

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early
Childhood Developmental Services /
Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes
Virtual
September 15, 2023
1:00 PM

Members Present

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative
Christie Wyckoff, for Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative
Laura Leistra, Medicaid Representative
Senator Renee Erickson, Legislator (R)
Representative Susan Ruiz, Legislator (D)
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member
Kim Campbell, Parent Member
Hilary Crist, Service Provider Member
Susan Bowles, Service Provider Member (reappointment pending)
Ann Elliott, Service Provider Member
Erin Schuweiler, Service Provider Member
Monica Ross, Service Provider Member
Marites Altuna, Service Provider Member (pending)
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) (Ex-Officio)
Laci Reamer for Lesli Girard, Families Together (Ex-Officio)

Members Not Present

Courtney Hochman, Public Member
Gary Henault, KDADS
Diana Martinez, Head Start Representative (pending)
Jennifer King, SEAC/SICC liaison
Julie Rand, for Dr. Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education,
Breanna Clark, Parent Member

Nonmembers Present

Stacy Novak, KSDE SICC Staff Person
Amanda Petersen, KSDE Director of Early Childhood
Cris Seidel, Educate Kansas

Loralea Hubert, USD #437
Kala Green, Educate Kansas
Chris Tiden, KU-CPPR
Michelle Reichart, KCSL – 1-800-CHILDREN
Stephanie Boone – KSCL
Kelly Frantz-Langford – TARC

Call to order:

Chair Dave Lindeman introduced himself and called the meeting to order and read the council mission statement. Introductions were made by all present (it was noted that there was a quorum).

Stacy Clarke noted the new members:

Jennifer King, SEAC/SICC liaison, Representative Susan Ruiz, Senator Renee Erickson, Diana Martinez, Head Start Representative

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from August 2023 were reviewed, amended, and approved.
Motion made by Ann Elliott to accept minutes
Seconded by Laura Leistra
Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

The agenda for September 2023 was reviewed and approved with modification to add an action item during executive committee reports.
Laura Leistra moved to accept the agenda with modifications
Lisa Collette seconded the motion
Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment:

No request came in for public comment.
No public comments made

ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaires) Update:

Amanda Petersen, Director of Early Childhood,

- The number of screenings being completed has increased.
- Most screenings are for incoming kindergarteners; however, the number of younger children being screened has increased.
- It was noted that Fine Motor needs are the highest.
- Family consent language discussed in regard to families completing the ASQ in multiple locations. There is a need across the state to share ASQ information.
- Help Me Grow Kansas: Developmental Screening Passports

- Families with children with identified delays may be experiencing screening fatigue was reported by several people.
- ASQ training will be offered in October and November through TASN registration.

Governor's Early Childhood Transition Task Force Update:

Amanda Petersen, Director of Early Childhood,

- Created as an executive order by the governor in January. The task force is charged with reviewing Kansas' early childhood programs and developing a roadmap for the creation of a new state, cabinet-level agency focused solely on supporting the success of our youngest Kansans.
- Final recommendations/report will be given the week of December 11, 2023
- Workgroups will be completing specific work and research.
- [Kansas Early Childhood Transition Task Force - Governor of the State of Kansas](#)
- If individuals on the council have specific thoughts on which agency should oversee early childhood tasks, they should contact the Task Force.

Dave Lindeman noted that it may be the role of the SICC to make a statement in regard to the Task Force's work.

Chris Tiden, KU-CPPR Update on the LICC surveys:

- In 2019, the All In for Kansas Kids Needs Assessment was completed.
- In 2022, there was a follow-up LICC survey done to monitor progress.
- The size and composition of the LICCs has significantly increased.
 - a. Average of 18 member before to currently 25 members
 - b. Significant increase in Community Service Agency, Higher Education, School District, and local business representation.
 - c. The collaboration among members remains high even through the communication has decreased somewhat.
 - d. LICC processes could be increased to create more efficient, more effective processes to govern the work of the groups.

Since the LICCs have been offered grant monies to increase communication, the SICC hopes to see increased communication and collaboration.

