

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

March 31st, 2006

Topeka Public Shawnee County Library, Topeka, KS.

Welcome and Introductions

Members Present:

Ellen Mellard, Chair, NE KS Education Service Center
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member
Dr Heather Rainwater, Public Member
Dr. Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas, Regents
Jane Weiler, SRS (Secretary Daniels)
Susan Carriger, Service Provider Member
Tom Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Linda Mitchell, Public Member
Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Mark Tremaine, Parent Member

Non-Members Present:

Deb Voth, Rainbows United
Karen Snell, Families Together

Members Not Present:

Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative
Senator Carolyn McGinn
Representative Melody McCray-Miller
Carolyn Nelson, (Secretary Bremby)
Nancy Krase, Provider Member
Dr. Margy Hornback, KSDE
Bob Tomlinson, KS Insurance Department (Commissioner Praeger)
Richard Martinez, Parent Member
Julie Broski, Parent Member

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

Approval of March 3rd, 2006 Minutes

Ellen Mellard, Chair noted that a small edit on the draft minutes concerning agency affiliation.

Maria Martinez moved the March 3rd, 2006, minutes approved as amended. Seconded by Dr. Heather Rainwater; passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The March 3 rd , 2006, ICC Minutes will be posted on the Kansas ICC website.	Patty Miller	April 6 th , 2006

PUBLIC FORUM

Maria shared information from a conference she attended regarding Assistive Technology.

Tom Laing asked for an update regarding Wyandotte County. Doug Bowman handed out a report on the Wyandotte County LICC Update, (Attachment A). Doug explained there are several entity meetings to discuss the possibility of creating a coalition. KDHE received a call from the Wyandotte County LICC chair that indicated a plan was in process, but had not been completed as of yet. The proposed plan is expected to be finalized at a meeting on April 4th. KDHE expects to have access to the plan by the end of that week.

Tom Laing made a motion to draft a letter from the State ICC to the Local ICC in Wyandotte Co. with copies to Lead Agency and Local Lead Agency, to explain concerns and to inform family's services will still be provided. Seconded by Tom Kohmetscher; passed unanimously.

KANSAS EARLY EDUCATION PARTNERS (KEEP)

Ellen Mellard, Chair, passed out a handout of a signed letter from Governor Sebelius along with an endorsement page that supports KEEP's legislative priorities, (Attachment B). Ellen mentioned there was a phone conference to discuss responses. Doug Bowman drafted a letter to the Governor in support of her efforts of the Early Childhood Initiatives. This letter will be delivered April 3rd, 2006.

Doug Bowman passed out a memo to Jennifer Crow, Governor Representative, (Attachment C). This memo gives strong support to an effort to incorporate *tiny-k* funding into the school finance legislation, IF the funding maintains its identity and be directed towards KDHE or to the local *tiny-k* networks.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
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Draft letter from State ICC to Wyandotte Co. Local ICC with copies to Lead Agency and Local Lead Agency regarding concerns and to inform family's services will still be provided.	Doug Bowman, Coordinator	April 10, 2006
Draft letter support of the Governor's initiatives	Doug Bowman, Coordinator	April 3, 2006
Letter to support the funding we are asking for with a copy to the local networks.	Doug Bowman, Coordinator	April 7, 2006

Tom Laing made a motion that letters be written in support of the Governor's initiatives and also another letter stating funding needed based on this year, and attaching history. Also, would need to reference the situation in Wyandotte County. Seconded by Dr. Heather Rainwater; passed unanimously.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION TREATMENT ACT UPDATE (CAPTA)

Jane Weiler, SRS, passed out a handout of Substantiated Case Findings on Children under the Age of Three, (Attachment D).

If a case finding is substantiated and the victim is a child under the age of three, the social worker shall make a referral to Kansas Infant-Toddler Services, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for screening.

