

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early
Childhood Developmental Services /
Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes
Virtual
June 21, 2024
1:00 PM

Members Present

Christie Wyckoff, for Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Melissa Valenza, for Dr. Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education,
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Sydney Dringman, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Chanda Gross, Medicaid Representative
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member
Hilary Crist, Service Provider Member
Susan Bowles, Service Provider Member
Ann Elliott, Service Provider Member
Erin Schuweiler, Service Provider Member
Marites Altuna, Service Provider Member
Diana Martinez, Head Start Representative
Jennifer King, SEAC liaison
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) (Ex-Officio)
Lesli Girard, Families Together (Ex-Officio)

Members Not Present

~~David Lindeman~~, Chair & Regents Representative - resigned.
Gary Henault, KDADS
Senator Renee Erickson, Legislator
Representative Susan Ruiz, Legislator
Courtney Hochman, Public Member
Monica Ross, Service Provider Member

Nonmembers Present

Stacy Clarke, KSDE SICC Staff Person
Beccy Strohm, Early Childhood Admin. Asst.
Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer – incoming chair and provider member

Michelle Calvert,
Tiffany Bartley, KCSL Healthy Families
Bronwyn Fees, KSU, incoming Board of Regents representative

Call to order:

Vice-Chair Lisa Collette introduced called the meeting to order.
Introductions were made by all present (it was noted that there was a quorum).

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from May 2024 were reviewed and approved.
Motion made by Ann Elliott o accept minutes
Seconded by Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena
Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

The agenda for June 2024 was reviewed and approved with revisions.
Ann Elliott moved to accept the agenda
Susan Bowles seconded the motion
Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment:

No request came in for public comment.
Public comments made

The Kansas 619 Part B Coordinator position is posted as an open position again. Share the opportunity with anyone you know that may be interested.

SICC training follow-up



- Voting as an agency representative

Kansas State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)

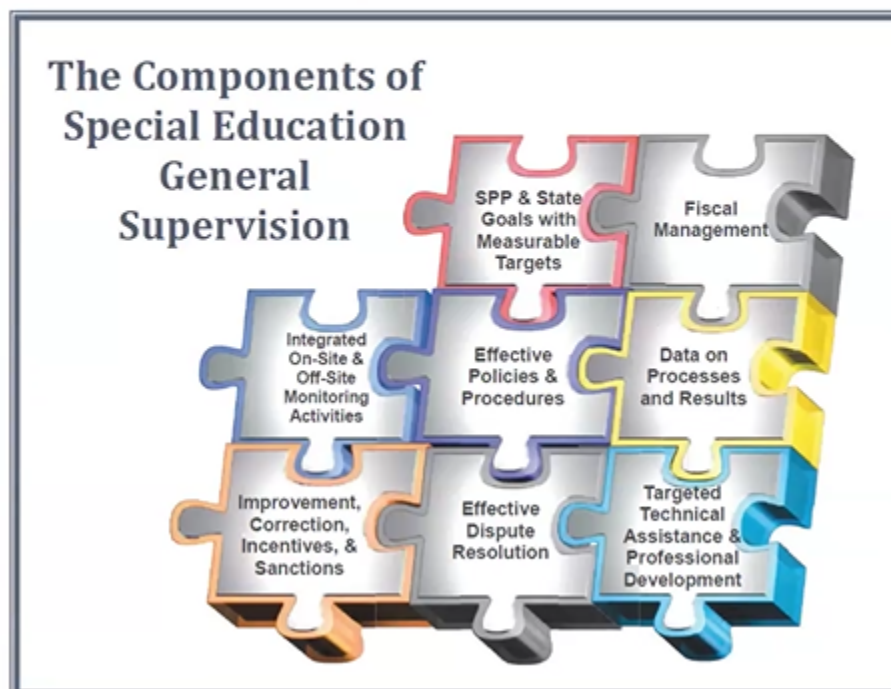
known as the Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood
Developmental Services (KCCECDS)

created in state and federal law
(K.S.A. 74-7801 and IDEA Sec. 303.600)

Role: to advise and assist in the delivery of services to children
birth through age 5 with or at an established risk for
developmental delays and/or disabilities

Mission: to ensure a comprehensive service delivery system of
integrated services is available in Kansas to all children with, or a
risk for developmental delay from birth through age
five and their families.

