

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

Meeting Minutes

Virtual

December 15, 2023

1:00 PM

## Members Present

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative  
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)  
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative  
Taylor Bremer, Medicaid Representative  
Senator Renee Erickson, Legislator  
Representative Susan Ruiz, Legislator  
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member  
Kim Campbell, Parent Member  
Breanna Clark, 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  
Laci subbed for Lesli Girard, Families Together (Ex-Officio)

## Members Not Present

Sydney Dringman, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)  
Gary Henault, KDADS  
Christie Wyckoff, for Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund  
Julie Rand, for Dr. Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education,  
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)  
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member  
Kim Campbell, Parent Member  
Breanna Clark, Parent Member  
Courtney Hochman, Public Member  
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) (Ex-Officio)

**Nonmembers Present**

Stacy Novak, KSDE SICC Staff Person  
Sandra Batt  
Zach Vincent  
Sarah Skiles  
Jen Pishny  
Beccy Strohm  
Loralea Hubert  
Tammy Dreiling  
Kelly Frantz-Langford

**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 November 2023 were reviewed and approved.  
Motion made by Tricia Waggoner to accept minutes  
Seconded by Lisa Collette  
Motion carried – All members voted yes

**Meeting agenda:**

The agenda for December 2023 was reviewed and approved with revisions.  
Lisa Collette 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.  
No public comments made

**Early Childhood Transition Task Force Update**

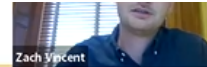
Zach Vincent, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs

- Early Childhood Governance
- Executive Order 23-01
- Task Force Operations and Process
- Final Report and Recommendations
- Questions

Meeting materials can be found at:

<https://governor.kansas.gov/newsroom/kansas-early-childhood-transition-task-force/>

## Why Reform Early Childhood Governance?



- Streamline processes and reduce burdens for families, providers, and communities
- Increase government accountability for programming by creating a single authority over programming
- Reduce bureaucracy and red tape required to access various services and programs
- Enhance the current mixed delivery system driven by what's best for parents and children
- Eliminate duplication and overlap of work

Questions and comments:

Were there discussions about Part C programs moving? Why was the Dept. of Ed. The suggested place?

*Part C placement wasn't discussed in-depth. However, moving Part C into another agency wouldn't solve the problem of transitions. Part B must remain in Dept. of Ed. by law. It's merely a future consideration made by the Task Force to move Part C.*

How can Part C programs stay informed and provide feedback?

*The Task Force didn't request feedback from Part C because it wasn't discussed in-depth. Solving transition issues is an issue brought to the Task Force.*

Were there any parents on the Task Force?

*The executive order didn't specify a parent member. However, a handful of the members are providers & business leaders and parents.*

If you are consolidating agency programs, what would the costs be, specifically FTE?

*In Appendix of the report, the programs recommended for moving are listed. It lists the FTE and funding allotted currently. Since there aren't any recommendations to add programs, it's a reallocation and combining of resources, not necessarily adding.*

**If the conversation continues about moving Part C, how to we stay informed?**

*There isn't currently a group discussing the movement of Part C. If discussion progress, I urge the council to be involved.*

**Since the role of the SICCC is to advise and assist in providing services for children birth to age 5, was there any discussion about engaging the SICCC in the decision-making process?**

*No, because it wasn't a consideration or a formal recommendation to move Part C. If there is discussion around that topic, it makes sense that the SICCC would have a voice.*

*There is a section in the report around the future considerations to just say these were elevated, and transition issues was certainly an issue that was elevated. The Task Force did not feel was appropriate to fully address this issue or that it was part of the scope of the Task Force's work.*

**It's my understanding that Part B 619 must stay with the Department of Education. Was that discussed?**

*You are correct. It was mentioned, but the Task Force was charged with what goes into this new entity. We knew that we couldn't combine them in the possible new entity, so the movement of Part C was not significantly discussed.*

### State Performance Plan/ Annual Performance Review (SPP/APR) update

Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Part C Coordinator

Office of Special Programs (OSEP) requires states to update targets every 5 years. One single year must be used for all performance indicator targets. (New regulation) Compliance indicator targets must be 100%

