Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services / Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

Joint meeting with SEAC at the Docking State Building

January 14, 2026

Members Present *(20 voting members)*
Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer, Chairperson & Service Provider
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Angel Spann, for Dr. Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education,
Sydney Dringman, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Chanda Gross, Medicaid Representative
Shanna Hailey, KS Department of Aging and Disabilities
Bronwyn Fees, KSU, Board of Regents representative
Tiffany Bartley, Service Provider
Susan Bowles, Service Provider Member
Ann Elliott, Service Provider Member
Erin Schuweiler, Service Provider Member
Monica Ross, Service Provider Member
Marites Altuna, Service Provider Member
Courtney Hochman, Parent Member
Jennifer King, SEAC liaison (Ex-Officio)
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) (Ex-Officio)

Members Not Present
Melissa Schoenberger, for Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Alyssa Vanderhoof, Head Start/Early Head Start Representative
Senator Renee Erickson, Legislator
Representative Susan Ruiz, Legislator
Lesli Girard, Families Together (Ex-Officio)

Nonmembers Present
Stacy Clarke, SICC Coordinator

Call to order:
Chair Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer called the meeting to order.
Roll was taken (it was noted that there was a quorum).

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from December were reviewed and approved.
Motion made by Susan Bowles to accept minutes
Second by Erin Schuweiler
Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

The agenda for January was reviewed and approved with revisions.
Lisa Collette moved to accept the agenda
Courtney Hochman seconded the motion
Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment:

No request came in for public comment.

LICC Grants

Approval of new applications

- KS32 Sedgwick Co EC Coordinating Council, $3000 for community awareness and social emotional training
- KS05 Cloud/Republic TARC LICC, $3000 for the Safari community engagement event and early childhood educational brochures
- KS37 Wyandotte County LICC, $1400 (second Submission) for Feeding Toolkit and training

Moved by Shanna Hailey
Second by Susan Bowles

Kansas Part C SPP/APR Report

Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Part C Coordinator, gave an overview of the Part C program's report to the Office of Special Programs (OSEP)
Discussion

Motion to approve the SPP/APR report – Marites Altuna
Seconded by Shanna Hailey
All approved

The SICC chair, Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer will sign

Transition from Part C to Part B Opt Out policy was introduced as a proposal to OSEP.

Language:
Proposed Opt-out of transitioning to Part B Policy language:

- Parental consent for the referral to the LEA and SEA is not required and must be made unless a parent opts out of referral to Part B.
- When a parent chooses to opt out of LEA and SEA notification:
    - Parents will be notified in writing of their option to opt out of LEA and SEA notification no later than the transition plan meeting.
    - The parent must opt out in writing, as outlined by the KECDS Process Manual and Companion Documents.
    - Personally identifiable information about the child and family will not be disclosed to the LEA.
    - For families receiving Part C services, parents must opt out no later than 135 days before the child turns 3.
    - For families who are referred to Part C 135 days or less before the child turns 3, the family must be offered to option to "opt-out" of notification to the LEA and SEA after eligibility for Part C has been established, see the Late Referral guidelines.

Discussion and questions about why the state is proposing an opt-out policy. Discussion about the effects on families and programs. Including what happens if a family changes their mind. More information will be shared at future meetings.

Discussion about choosing a new Kansas Education Commissioner

If you want to provide additional feedback - use this link:
Commissioner Search Survey

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: preapproved grants and meeting agenda

ECLRE Committee:

Increase young children being placed in the Least Restrictive Environment
Facilitate child care providers and directors taking "Early Intervention and Special Education Basics" - a KCCTO training that provides core concepts about early childhood special education programs. By becoming more comfortable with inviting service providers into their child care setting this will increase the number of child care administrators and providers forming

meaningful collaborative partnerships with Early Intervention and Special Education Preschool.

LICC Support Committee

Support LICCs to maximize their role of serving and supporting children in their communities

In October, the committee hosted a very successful virtual Fall LICC Retreat titled:
Screen Time and Young Minds: What's the Real Impact and What Can We Do Instead?

