

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

Meeting Minutes

Virtual

October 20, 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)

Sydney Dringman, 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

Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member

Kim Campbell, Parent Member

Courtney Hochman, Public Member

Hilary Crist, Service Provider Member

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

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

Julie Rand, for Dr. Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education,

Gary Henault, KDADS

Senator Renee Erickson, Legislator

Representative Susan Ruiz, Legislator

Breanna Clark, Parent Member

Nonmembers Present

Stacy Novak, KSDE SICC Staff Person
Beccy Strohm, SICC Staff Person
Jon Harding, Superintendent for Kansas School for the Blind
Kelly Frantz-Langford, Part C Coordinator
Amy Dean Campmire, KDHE
Katie Kirchhoff
Maureen Hernandez, Part C Coordinator
Natalie McClain, KSDE
Rachel Raydo, Part C Coordinator
Stephanie Wills, Part C Coordinator
Tammy Dreiling, Part C Coordinator

Call to order:

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

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from September 2023 were reviewed and approved.
Motion made by Ann Elliott to accept minutes
Seconded by Susan Bowles
Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

The agenda for October 2023 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.
No public comments made

Program:

Family Infant-Toddler (FIT) Services by Marites Altuna, program director and Jon Harding, KSSB superintendent

[Family Infant-Toddler Services - Kansas State School for the Blind \(kssb.net\)](#)

- Funded by the State Legislature
- Enhancement to KDHE's budget
- Offered at no cost to 29 local infant-toddler networks and families statewide
- The all in for Kansas Kids Needs Assessment determined that there is a need for accessibility, availability, and collaboration across Kansas.

- Began August 1, 2023
- Components:
 - Early intervention vision services
 - Experienced TSVIs & COMS, licensed to serve birth to 21
- 80% of learning is through vision
- Vision impacts all area of development
- There are negative long term effects of delayed intervention
- Program Outcomes
 - Addressing inequities in early childhood services
 - Meeting the unique needs of infants and toddlers who are blind or visually impaired
 - Empowering Families
 - Creating a foundation for lifelong success

Questions/Comments:

- Can families access FIT without Part C services?
 - No, Part C evaluation is a priority. FIT are services provided in conjunction with Part C services.
- It was noted that there needs to be more promotion of FIT being part of Part C services.
- FIT is going to bolster Part C referrals and support Part C.
- FIT program has an MOA with KDHE to refer to Part C immediately. They are another child find avenue.
- Does KSSB have plans to build upon the medical knowledge of optometrists? Some optometrists are not fully aware of all vision issues affecting children.
 - KSSB was thankful for hearing about this need. They want to build local capacity.
- It was noted that FIT is already in the field and making a difference.
- The FIT program is funded by the legislature.

State Program Update:

Proposed Kansas Early Learning Standards (KELS) Natalie McClain, KSDE & Kim Kennedy, Head Start

Rather than relying on simplifications of standards for older children, the content and desired outcomes of effective early learning standards are based on research about the processes, sequences, and long-term consequences of early learning and development. -- NAEYC & NAECS/SDE Position Statement

Addressed the approaches to learning and development:

- A. Gross Motor Skills
- B. Fine Motor Skills
- C. Physical Fitness

- D. Nutrition & Healthy Eating
- E. Self-Care
- F. Safety

Social Emotional Development

- A. Character Development
- B. Responsible Decision Making & Problem Solving
- C. Personal Development
- D. Social Development

Math Knowledge

- A. Counting and Cardinality
- B. Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- C. Measurement and Data
- D. Geometry

Science

- A. Scientific Inquiry
- B. Movement and Simple Machines
- C. Living Things
- D. Environment and Climate
- E. Habitats and Human Impact

Social Studies will be incorporated into other content areas.

Public comment is due by October 27, 2023

Questions and comments:

Thank you for including social-emotional learning.

Grant Applications submitted for approval:

- KS02 Butler Co. Bright Beginnings- Educational Parent Meetings, Parent input through 2 Hotspot devices and 2 years of internet \$1920.00
- KS05 OCCK Dickenson Co., video showcasing Part C and the LICC along with how to become an LICC member. \$2000.00
- KS05 Cloud, JRML, LICC Early Childhood Fair \$2000.00
- KS15 Salina - stipend for parents attending meetings, marketing materials, and 3 special family engagement meetings. \$1999.50

- KS30 Reach (Winfield) Family engagement event, parent meeting attendance, promotional materials, and event supplies.
- KS32 Sedgwick Co. – Family resource event \$2000.00
- KS35 Sumner Co. – parent mileage and time for meetings, Postage and supplies to invitations, (correction made) brochure creation for community awareness. \$1932.00

Ann Elliott moved to approve the above grant applications with correction made

Laura Leistra seconded the motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Review of the KSSB FIT billing letter

Discussion

Susan Bowles moved to approve the letter

Discussion

Lisa Collette seconded the motion

More discussion about the letter

Motion withdrawn by Susan Bowles and Lisa Collette

Decision was made to delay the vote until updated language can be included. The language needs to address insuring that Part C programs will bill Medicaid before KSSB can bill for overlapping services.

