

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

**September 8th, 2006
SRS Learning Center, Topeka, KS**

Welcome

Members Present:

Ellen Mellard, Chair, NE KS Education Service Center
Richard Martinez, Parent Member
Tifanie Krentz, Parent Member
Dr. Eva Horn, Public Member
Dr. Margy Hornback, KSDE (Comm. Corkins Representative)
Sharon Hixson, Public Member
Carolyn Weinhold, SRS (Secretary Daniels Representative)
Julie Broski, Parent Member
Linda Kenney, (Secretary Bremby Representative)
Nancy Kruse, Provider Member
Linda Mitchell, Public Member
Maria Martinez, Parent Member
Dr. David Lindeman, Board of Regents
Susan Carriger, Provider Member
Dr. Heather Rainwater, Provider Member

Non-Members Present:

Ashley Armitage, St. Joseph's
Tammy Stallbaumer, Parent, Sound Start
Carol Busch, Ks School for the Deaf
Karen Snell, Families Together
Kathy Halpin, Hartley Family Center
Kim Shaw, Wyandotte Co Special Ed
Ed Henry, Clay/Washington Co
Anne Aytes, Nurturing Families
Dawn O'Brien, Leavenworth Co
Claudia Shannon, KC Ks schools

Doug Bowman, Coordinator
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Members Not Present

Insurance Commissioner Praeger Representative
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Representative
Senator Carolyn McGinn Senate Member
Rep. Melody Miller, House member
Tom Laing, Public Member
Thomas Kohmetscher, Service Provider Member
Jennifer Rojas, Parent Member
Scott Bruner, Medicaid Agency

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Mellard, Chair.
Introductions were made. Notice was made of Tiffanie Krentz a new Parent Member and Sharon Hixson who was returning to the Council as a Public Member. Richard Martinez will assume the duties of the Chair for the October meeting. Ellen will remain as a Provider Member.

Dr. Rainwater moved and Dr. Mitchell seconded that the August 4th minutes be approved as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Carolyn Weinhold informed the Council of a planning session to discuss oral health issues for children with special needs scheduled for September 15th. In response to a question, she said that the *tiny-k* tiny teeth program would be represented.

KANSAS SOUND START

Tammy Stallbaumer, a parent from Wichita, told her family's story. Her son is doing quite well now.

Carol Busch, from the Kansas School for the Deaf gave an overview of Sound Start. The proposal is to ask the 2007 Legislature for an enhancement to the School for Deaf budget. This would allow 7 positions to be hired. Most of these would serve as regional "experts or consultants". Case management would also be provided. The focus would be children from birth through three years.

When asked about the incidence rate, the answer was an estimated 360 children statewide. When the question about duplication with existing services offered by the 36 local, tiny-k networks, we were assured the intent was to build on the existing capacity. We are not certain of the consistency in services and expertise across all areas of Kansas.

Dr. Hornback stated that the Field Based Network (INK) does provide technical assistance to children from birth to five. This K-STAR project is for children with low-incidence disability.

BY-LAWS

Ellen suggested a slight edit to the proposed by-laws as distributed. Her suggestion would be to change the make-up of the Executive committee to include: the current Chair, the Past Chair, the vice-Chair, and two members to be voted on by the Council. Dave moved the by-laws be revised in the manner presented in writing to, with the minor edit suggested by Ellen. Dr. Mitchell seconded, Motion approved unanimously. A proposal to consider voting by proxy will be considered in Oct.

WANDOTTE COUNTY

The question arose in August about the legal status of the process used in selecting a local lead agency in Wyandotte county for Part C. Linda Kenney replied by reading a section of her written report.

"K.S.A. 75-5649(d) clearly provides for KDHE to contract or make other arrangements with service providers to provide early intervention services in Kansas. This is a default provision which ensures that the services will be provided even in circumstances where the LICC fails in its responsibilities." This information was conveyed to the LICC.

The Sub-Committee will resume work on its task, with a report to the full ICC in October.

COORDINATORS REPORT - Doug Bowman

Mr. Bowman reported on a recent meeting with Secretary Daniels and several of his staff on the topic of a possible Medicaid waiver for young children experiencing autism. More information will follow.

Interim committees are gearing up for their work. Next week the budget committee will look at the system delivering services to Kansans with Developmental Disability (CDDOs). Next month the proposed expansion to health insurance for children will be revisited.

Mr. Bowman informed the Council that a newly hired secretary will begin work next week.

A brief discussion occurred on the strategic plan as distributed. Several minor edits were suggested. The Plan was approved by consensus.

COMMITTEES

Dr. Lindeman reported that the Funding Committee will begin its work this month. Its first assignment is to revisit the means by which special education funding is distributed.

As a result of the edits to the By-Laws made earlier, Richard Martinez, Ellen Mellard, and Maria Martinez are now members of the new Executive Committee. As the result of a secret ballot, Dr. David Lindeman and Dr. Linda Mitchell will join this committee also.

Carolyn Weinhold reported that FREE Advocacy training for all parents is scheduled on October 27-28 in the Capitol. The Partnerships committee will begin work on the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration scheduled for December 1st in Hutchinson.

AGENCY REPORTS

Dr. Hornback reported that KSDE is preparing for the visit from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) next week. She also announced that Jennifer Spencer was hired as the new staff that oversees the Parents As Teachers program. Dr. Hornback also announced training on outcomes on September 21st from 1:30-3pm and October 13th from 10:30 till Noon. She informed the council of an opportunity to receive training on observing classroom behavior and teacher/child interaction. KDHE and SRS provided written reports that are available upon request.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bowman was instructed to send a letter to Doug Farmer and Aaron Dunkel of KDHE requesting a status report on the issue paper concerning funds for training and technical assistance of Part C.

We will discuss further the Sound Start proposal in October.

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Rainwater, seconded by Richard Martinez, and passed unanimously. The next State ICC meeting is scheduled for October 6th, 2006, in Topeka, Kansas at the SRS Learning Center. The meeting will begin at 1:00PM.