Michelle Reichart, KCSL -1-800-CHILDREN Presentation:

- Previously known as the Children's Helpline
- Judgment-Free Support and connects families with information, local resources, and a listening ear 24/7.
- Call line, App, email/text, online
- Can complete ASQs with families over the phone
- Their current goal is to elicit long term family goals.
- They use motivational interviewing
- Resource Database maintained by FindHelp, updated every 6 months

- Area specific resources can be found on the website
- Provider can update the site resources. Providers can “claim” a resource to be able to update it easily. Quick Reference Guide (see below)
- Hyperlinked logos are available for partners to use.
- Magnets and other promotional items are available FREE.
- Guides to reporting child abuse in Kansas available.
- Children birth to 18 years
- Ordering link: [Kansas Children's Service League Community Resource Library Order Form \(office.com\)](#)



Quick Reference Guide:

How to include and update program information in the 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Directory

An easily accessible, reliable, and organized system of community resources ensures that Kansas families and communities are connected to the information, services, and supports they need, when they need them. The 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Directory and Call Line provides 24-hour, confidential, free information, support, and connection to local resources across the state. Every program added to the 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Directory is reviewed, updated, and verified, at minimum, every 6 months.

To ensure a robust and reliable resource directory we need your help. Step-by-step directions are outlined in the following pages to assist you in updating, adding, and/or claiming your program in the statewide 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Directory.



Visit 1800CHILDRENKS.org to find resources near you.



Download the mobile app by searching 1800CHILDRENKS in your app store.



Call 1-800-CHILDREN (or 1-800-332-6378) to connect with a real person.



Text or email 1800CHILDREN@kcsl.org.

Based on the SICC goal #The SICC will be working with KDHE staff and 1-800-CHILDREN to update available Infant Toddler Resources. The 1-800-CHILDREN link will be included and prominent on the new SICC website.

Cris Seidel & Kala Green, Educate Kansas Presentation:

- Formerly KEEB
- Used by school districts, special education interlocal, and higher education
- TASN project to address teacher recruitment and retention for Kansas
- Many marketing services offered
- Recruitment and Retention Survey from K-State available for employers
- Collaborating higher education, KSDE, KNEA, & district leadership

- Employers are now needing to market themselves as great to prospective employees
- [Educate Kansas | Home | Be the teacher they'll always remember](#)
- Each district or interlocal they work with gets it's own landing page that may contain pictures, videos, and other embedded marketing tools. QR code directly to the district/interlocal website.
- Interactive map that helps find applicants that have applied in other areas, job openings in an area, and employment events.
- Employment events can be listed on their site.
- Candidates can also create profile, including a video.
- Services are Free.
- Early Intervention organizations can use their services.
- For all positions that benefit children
- Recruitment cards and bookmarks
- Current employees are the best recruiters. When current employees recruiting others lead to better new hires.
- Collaborative promotions. Example Topeka school systems – they are open to more collaborative promotions across the state.

The SICC will schedule a follow-up meeting with the workforce & funding committee to develop a working relationship. Possibility of an Early Childhood area on their website.

They are willing to work on a retention survey tool designed for early intervention.

Election of Executive Committee members:

Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena's tenure has ended as a parent member on the Executive Committee. Kim Campbell was elected to a 2-year term as parent member on the Executive Committee.

Ann Elliott's tenure on the Executive Committee was now and she was elected for another 2-year term.

Motion made by Susan Bowles to accept

Seconded by Monica Ross

Motion carried – All members voted in favor.

LICC Grant Review:

KS21 Leavenworth -\$2000 for increasing parent involvement & materials for community events

KS03 Russell (CFN)-\$2000 for increasing parent involvement and speakers on diversity, equity & inclusion

KS37 Wyandotte Co- \$2000 for increasing parent involvement and for 3 community engagement events

KS36 Sunflower -\$2000 for increasing parent involvement and resource magnets

Motion made by Ann Elliott to fund all grants presented.

Seconded by Laura Leistra

Motion carried – All members voted yes

1 abstention - Nichelle Adams

Review of current committee members:

No one noted any mistakes.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee

- Approved today's agenda
- Request from KDHE to advise on funding for the FIT program. Dave Lindeman presented a letter to the council for review and action. The letter addressed to Tricia Waggoner, the Part C Coordinator, stated support for the FIT program to bill Medicaid for services they provide. The council's role is to advise and assist in the delivery of services to children birth through age 5 with special needs and to ensure a comprehensive system of services and supporting equity in services across the state.