The recommendation of the SICCC's SPP/APR committee is to **FY2021**

#### **Pros of FFY2021**

- **It is in line with state initiatives to serve more children in early childhood**
- **State activities in place to support achieving future targets**
- **Changes are more even distribution across indicators**
- **The most recent baseline year**
- **The baseline year preferred based on stakeholder feedback**

## Questions and comments:

### How are you determining the target?

Begin with the baseline year and increase performance by 0.1% each year.  
The Annual SPP/APR Report will show if Kansas have met the target or not. If the target isn't met, the state will need to report the plan for improvement.

### When does this go into effect?

Possibly, this coming year. Kansas is waiting on confirmation of the implementation year.

This is a difficult concept to grasp. Our Part C programs are going to need support understanding the new targets, especially child find for birth to age one. Programs are going to need support in meeting the increased target.

### What are the indicators?

*Review of all indicators (I attached a list at the end of the minutes.)*

### How are we reaching families with information about early intervention and education programs? Especially families with risk factors.

*Focus groups would be a good idea to inform families and help them feel more comfortable with accepting services. We do need to get into the community to share information and listen to specific challenges.*

We need to do more Child Find activities and screening opportunities. However, we need to add staff to be able to do these activities and to provide services.

Kansas is above the national average on the percent of children being served.

Ann Elliott motioned to accept the recommendation of the SPP/APR Committee.

Lisa Collette seconded the acceptance of the recommendation.

All votes were in the affirmative.

## Grant Applications:

Harvey County ICC applied for grant funds. They are requesting \$1000.00 to support and reimburse cost for families to attend meetings.

Susan Bowles moved to approve the grant application

Ann Elliott seconded the motion.

Everyone voted in the affirmative.

## Committee Reports:

### Executive Committee

Reviewed the proposed agenda, previewed the grant applications, discussed bringing in family stories and having indicator focused themes for meetings.

### EC / LRE Workgroup

Will meet on Wednesday. Planning to do community focus groups to determine needs for providing services in the least restrictive environment.

### LICC Support Committee

- Taking time off since the work of the LICC Retreat.
- We'll resume meeting in January.
- 120 people registered for the Fall LICC Retreat.
- Many have asked for recordings of the Retreat
- Starting to plan the next Retreat – reach out with presenter ideas.

### Social Emotional Workgroup

Will meet in January to set goals.

### SPP/APR

- Gave the recommendation today.
- Next steps will be how to meet new targets.

### Workforce / Funding Committee

- Dec. 4 met with TA provider
- Working on Medicaid and early intervention billing.
- Met with TA provider (Vera Stroup-Reiner)
- Other states have had success, so we'll be contacting them.
- There is TA for Part C programs. That would need to be requested through KDHE.
- Other state legislatures have requested a cost analysis for billing private insurance.
- Moving forward in writing a letter to the legislature recommending funding the KDHE database. January is the best month to send the letter.
- Rep. Ruiz – recommended speaking to Early Childhood Education Caucus – Rep. Pat Petty leads.

## Agency Reports:

### KSDE Report

- Written report attached.
- KELS presentation to SBOE. They will act on KELS next month.
- Greenbush Early Childhood Forum every month
- TASN hosting Kansas Early Childhood Outcomes Rating Process workshops
- Distinct Count Dashboard – new program - it provides information regarding the number of children that are receiving early childhood services around the state of Kansas.
- KSDE and KDHE will be meeting monthly to discuss addressing issues around transitions from Part C to B.

### DCF Report

none

### KDHE Report

- KS Childhood Developmental Services continues to work towards a new database.
- The team has attended the Division for Early Childhood Conference in Minnesota. Learned about early childhood policy, best practice, inclusion & disability rights
- Trainings for 430 attendees based on assistive technology with more trainings to come.
- SPP/APR
- Rewrite of the Part C Policy Manual

### KDADS Report

none

### KCCTF Report

Data summit on Monday launched

Melissa Rocker will be presenting at the first 1000 Days Summit

### Families Together

No report

### SEAC Report (quarterly)

No report

We meet with them in January.

