilities, and be copied to Social and Rehabilitation Services since they are the primary financial resource for Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. Seconded by Tom Kohmetscher; passed unanimously.

Social and Rehabilitation Services has completed organizational structure design for the new Social and Rehabilitation Services Regions that became operational on July 1, 2004. Eleven Social and Rehabilitation Services Areas became six Social and Rehabilitation Services Regions.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT - Robert Tomlinson was unable to attend

Discussion: None, no report given.

ADJOURNMENT

If you have input regarding the Strategic Plan Retreat, please report to Doug Bowman. The 2004 Strategic Plan is attached. Attachment E. The next Interagency Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for August 6th, 2004, by teleconference beginning at 9:00 AM. The Retreat is scheduled for September 10th, located at Shawnee Lake, Shelter House No. 2. Jim Caccamo from the Kansas Health Foundation will facilitate the meeting.