Discussion notes:

- Monica Ross expressed concern that Medicaid dollars could go to KSSB instead of Part C programs if KSSB bills first.
- KDHE has plans to expand vision Medicaid codes to early intervention
- In the meantime, communication will be shared with local programs and FIT to clarify the Medicaid billing process for overlapping services.
- "...billing by FIT, under early childhood codes, would follow billing for services provided by the local program."
- Medicaid codes must be approved to be used by E.I. providers. Many codes are not approved for E.I. There are no Medicaid vision impaired (VI) codes available to E.I.
- There was a consensus to conduct an email vote with an updated letter.
 - So moved by Susan Bowles and seconded by Lisa Collette. 2 abstentions. Motion passed.
- Billing using Medicaid D.I. codes by local programs and the FIT program when both are providing services creates a problem.

***updated letter included in attachments to these minutes.*

Review of the Letter of Recommendation to the Transition Task Force

Discussion

Monica Ross moved to approve the letter

Christie Wyckoff seconded the motion

Abstained: Sydney Dringman,

Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee

Reviewed the grant applications, the draft of the two letters and approved the agenda.

Discussion of Robert's Rules when a vote has abstentions .

EC / LRE Workgroup - none, will meet in October.

LICC Support Committee

LICC Fall Retreat: The presentations: One is increasing positive behavior expectations through identification of emotions and self-regulation. The speaker is Tabitha Rosbroy, who is a 2020 national teacher of the year, and the Project Coordinator for KPIRC.

and our second session is building positive relationships and effective communication between service providers. Childcare providers and families are invited. The speaker being Jennifer James, a physical therapist and associate professor at a Wichita State University. Amanda Peterson will be giving an update from the Governor's task force for the transition early childhood transition services in Kansas. And then we have added another brief presentation with Tricia Wagner and Misty Goosen dealing with a change a baseline year for indicators. Registration is through TASN.

Social Emotional Workgroup

Meeting coming soon. Stacy Davis from PAX is scheduled.

SPP/APR

Preparing a presentation at the LICC Retreat to change baseline year.

Workforce / Funding Committee

October 11. Working on letter of support fully fund special education. Discussion about our own position or to adopt the governor's position.

Reviewed testimony from the special committee.

Maximizing Medicaid and code expansion.

Healthwave 19 and Healthwave 21 don't both pay for E.I.

Mental health codes aren't available to E.I. either.

Agency Reports:

KSDE Report – written report attached

DCF Report – no report

KDHE Report

Transition on the database

KDADS Report

No report

KCCTF Report

Grant for capital funds project available

SEAC Report (quarterly)

Voted an approved Emotional Disturbance to Emotional Disability

Discussion of state-wide IEP program

KU – Project Instruct – 20 speech pathologists in the program

SOARS (KU) program – Increasing the number of Special education teacher for low-incident.

Need to schedule a joint meeting. May be in January. TBD

SEAC supports special education services for children age 3 – 21. SICCC overlaps with children 3-5.

Request for topics to discuss at the joint meeting.

Families Together:

No report

Other Reports:

Staff Reports:

- Only SICCC member opening is a parent of a child receiving Part C services
- 1 LICC has submitted an invoice for their grant funds
- Another LICC held one parent engagement event with great success
- Supporting an LICC with screening and referral processes
- ASQ training on October 30

- Website work
- Visited The Center in Pittsburg, KS
- Met with Community Health Center of SEKS to discuss coordinated developmental screenings in the region
- KDEC Conference planning committee
- Supporting the plans for the Fall LICC Retreat
- Part C Manual update meetings
- Attended the SEAC meeting
- Coordinated the ASQ training to be held on virtually on October 30
- Researching funding amounts for Part C services

Chair Report

Planning SEAC joint meeting.

Other materials provided prior to meeting via email:

Adjournment:

Motion made by Monica Ross to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Laura Leistra.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm by Dave Lindeman

All in favor

The next State ICC meeting will be on November 17, 2023.

December's meeting will be in person in Topeka. Location TBA. On December 15, 2023