

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

**November 5th, 2004
Marion, Kansas**

Welcome and Introductions

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Non-Members Present:</u>
Ellen Mellard, Chair, Northeast Kansas Education Service Center Carolyn Nelson (representing Secretary Bremby) Doctor Dave Lindeman, University of Kansas Center on Developmental Disabilities Sharon Hixson, Russell Child Development Center Maria Martinez, Parent Member Mark Tremaine, Parent Member	Debbi Darrow, Marion Co. Interagency Coordinating Council Kim Strunk, DD Council Deb Mai, Rainbows United Rowina Platt, Marion Co. Reporter Doug Bowman, Coordinator Patty Miller, Staff
<u>Members Not Present:</u>	
Representative Brenda Landwehr Senator David Haley Robert Tomlinson, Kansas Insurance Department Richard Martinez, Parent Member Karla Kenton, Parent Member Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative Alice Womack, Social and Rehabilitative Services Marnie Campbell, Kansas Department of Education Susan Adams, Service Provider Member Tom Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member	

Approval of October, 2004 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair. There was not a quorum; therefore the October Interagency Coordinating Council meeting minutes have not been approved.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The October Interagency Coordinating Council Minutes will be amended at the December Interagency Coordinating Council meeting and posted on the Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council website after approval.	Patty Miller	December, 2004

PUBLIC FORUM

Ellen Mellard, discussed the issue of transition at age three, and of extended school year services for children that turn age three in April and May. Ellen has concern that these children do not receive services until late August or the beginning of September. According to Marnie at the Kansas Department of Education, there is a problem statewide. Part C needs to assist Part B partners to establish the need for extended school year services. It was suggested that the Funding Committee revisit guidance to *tiny-k* networks and school districts.

Doctor Dave Lindeman mentioned Kansas Inservice Training Services has a list serv for both the Infant Toddler Networks, and 3-5 service providers. Recently, there has been conversation regarding the need for personnel. There is a Kansas Educational Employment Bulletin website. Ellen Mellard suggested the possibility of actively recruiting from Universities into early intervention. Also, a suggestion was made that there be incentives such as signing bonuses for hiring therapists.

Kim Strunk, Disability Determination Council, stated Partners and Policy Making is for parents of children with disabilities. The Disability Determination Council is taking applications until November 15, 2004, for training that includes history of disabilities, inclusive education, communication skills, mediation negotiation, writing letters, and assistive technology. If you know of parents that need help with advocacy, Kim Strunk will get information out. Kim Strunk will send information to Dave Lindeman to put on the list serv.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Write letter to Zoe Ann Torrey, Kansas State Board of Education	Doug Bowman Ellen Mellard	January 2005
Funding Committee prepare a document to address potential funding sources.	Funding Committee	January 2005

SPOTLIGHT OF MARION COUNTY

Debbi Darrow, Marion County, gave history of Marion County Interagency Coordinating Council. Services started for children with disabilities in 1976 through the Community Developmental Disabilities Office. In 1984 the Special Education Coop wrote a grant and took over the program. Deb Voth assisted Marion County through the process to start the Interagency Council.

The first services were home based then after several years, it was decided that the children needed to go to preschool. In 1988 the Center created a community based preschool. The Health Department assists in the Child Find program. There are seven community based preschools throughout Marion County. The Head Start program has been added in the last several years. Individual Family Service Plans are used through age five.

The Interagency Council is unique as they serve persons birth to death. Brochures were included in the packets that were passed out at the meeting, for example, Womens Annual Wellness Workshop, Early Childhood Task Force, and Parents as Teachers, Behavior Intervention Services, and a Resource Directory.

A challenge for Marion County has been dealing with a large number of foster families.

COMMITTEES

Doug Bowman passed out the sign-up sheet for Committees and Task Forces, to give opportunity for persons who have not yet signed up.

Advocacy Committee - Debbie Mai, Chair

Discussion: The Advocacy Committee will meet November 12th at Kids Cove in Wichita, from 10:00 to 12:00. The Advocacy training is scheduled for January 21st, 2005, and will replicate training as last year. A basic and advanced training will be available with a birth to five emphases. The Advocacy Committee is planning an Advocacy day the week of February 6th for a *tiny-k* day, birth to three.

