

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

**March 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
Linda Mitchell, Public Member

Dr. Heather Rainwater, Public Member
Jane Weiler, SRS (Secretary Daniels)
Susan Carriger, Service Provider Member
Carolyn Nelson, (Secretary Bremby)
Dr. Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas, Regents
Bob Tomlinson, KS Insurance Department (Commissioner Praeger)
Tom Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member
Julie Broski, Parent Member
Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Richard Martinez, Parent Member

Non-Members Present:

Deb Mai, Rainbows United
Deb Voth, Rainbows United
Jennifer Oborny, Barton Co.
Ginny Butts, Sumner Co.
Martha Gage, KSDE
Susan Helbert, KSDE
Debbie Darrow, Marion Co.
Megan Mahoney, Wyandotte
Sarah Schulze, KUMC
Jennifer Fowler, KUMC
Peggy Miksch, Geary Co.
Deanna Peterson, KDHE

Members Not Present:

Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative
Senator Carolyn McGinn
Representative Melody McCray-Miller
Nancy Kruse, Provider Member
Dr. Margy Hornback
Mark Tremaine, Parent Member
Tom Laing, Public Member

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

Approval of February 2006 Minutes

Linda Mitchell made a motion to approve the February 3rd, 2006, meeting minutes. Seconded by Richard Martinez; passed unanimously.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Maria Martinez raised the concern of services for families not continuing in the summer. Carolyn Nelson responded that Infant-Toddler services are to continue year round. If a family needs to file a complaint contact Deanna Peterson or Joe Porting, Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

TEACHER LICENSING – Martha Gage and Susan Helbert, KSDE

Susan Hebert, KSDE, passed out a handout, (Attachment A). Susan discussed the regulations for Early Childhood Endorsements and Levels for early childhood teachers. KSDE began redesigning teacher licensure since 1992. The current license is:

- Early Childhood Unified – Birth through grade 3
- Combined general education/special education

After staff raised concerns about the level of licenses, two new licenses are being proposed.

- Early Childhood Unified – Birth through kindergarten
- Combined general education/special education

- Early Childhood – PreKindergarten (PreK) through grade 3
- General Education only
 - Accommodate out-of-state applicants

State Board approved submission of the regulation changes to the Attorney General and Department of Administration for review. After their review is complete, the State Board will set a public hearing in April allowing 60 days of notice for publication of the regulations. The public hearing is set for late summer with final action by the Board following the hearing.

For information please check the KSDE website at www.ksde.org and click on teacher education licensure.

LOCAL STORY – WYANDOTTE COUNTY

Carolyn Nelson reported Wyandotte Special Education Cooperative made the decision to discontinue as lead agency for Infant Toddler Services. A handout of the letter from Dr. Cynthia Lane, Director of Special Education and Preschool Programs was handed out (Attachment B). The agency found it is impossible to move ahead due to the lack of funding. Carolyn Nelson discussed KDHE is actively working with the local ICC to find a suitable lead/fiscal agency for Wyandotte County effective July 1, 2006.

Megan Mahoney, Wyandotte County, explained that staff expect to be losing their jobs, but have not received a formal explanation. The State ICC can recommend that the Local Lead Agency notify families and providers what is happening and explain services will still be provided.

Heather Rainwater made a motion that KDHE and Wyandotte County notify families and providers as to what is happening and explain that services will still be provided. Seconded by Tom Kohmetscher; passed unanimously.

Ellen Mellard and Doug Bowman will arrange a meeting with the Governor’s staff to discuss the critical situation with Wyandotte County.

Ellen Mellard and Doug Bowman will arrange a meeting with Rocky Nichols, Disability Rights, to discuss process of possible recourse action.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Meeting with Governor Staff to discuss Wyandotte County Issue.	Ellen Mellard, Chair Doug Bowman, Coordinator	March 15 th , 2006
Meet with Rocky Nichols to discuss possible recourse action.	Ellen Mellard, Chair Doug Bowman, Coordinator	March 31, 2006
Working to find suitable lead/fiscal agency in Wyandotte County.	Carolyn Nelson	July 1, 2006

COMMITTEES and TASK FORCES

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

Discussion: Reaffirmed with Funding Committee members their desire to continue on the committee.