Comments/Questions:

- How does this endorsement of billing and payment for an entity when it's typically only networks that are approved for Medicaid billing?
- FIT will be a designated early intervention provider. This allows them to bill.
- The FIT services are provided at no charge to

- State Lead agency is paying for the FIT program.
- State Legislature approved this program.
- This may create a problem when FIT and the network attempt to bill the same code on the same day, which will lead to denying of payment to networks. Many networks cannot afford to lose any funding.
- In October, the FIT program leader will be attending the SICC meeting and can assist in overcoming this potential issue.

Lisa Collette moved to approve the letter.

Discussion was had.

Lisa Collette withdrew her motion to approve the letter.

- It was stated that more information is needed about this not leading to other contractors being able to bill Medicaid for early intervention services.
- Only KDHE can designate who is an early intervention provider and bill for services.

Action:

Lisa Collette made a motion to postpone approval of the letter until more information can be gathered from FIT.

Ann Elliott seconded needing more clarification of the billing process and how this won't lead to other contractors being about to bill for early intervention services.

Majority voted in the affirmative.

Tricia Waggoner and Marites Altuna abstained from voting.

- **Executive committee requested consent of the council to draft a statement in recommending that the Task Force ensures that services provided to children with disabilities not be disrupted and the financial systems not be disrupted.** It would be a reminder to protect the obligations under IDEA for programs and services under state statutes. The draft statement would be brought to the entire council for approval.

Ann Elliott shared that when New Mexico made this transition that they were able in enhance the services provided to children with disabilities.

The council should also state our support of the Task Forces' work.

Consensus was given to draft a statement and share it prior to the next SICC meeting in which it will be voted.

Discussion about getting agency approval for voting on the items presented by the council. Including, how do our agency members that also serve on the council balance the needs of the agency with the wishes of their agencies.

EC / LRE Workgroup – did not meet

LICC Support Committee

Confirmed Jennifer James, WSU, and Tabatha Rosbroy, KPIRC, would be the presenters for the Fall LICC Retreat on November 2, 2023. Registration for the retreat is available through the TASN website.

Social Emotional Workgroup:

Ann Elliott will be the new chairperson and they will begin meeting again on September 28, 2023

SPP/APR – written report attached

- Currently revising baseline year and targets for APP/SPR.
- 2 years have been identified as possible years to use for benchmarks.
- The council will be voting on this in the future.

- Policy and Procedure Manual for Part C Ad Hoc committee:
- Working on gathering background information.
- Met twice so far.
- The anticipate this taking about 18 months.

Workforce / Funding Committee –

The committee has narrowed their goals to 4:

- Support fully funding special education.
- CAT aid effective usage – *offering TA training*
- Maximizing the Medicaid money that programs are receiving. *TA training*
- Seeking flat tax private insurance payments for infant toddler services.

Gathering funding amounts allocated to early childhood.

Meet with Educate Kansas to have a focus on Birth to 5 services.

Agency Reports:

KSDE Report - written report attached

DCF Report- no report

KDHE Report -

- Spending the ARPA funds at the end of September
- Working on new database
- FIT program launched in August
- Writing a new Part C Procedure Manual

- Setting new baseline years

KDADS Report – no report

KCCTF Report - written report attached

Families together – no report

Other Reports:

Staff Report:

- SICC Membership – NEW: Head Start Rep., Legislative Reps. & Foster Care Rep. needed & Part C parent member
- SEAC Liaison
- Douglas County working on collaborative ASQ system/plan
- TARC, Successful Connections (Childcare Aware) & Topeka Rescue Mission collaboration for children birth to 5.
- Part C Manual update – SICC parts
- ASQ trainings with 80 people registered – 54 were infant-age 5 participants : home visitors, health care, PAT, Childcare Aware, family advocates, service providers
- ASQ Questions and Tips sessions on Fridays
- SICC presentation to the Kansas special education administrators
- New Website work
- Attended 4 LICC meetings
- Attending New coordinators training

Chair Report:

No report

Adjournment:

Motion made by Laura Leistra to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Lisa Collette.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm by Dave Lindeman

All in favor

**The next State ICC meeting will be on October 20, 2023
2023.** It will be virtual.