Doug Bowman mentioned there is a *tiny-k* foundation that will introduce a bill that would earmark all lottery profits from one series of tickets for *tiny-k* services. The intent would be a tool to enhance child find activities that will include a logo and will include an 800 number. There are concerns around the perception of being in support of gambling.

Doctor Dave Lindeman stated the Advocacy Committee needs to be given clear directions to move on a broad array of topics.

Governmental Affairs Committee - Tom Kohmetscher, Chair

Discussion: No report.

Funding/Finance Committee - Deb Voth, Chair

Discussion: No report.

Partnerships Committee - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: No report.

Parent Leadership Task Force - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: No report.

Newborn Screening Task Force – No report.

Interagency Agreement Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: The Interagency Agreement regarding Part C services will meet on November 17th, 2004.

Categorical Aid Task Force – Doctor Dave Lindeman, Chair

Discussion: No report.

Public Forum Task Force - Sharon Hixson, Chair

Discussion: No report.

Ad Hoc Committee - Maria Martinez, Chair

Discussion: No report.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
Committees and Task Forces will meet prior to the December State Interagency Coordinating Council meeting and provide updated information to the Council.	Chair of Committees and Task Forces	December 3 rd , 2004
Contact Alice Womack, Social and Rehabilitation Services to schedule a visit with Gary Daniels, Acting Secretary.	Doug Bowman	December 2004

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Discussion: Doug Bowman handed out a draft version of the Strategic Plan for 2005. Attachment A. The Strategic Plan was divided up into three goals, Funding Committee, Advocacy Committee and the Partnerships Committee.

After discussion it was decided that the Strategic Planning meeting will be changed to the month of June instead of September.

Doug Bowman mentioned the Governor will be sending out a proposal of health care. Medicaid, Health Wave, and State Employee health services may be bundled.

The Joint Committee on Children's Issues is currently meeting. There was a round table meeting with discussion about Mental Health centers and the impact on young children and families, especially those in foster care.

The annual National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center will meet in February, 2005. Carolyn Weinhold, Head Start Collaboration, Social and Rehabilitation Services has offered to pay for a Parent Member to attend. The Chair of the State Interagency Coordinating Council will also attend.

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A calendar for the State Interagency Coordinating Council meetings will be developed.	Doug Bowman Ellen Mellard	December 3 rd , 2004
Will contact the Board of Regents regarding filling the Regents seat.	Doug Bowman	November, 2004
Will work on legislative seats to Council suggesting a House Democrat and a Senate Republican.	Doug Bowman Mark Tremaine	

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

Discussion: The Part C Coordinator position continues to be posted.

Ryan Weir and Carolyn Nelson attended a data conference in August. The Office of Special Education Programs proposes changes in how states report where children receive Part C (Infant-Toddler) Services. Reasons for the proposed changes are listed in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment report.

Update on Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Doug Bowman handed out a copy of a letter that the National Governor Association Subcommittee on Early Childhood. Attachment D. Governor Kathleen Sebelius, co-chair has sent to the IDEA Conferees, concerns around Individuals with Disabilities Education Act reauthorization issues.

Attached in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment report is a graph showing the number of Kansas newborns identified with a hearing loss during the first six months of 2004. The goal is to have these children “aided” and receiving intervention services by six months of age.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Marnie Campbell
No report.

SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES REPORT - Alice Womack
A copy of the Social and Rehabilitation Services report was handed out, (Attachment E).

Effective November 1, 2004, Doctor Gary Daniels became the Acting Secretary of Social and

Rehabilitation Services replacing Janet Schalansky who is retiring.

Effective November 14, 2004, the Economic Employment Support Section where child care and early childhood development services are housed is reorganizing.

Alice Womack, Social and Rehabilitation Services, discussed the Electronic Benefit Transfer issue.

See report attached.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT - Robert Tomlinson was unable to attend
Discussion: None, no report given.

Doug Bowman passed out a tentative listing of the roster for the Kansas Senate and House by District. The House Republicans gained a few seats. They currently have 83 House Representatives. There were a lot of key Senators who chose not to run.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Interagency Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for December 3rd, 2004, located in Topeka, Kansas at the Social and Rehabilitation Services Learning Center, 2nd and Macvicar, Building 2600, Room A. The State Interagency Coordinating Council meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. Committees and Task Forces will begin at 10:00 AM.