Only two members wish to be taken off of the Funding Committee list. The rest of the members remain the same.

A letter was sent to those Infant-Toddler networks using individual contracts asking if they would like assistance from the ICC.

Dave and Doug will facilitate a meeting with KSDE staff and these networks on March 17th, 2006.

Advocacy Committee – Tom Kohmetscher, Co-Chair

Discussion: Reminded members of information available in meeting packets regarding the primary advocacy items: School Finance, *tiny-k* funding, Universal Pre-School, Prevention, and Early Head Start.

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

Partnerships Committee – Maria Martinez, Co-Chair

Discussion: Still working on 20th anniversary celebration of State ICC accomplishments.

Parent Leadership Task Force – Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: No report.

Interagency Agreement Task Force – Carolyn Nelson

Discussion: Carolyn Nelson is working on the Interagency Agreement.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the March 31 st , State ICC meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces Doug Bowman	March 31, 2006

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. Final action in the House today. Then will go to conference committee.

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. This bill is in conference committee.

House Bill 2732 refers to unattended children in cars. This bill is in conference committee.

House Bill 2971 refers to children with special health care needs, specifically PKU. Hearings will be held March 6th, 2006, in the House Committee.

The KDHE budget is completed in the Ways and Means, and in House Appropriations.

The SRS budget is completed in the Ways and Means and has hearings March 6th, 2006, in the House Appropriations Subcommittee.

The School Finance packages take precedence over the KSDE budget, which is finishing up in committee.

Per the request of the Council, Doug Bowman handed out a draft Agreement (Attachment C). The Agreement is by and among the Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services increasing the amounts contributed by each agency by \$3,000.

A task force comprised of Dr. Eva Horn and Maria Martinez will meet and bring recommendations to the ICC March 31st, 2006.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Ellen Mellard, Chair

Met with Kansas Early Education Partners (KEEP). The agenda is the universal pre-school pilot project, expansion of Early Head Start, and Child Care Subsidy. Ellen asked for direction from the ICC. A discussion ensued around the Council and its role in coalitions.

SRS REPORT – Jane Weiler for Alice Womack

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

Discussion: Early Learning Coordinating Council (ELCC) and Kansas Early Childhood Comprehensive System (KECCS) are developing a Kansas Early Childhood Comprehensive System Plan. You can access this information on the website at www.KECCS.org. The next KECCS meeting will be held on May 2, 2006 in Salina, KS.

The Children's Cabinet will be announcing its Notice of Request for Pre-K letters of Intent soon. Funding will come from Children's Initiative Funds, businesses and foundations.

Eric Van Allen, Health Care Policy/SRS is currently working with a group of stakeholders on planning to establish early childhood mental health screening in Kansas.

SRS will be conducting statewide Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Child Care refresher training for staff in regional offices.

Staff and contractors from Oklahoma visited Kansas to learn about the Kansas EBT system for child care. Oklahoma would like to change their system to a more proactive, user friendly system and is interested in adopting the Kansas model.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT – Bob Tomlinson

Discussion: No report.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT – Deanna Peterson

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

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

KSDE and KDHE have held outcome trainings February 24th, and March 3rd, 2006.

KSDE and KDHE participated in a transition meeting facilitated by National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC). A stakeholders meeting of Part C and Part B programs, parents and other state representatives has been set for April 5th, 2006.

KDHE continues to look for a lead agency to take over infant toddler services in Wyandotte County.

KDHE is soliciting comments and recommendations from the public regarding the FFY 2006 Infant-Toddler grant application under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Two Audiology policies for Kansas Medicaid will go into effect March 1, 2006.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Dr. Margy Hornback was unable to attend.

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

The next State ICC meeting is scheduled for March 31st, 2006, located at the Topeka Public Library,

Marvin Auditorium, Room 101C. The State ICC meeting will begin at 1:00PM. Tom Kohmetscher made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Susan Adams.

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