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

Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 17, 2026

Members Present *(20 voting members)*
Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer, Chairperson & Service Provider
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative
Melissa Schoenberger, for Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Angel Spann, for Dr. Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education,
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Marites Altuna, Service Provider Member
Susan Bowles, Service Provider Member
Ann Elliott, Service Provider Member
Erin Schuweiler, Service Provider Member
Monica Ross, Service Provider Member
Tiffany Bartley, Service Provider Member
Senator Renee Erickson, Legislator
Jennifer King, SEAC liaison (Ex-Officio)
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) (Ex-Officio)
Lesli Girard, Families Together (Ex-Officio)- Brian Burgoon

Members Not Present
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
Alyssa Vanderhoof, Head Start/Early Head Start Representative
Courtney Hochman, Parent Member
Representative Susan Ruiz, Legislator

Nonmembers Present
Stacy Clarke, SICC Coordinator
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Past parent member
Michelle Calvert, Part C Coordinator
Barbara Kramer, KITS
Kelly Frantz-Langford

Call to order:
Chair Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer called the meeting to order.
Introductions were made by all present (it was noted that there was a quorum).

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from March were reviewed and approved.
Motion made by Senator Erickson to accept minutes
Second by Melissa Schoenberger
Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

The agenda for April was reviewed and approved with revisions.
Tricia Waggoner moved to accept the agenda
Susan Bowles seconded the motion
Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment:

- Grow Together Sedgwick Co – family engagement event at the nature center in Wichita. Over 600 people attended this year including a lot of fathers. Thanked the SICC for offering LICC grants which supported this event.

- Lisa Collette shared that Sunflower and MCO have reached an agreement.

LICC Grants

Approval of new applications
KSKS09 NW KS- **$3000** for increasing awareness – flyers, branded resources, new webpage

KS07 Douglas County- $1500 for branded resources to improve community awareness

KS10 NEKITS - $3000 for community outreach- branded materials & promotional materials to strengthen local coalitions, increase family access, and create a more consistent, connected system of support across counties.
Marites Altuna moved to approve grants
Second by Tricia Waggoner
Motion passed with 1 abstention

Update on 2025-26 LICC Grants:

LICC / Infant Toddler program	# of counties served	Amount	Purpose	
KS01 Southwest Kansas	13	$3000	Community engagement & awareness through events and advertising	
KS02 Butler County	1	$2000	Items for awareness at various community events including board books and self-calming toys	
KS03 RCDC	13	$3000	TPBA2 (Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessment) training & materials	Y
KS05 OCCK – Cloud, Rep. Lincoln, Mitchell, & Jewell	5	$3000	Drum Safari Family Engagement and Community Resource Event including interactive musical experiences.	
KS05 Dickinson	3	$3000	Self-care & mental wellness kits for mothers participating in various groups, including Mom's Mingle.	
KS07 Douglas County	1	$1500/1500	New ITS website/ XXXX*	Y
KS09 NW /EC3	11	$3000*	*Branded promotional items and new website	
KS10 NE KITS/Keystone	6	$3000*	*branded promotional items to build cohesion	
KS13 Harvey County	1	$3000	New branding recognition materials including brochures, materials for events, and promotional items to spread awareness	
KS15 Salina Reg. H.C./PIECE	3	$2770	Create engaging marketing materials and invitations to encourage families' interaction and for engagement materials for the events	
KS16 Johnson County	1	$3000	Attendance and sponsorship of KC Mom & Baby event & promotional items	Y
KS19 Kid-Link	7	$1500	Community Baby Shower – rental space, door prizes and simple decor	
KS21 Leavenworth	1	$2989	Items for community group connection events and presentations on early intervention	Y
KS22 Marion Co	1	$2520	Assistive Technology & Branded promotional materials	
KS23 McPherson	1	$3000	Community Engagement & promotional materials	
KS26 Franklin & Osage	2	$3000	Purchase materials for educational activities, parental involvement and engagement in community events for children and families in the community	
KS28 Pott/Wabun	2	$3000	Community Outreach targeting medical providers and childcare providers & ITS website	
KS30 REACH	3	$3000	Based on our program's parent survey data showing need for community engagement: Read & Stroll Community Event	
KS31 Reno Co	1	$3000	Community	
KS32 Sedgwick	1	$3000	3rd Annual Grow Together Community Engagement and Resource Event & Social Emotional Training for LICC members, parents, families, providers & others.	
KS34 Southeast Kansas	12	$3000	Stipend for family member participation & Community engagement	
KS35 Sumner	1	$3000	Community Engagement & training in providing trauma-informed services	
KS36 Sunflower	5	$3000	Promotional materials for outreach, engagement & child find. Branded bags	
KS37 Wyandotte County	1	$2570	ACC library, Assistive Toy Library, Feeding Tool-Kit, Feeding PD	Y
# of counties impacted	96			
Total		**$68,349**		