- 280 Registrations
- Many inquires since then for more information on the topic

Currently working on updating a guidance page for effective Local Interagency Coordinating Council meetings.
Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (LICCs) are required in Kansas regulation. The purpose is to provide advisory to the local Part C program. They often collaborate and provide resources regarding early childhood development in their communities.

SICC Systems & Services Committee

Goal: Promote the management and function of the SICC as it aligns and compliments the "All in for Kansas" strategic plan.

Sub goal: Improve the recruitment and retention of the early childhood workforce by collaborating with others
*pending: the work being facilitated by the Early Childhood Intervention Personnel Center (ECIPC)
This committee is learning about the many ways Kansans are working to recruit and retain a high-quality early childhood workforce.

Medicaid Workgroup – hiatus

Cat. Aid Workgroup - Goal: Maximize Transportation Reimbursement for Part C Programs

- Created a categorical aid resource sheet
- Working on a transportation categorical aid resource sheet

Agency Reports:

KDADS
DC-05 is active – see attached slides for information

Adjournment:

Motion made by Monica Ross to adjourn the meeting.
Motion second by Susan Bowles
Meeting adjourned by Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer
All in favor

The next State ICC meeting will be:
February 20 @ 1pm virtual.

DC 0-5 Overview
Shanna Hailey
Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
DC:0–5 Overview
Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood
Birth to Age 5
Can be thought of similarly to the DSM-5 but aimed specifically at infants and toddlers through a whole child, developmentally appropriate approach.
Why DC:0–5 Exists
Tradifional systems are adult-centered
DC:0–5 is developmentally grounded
Focuses on relationships and context
Core Principles
Developmentally appropriate
Relationship-based
Trauma-informed
Strengths-focused

Multiaxial Framework

- Axis I: Clinical Disorders
- Axis II: Relationships
- Axis III: Physical Health
- Axis IV: Psychosocial Stressors
- Axis V: Developmental Competence

Axis I – Clinical Disorders

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Trauma-related disorders
- Neurodevelopmental disorders
- Sleep & Feeding disorders

Axis II – Relationships

- Caregiver-child relationship quality
- Attachment patterns
- Relational strengths and challenges

Axis III – Physical Health

- Medical conditions
- Prematurity
- Neurological and genetic factors

Axis V – Developmental Competence
Emotional regulation
Social communication
Cognitive and motor skills
Adaptive behavior
Strengths & Limitations
Strengths: Developmentally accurate, humane
Limitations: Training required, billing variability
Axis IV – Psychosocial Stressors
Family stress
Poverty
Trauma
Foster care or adoption
Clinical Use
Guides assessment
Supports early intervention
Informs treatment planning

Kansas Policy Implementation (KDADS + KDHE)

- **Kansas Medicaid** has adopted a DC:0-5 policy for diagnosing and reimbursing mental health assessments for children ages 0-5 effective **January 1, 2026**.
- The policy includes specific billing codes (e.g., *96112* and *96113*) for assessments using DC:0-5, with rates set for these services.
- This change reflects a shift toward a standardized, developmentally grounded diagnostic process for early childhood mental health within Kansas's Medicaid program.

Training and Workforce Development

- Providers are encouraged to participate in **ZERO-TO-THREE's DC:0-5 Clinical training** offered by the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund and KDHE.
- KDHE is maintaining an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Toolkit that willing include DC:0-5 Clinical Training registration, Medicaid billing guidance, and other resources.
- A DC:0-5 Certified Trainer training will be offered for 15 clinicians in Kansas. Tentatively scheduled for August 11-13 virtually. Please contact Kelsee.Fout@ks.gov for more information.

The main goals of KDADS and KDHE's involvement are to:

- **Implement developmentally appropriate diagnosis and assessment** for mental and relational health in infants and young children through Medicaid.
- **Support accurate early identification** of issues that may affect a child's development and ability to function socially and emotionally.
- Ensure **proper provider training and reimbursement structures** are in place so DC:0-5 can be used effectively in clinical practice.
- These steps aim to improve access to high-quality early childhood mental health services in Kansas.