## Other Reports:

### Staff Reports:

- Part C to B Transitions
- DEC Conference in Minneapolis, MN
- Committee work
  - Billing in infant toddler programs
- KindersCan Conference – play based learning in K & 1
  - [The Importance of Play in Emotional Development For Children | Fiesta Crafts](#)
  - [Jed Dearybury on the Power of Play for All Ages \(Interview\) - John Spencer \(spencerauthor.com\)](#)
- Part C Manual work
- DEC Infant Mental Health Community of Practice
- New Coordinator Training

### Chair Report

No report

The next State ICC meeting will be on January 17, 2018

at 10 am - 1 pm then with SEAC from 1 – 3 pm

Landon State Building,

900 SW Jackson, Conference Room 509

Topeka, KS

Canceled

### Adjournment:

Motion made by Ann Elliott to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Monica Ross.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm by Dave Lindeman

All in favor

Attached :

Table with new indicator target information.

Part C IDEA Indicators list





## Part C IDEA Indicators

Annual Performance Report

1. **Timely Services**—Percent of infants/toddlers with IFSPs receiving EI services on their IFSPs in a timely manner 100
2. **Settings**—Percent of infants/toddlers receiving EI services in the home or community-based setting 95
3. **Early Child Outcomes**—Percent of infants/toddlers demonstrating improved positive social-emotional skills, acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, and use of appropriate behaviors
4. **Family Involvement**—Percent of families reporting EI services have helped the family know their rights, effectively communicate their child's needs, and help their child develop and learn
5. **Child Find Birth to One**—Percent of infants/toddlers from birth to age 1 with IFSPs compared to national data
6. **Child Find Birth to Three**—Similar to Indicator 5 for birth-3.
7. **Timely Evaluations**—Percent of eligible infants/toddlers with initial IFSPs within 45-day Part C timeline
8. **Early Childhood Transition**—Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning by their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday
9. **Resolution Sessions**—Percent of hearing requests that went to resolution sessions that were resolved through resolution session settlement agreements [applicable if Part B due process procedures are adopted]
10. **Mediations**—Percent of mediations resulting in mediation agreements
11. **State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)**—The SSIP is a comprehensive, multiyear plan that focuses on improving results for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities.



## Part B IDEA Indicators

Annual Performance Report

1. **Graduation**—Percent of youth with IEPs graduating with regular diploma
2. **Dropout**—Percent of youth with IEPs dropping out
3. **Assessments**—Participation and performance
4. **Suspension/Expulsion**—Suspension/expulsion rates
5. **LRE**—Percent of children age 6-21 removed from regular class, served in public/private separate school, residential, homebound, or hospital
6. **Preschool LRE**—Percent of preschool children with IEPs in settings with typically developing peers
7. **Preschool Outcomes**—Percent of preschool children with improved positive social-emotional skills, acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, and use of appropriate behaviors
8. **Parent Involvement**—Percent of parents with child receiving special education services who report schools facilitated parent involvement
9. **Disproportionate Representation**—Percent of districts with disproportionality due to inappropriate ID
10. **Disproportionate Representation—Disability Category**—Percent of districts with racial and ethnic disproportionality in specific disability categories as a result of inappropriate ID
11. **Evaluation Timelines**—Percent of children who were evaluated within 60 days of parental consent
12. **Preschool Transition**—Percent of children referred by Part C, found eligible, and have an IEP developed by their third birthday
13. **Secondary Transition**—Percent of youth age 16+ with IEP and measurable, annual IEP goals and transition services
14. **Post-School Outcomes**—Percent of youth who had IEPs; are no longer in secondary school; and who have been employed, enrolled in postsecondary school, or both, within one year of leaving high school
15. **Resolution Sessions**—Percent of hearing requests resolved through resolution agreements
16. **Mediation**—Percent of mediations resulting in mediation agreements
17. **State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)**—The SSIP is a comprehensive, multiyear plan that focuses on improving results for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities.