Not submitted:
6 programs
9 ½ counties + 1 tribal nation

2026-27 Grant applications

The approval for next year's grants was tabled until the May meeting.

Include LICC non-profit as a payee for reimbursement

Tabled until May meeting

Strategic Planning dates

Will be identifying a date for July

2026-27 dates

3rd Friday of the month

- August 21, 2026
- September 18, 2026
- October 16, 2026
- November 20, 2026
- December 18, 2026
- In-person
    - Tuesday, January 12 or Wednesday, January 13?
- February 19, 2027
- March 26, 2027* *week after spring break*
- April 16, 2027
- May 7, 2027

ECIPC

- Leadership Team
    - Jennifer Burgardt
    - Jennifer Francois
    - Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer
    - Kim Kennedy
    - Melissa Schoenberger
    - Stacy Clarke
    - Tammy Wallin
    - family member
- Next Steps
    - Leadership Team will do self-assessment
    - Meeting with ECIPC on May 5 to learn more about the process

Expenses for member's participation

Lisa Collette moved to accept covering travel and participant costs
Ann Elliott seconded the motion
Motion carried

Update stipend/reimbursement policy to include EC Workforce meetings

Tiffany Bartley moved to accept the updated policy to include the ECIPC work
Lisa Collette seconded the motion
Motion carried

Chair Report

ECIPC work

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – grant review, reimbursement for ECIPC work and setting agenda
ECLRE Committee- disbanded
LICC Support Committee- Continued work on the October 23 Fall LICC Retreat & updating LICC guidance documents
SICC Systems & Services Committee – ECIPC work – shared above
Medicaid Workgroup- hiatus

Cat. Aid Workgroup- Cat. Aid Transportation Guidance Sheet for Part C programs will be completed by June

Agency Reports:

DCF- none

KCCTF- open positions on the EC Recommendations Panel
Panel Membership | Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

KDADS- none

KDHE-

public comment open until May 20.
SPP/APR submitted

KSDE- see slides below

- Closing of CBER
- OSEP Indicator 7 & 12 language change
- New KSDE website
- Dr. Jake Steele – new Kansas Commissioner of Education

Families Together-

- 40 years supporting Kansas families
- New website Home - Families Together, Inc.

Staff Report

- Processing grant payments & applications
- Work for committees
- Mental Health resource work

Chair Report –

rightful presence is a new term related to inclusion
ALL students should be fully included, valued, and empowered to contribute to classroom life.

Other Reports:

- Valeo & FSGC have combined and are now a CCBHC- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic. What Is a CCBHC?
- Kansas School for the Deaf have reopened the search for a superintendent Currently co-interim superintendents until a new one is identified

Adjournment:

Motion made by Marites Altuna to adjourn the meeting.
Motion second by Tiffany Bartley.
Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm by Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer
All in favor

The next State ICC meeting will be: May 8
No meeting in June

KSDE slides:

Proposed Changes for Indicators 7 & 12

- There are changes being considered for indicators 7 regarding language of positive social emotional skills to *development and use of social emotional skills*
- There are changes being considered for indicator 12 regarding reporting of correction of noncompliance

NAEYC & DEC JOINT STATEMENT

- National Association for the Education of Young Children and Division of Early Childhood have been revising the 2009 Joint Position Statement and are currently in the final phase of drafting a joint position statement on Early Childhood Inclusion to reflect current research and practice.
  - I will share once it has been made public