COMMITTEES and TASK FORCES

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

Discussion: The Funding Committee did not meet. Dave reported he and Doug Bowman met with staff from KSDE, ZoAnn Torrey, Mike Murphy, and Mason Vosburgh and several *tiny-k* networks. Issues discussed were around categorical aid.

Advocacy Committee – Tom Kohmetscher, Co-Chair

Discussion: The Advocacy Committee did not meet, but will try to schedule a meeting soon. Doug Bowman reported about one-third of the local networks showed up for *tiny-k* day. Some of the Local Networks did contact legislators prior to *tiny-k* day. About half of the legislators were contacted.

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

Maria passed out information on a workshop for parents with children who have disabilities. The workshop will be located in Hutchinson.

Parent Leadership Task Force – Maria Martinez, Chair
Discussion: No report.

Interagency Agreement Task Force –
Discussion: No Report.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the May 5 th , State ICC meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces Doug Bowman	May 5 th , 2006

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Ellen Mellard, Tom Laing, Richard Martinez, and Doug Bowman met with Jennifer Crow, Governor Representative March 8th, 2006.

A Task Force comprised of Maria Martinez, Dr. Eva Horn and Doug Bowman was established to look at the ICC budget for the possibility to enhance resources. Dr. Eva Horn stated the Task Force met March 31st, 2006. The ICC budget has remained basically the same since 1994. The primary contributors of the budget are KDHE, KSDE and SRS. Personnel is the largest portion of the expenses. Doug Bowman along with the Assistant of the Subcommittee will go to the three agencies and ask for an increase in their current contribution to the annual budget for FY 2007 and 2008.

House Bill 2611 refers to the child passenger safety seat requiring the use of booster seats for children that have out grown their infant seat. Doug explained it is an injury prevention issue. This bill has been signed by the Governor.

House Bill 2712 eliminates substantial changes in the need for a team meeting to consider an Individual Education Plan (IEP) if parents agree in writing. The bill is sitting in the Senate Committee and will go to the Educational Planning Committee for interim study this summer.

Senate Bill 62 would allow grandparents who are raising their grandchildren to receive small monthly stipends from the foster care system. This bill is in conference committee.

The House passed a school finance plan. Base State Aid for pupils will go up \$50 next year, \$49 additional dollars the second year, and \$35 additional dollars the third year. At risk waiting will go up \$44 million the first year, \$60 million the second year, and \$68 million the third year. Special Education money is at 92% of excess cost. The Senate went home without a plan. The March tax revenue numbers are strong.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Contact Senator Carolyn McGinn and Representative Melody McCray-Miller	Doug Bowman, Coordinator	

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Ellen Mellard, Chair

No Report.

SRS REPORT – Jane Weiler for Alice Womack

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

Discussion: The Children’s Cabinet is in the process of reviewing letters of intent for the universal Pre-Kindergarten pilot project.

The fourth annual Fatherhood Summit was held in Wichita on March 19-21, 2006.

SRS is currently in the process of updating the child care industry study completed in 2003.

Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (KACCRRRA) recently published a Kansas Early Education Workforce Study based on data collected in 2005.

SRS has contracted with Ruby Payne to offer train-the-trainer certification sessions for Bridges Out Of Poverty training.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT – Doug Bowman for Carolyn Nelson

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

Discussion: KDHE Part C Infant-Toddler Services and KSDE Student support Services will receive a

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Verification Visit from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) the week of September 11, 2006.

Family Service Coordination Proposal is attached to the KDHE report.

Insurance training will be held in conjunction with the next Part C Coordinators meeting, possibly in May.

Kathy Hubbard, the CAPTA contact at SRS, has agreed to attend a Coordinators' meeting and discuss network CAPTA issues.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Dr. Margy Hornback was unable to attend.
No report.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT – Bob Tomlinson
Discussion: No report.

ADJOURNMENT

The next State ICC meeting is scheduled for May 5th, 2006, located at the SRS Learning Center, 2nd and Macvicar, Building 2600, Room A. The State ICC meeting will begin at 1:00PM. Linda Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Susan Adams.

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