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) visiting Kansas for Differentiated Monitoring Support (DMS)




- Lisa inquired about sending the OSEP Questions from previous DMS visit.
– These are available for anyone who reaches out to Stacy

Meeting dates for 24-25:

- August 16, 2024
- September 24 OR 25 – strategic planning in person- 10 am – 3 pm- TBD
- October 18, 2024
- November 22, 2024
- December 20, 2024
- January 14, 2025 – in person joint meeting with SEAC – 10 am – 3 pm
- February 21, 2025
- March 21, 2025
- April 18, 2025
- May 16, 2025
- June – strategic planning – TBD

SICC Goals for 23-24

Goal One Maximize categorical aid funding in Part C programs. (Funding) 

Goal Two Maximize Medicaid reimbursement for Part C and Part B.
(Funding)

Goal Four Research the viability of statewide private insurance flat rate payment for Part C then support the implementation. (Funding)

Goal five Improve the availability of reliable resources and information for parents in a centralized location. (KSDE & KDHE staff)

Goal six Improve the recruitment and retention of the local workforce by collaborating with others. (LICC Support)

Goal seven Increase inclusion opportunities/experiences in communities identified with low inclusion data. (ECLRE)

Goal eight Increase the availability of mental health resources for providers and caregivers. (Social Emotional)

Goal ten Promote the management and function of the SICC as it aligns and compliments the “All in for Kansas” strategic plan. (Executive)

- Vacant Part B 619 Coordinator made it difficult to actively address some goals.
- Goal #5- 1-800-Children will be the primary resource. They have added an Early Childhood tab to the menu and Infant Toddler Programs will be the first listed resource under early childhood search results.
- Goal #6- Educate Kansas is a resource shared with all Part C programs. Educate Kansas offers specifically designed social media posts, videos, handouts, etc. for recruiting providers.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee

- Create agendas
- Make decisions to present to Council
- Preapprove grants
- Ensure alignment to All in for Kansas Kids

EC / LRE Workgroup

- Increase inclusion opportunities/experiences for children in preschool
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LICC Support Committee

- Support LICCs with needs
- Plan and facilitate Fall LICC Retreat
 - November 1, 2024
 - Working on 2 presenters
 - Adjusting the schedule based on participant feedback

*attached is the written report

Social Emotional Workgroup

- Build awareness of social emotional resources for children, families, and providers

SPP/APR

State Performance Plans and Annual Performance Reports

Provide input and feedback regarding the Kansas SPP/SPR report submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

*Is Kansas meeting the requirements and purposes of IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Act

*The SICC reviews and approves the report prior to submission.

Workforce / Funding Committee

- Categorical aid new SPED formula will need to be shared with Infant Toddler programs.
 - Maximize Medicaid reimbursement for Part C programs
 - Maximize categorical aid funding for Part C programs
 - Research viability of statewide private insurance flat rate payment to Part C programs
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Does the SICC review the Part B APP/SPR report?
Not at this time.

Agency Reports:

KSDE Report

- Kindergarten Readiness & the ASQ
- Early Childhood Database work is continuing

DCF Report

CCDF State Plan work being completed

Some projects funded with recovery funds will be continuing

Childcare provider and early intervention services connection

DCF – KFSC- Kansas Family Support Center – renewal and dissemination of the information.

KDHE Report

- DMS work
- The new database is funded.

KDADS Report

No report

KCCTF Report

Child Abuse prevention grant is open

Families Together

No report

SEAC Report (quarterly)

No report

FIT- program is going well. Started in August serving 91 students now serving 192 students

Other Reports:

Staff Reports:

- SICC membership positions nearly full.
 - 2 family members have applied.
- LICC grant reimbursements complete except for 2 due to dates of the events.
 - They will be reimbursed in FY2025.
- Part B 619 Coordinator position open

Chair Report

No report

Adjournment:

Motion made by Ann Elliott to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Tricia Wagonner.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm by Lisa Collette

All in favor

The next State ICC meeting will be on August 16, 2024.