

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Meeting Minutes

Virtual

April 21, 2023

1:00 PM

Members Present

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative

Amy Meek 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

Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member

Susan Bowles, Service Provider Member

Ann Elliott, Service Provider Member

Erin Schuweiler, Service Provider Member

Monica Ross, Service Provider Member

Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) (Ex-Officio)

Lesli Girard, Families Together (Ex-Officio)

Members Not Present

Jennifer Thomas, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)

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

Gary Henault, KDADS

Tayler Cantrell, Parent Member

Kimber Corn, Head Start Representative

Nonmembers Present

Stacy Novak, KSDE SICC staff member

McKinley Phillips, KS36 Sunflower ICC, Barton County

Jennifer Francois, KCCTO & Kansas Institute for EC Education and Research

Hilary Crist, Incoming provider member

Call to order:

Chair Dave Lindeman introduced himself and called the meeting to order with introductions of all present (it was noted that there was a quorum).

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from March 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Motion made by Susan Bowles to accept minutes

Seconded by Laura Leistra

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

The agenda for April 2023 was reviewed and approved with revisions.

Ann Elliott moved to accept the agenda

Lisa Collette seconded the motion

Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment:

No request came in for public comment.

No public comments made

Local Program Update:

McKinley Phillips from Sunflower ICC in Barton, Pawnee, Rice, ½ Rush Counties
Sunflower Developmental Fair

- ICC partners were able to come together and share the services that are available with families
- In the library, free of charge location
- Booths, door prizes, ASQ screenings,
- Next year they are going to get more community partners
- Healthy Families facilitated the ASQ screenings
- Sunflower Early Ed administered the hearing and vision screening
- 13 screenings completed

Next Year:

- Signage
- Food
- Childcare for parents to circulate without the children

Senate Bill 24 clarification

- No significant change to Part C
- See attached letter from Eric Turek, Director of Government & Public Affairs with KS Insurance Dept.
- ABA based services billed for Autism services

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee

Previewed the April Agenda
Discussed new SICC website

EC / LRE Workgroup

Did not meet

LICC Support Committee

November 3, 2023, 8:30 – 12:00

Two sessions

Possible Presentations

- Applicable Behaviors
- Conscious Discipline
- Effective strategies
- Transition from C to B

Monica Ross joined the committee

Contact Susan Bowles gslbowles@gmail.com

Social Emotional Workgroup

- o Ang Corrimmer, Crawford County Community Health
- o Becky Bailey & Conscious Discipline
- o SMARTmoves
- o Pittsburg center has had approximately a 20% increase in social-emotional needs at the pre-K level. It's hard to find people to work with these students and there is a lack of childcare equipped to work with the students needing extra support.

SPP/APR

Will meet May 4 to address OSEP comments

Workforce / Funding Committee

- o Met with Gary @ KDADS to discuss expanding Medicaid codes for reimbursement for Part C.
- o Crosswalk with KDADS and KDHE to explore what's being billed.
- o Other states are exploring this too and Gary is in touch with them so we can learn from each other.
- o Need more certified behavior health clinics
- o Stacy shared the codes that we do use with Gary and the Part C **Provider Handbook.**

The committee will continue the exploration of what codes are usable and who can use the codes.

Agency Reports:

KSDE Report

Written report attached

ASQ training will be offered at Summer Academies

DCF Report

Family First Prevention Grants \$20M

10 Family Resource Center Grants

- Family First Prevention grants totaling \$20 million were issued throughout Kansas to keep families together and prevent children from entering the foster care system. For more information and a complete list of the grantees please see: [Governor Kelly Announces Nearly \\$20 Million for Services that Keep Families Together, Reduce Number of Kids in Foster Care - Newsroom \(ks.gov\)](#)
- I have previously mentioned this, but want to share again that there were grants issued in 10 Kansas communities for Family Resource Centers. For more information, please see: [Agency Announces Nearly \\$1.8 Million in Grants for Family Resource Centers - Newsroom \(ks.gov\)](#) or the list attached.

KDHE Report

Need a working group for rewriting the Part C Policy Manual – volunteers accepted.

- **Provide a brief description of new/ongoing activities related to children age five or under and their families.**
 - The RFP for a new database has been approved by purchasing at KDHE.
 - The Determinations were distributed to local programs on February 20th. They had until March 20th to appeal and they had until April 20th to complete any required actions. We will be reviewing the required actions submitted by programs in the coming weeks.
 - The federal grant application and have it posted to our website and is due to OSEP May 24.
 - We have begun contract negotiations for the next fiscal year with Kansas Inservice Training Systems, Assistive Technology of Kansas and Office of Administrative Hearings.
 - Local program grant applications are now open and due April 24th.
 - SPP/APR Clarification Period is open and we have until April 25th to address any questions of concerns about our SPP/APR submitted in February.

- **Does the agency need the Council to act in its advise and assist role?**
 - KECDS would like the SICC to form a working group to assist in the rewriting of the Policy Manual which was last updated in 2013.

KDADS Report

No Report

KCCTF Report

Childcare Accelerator grant opportunity
May 16 next Governor's Transition Task Force

Child Care Accelerator Grant:

This Kansas Children's Cabinet Community Grant Opportunity will support community-based teams—including early childhood providers and champions, employers, and economic development leaders—in their efforts to create additional high-quality, attainable child care slots in their communities.

The [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) and online application is now available. Visit [All In for Kansas Kids](#) to learn more.

There will be a series of Q&A webinars over the next 4 weeks. All webinars will be recorded and posted online, and additional FAQ documents will be created and shared.

Next Children's Cabinet Meeting is June, 2023 at 9am

Families Together

Early childhood participation: 19% of their assistance is from birth to 5.
Increased number of questions about the transition from Part C to B
Step Ahead booklet from Part C to Part B

Comments:

Lisa Collette, speaking as a parent, spoke up with concern that some families are facing obstacles between Part C and B.

Approval of Committee and Agency Reports

Ann Elliott moved to accept and approve the committee and agency reports.
Laura Leistra seconded the motion
Motion passed. All in favor

Other Reports:

Staff Reports:

Written report attached

Creating a new website review workgroup – seeking volunteers

Chair Report

State Program Update:

Jennifer Francois, Kansas Institute for Early Childhood

KCCTO

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Kansas Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Activities (IECMH)

ECTA (Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center) is providing technical assistance around early childhood mental health. Collaboration with other states and across Kansas collaboration.

Action Plan:

Identification of activities happening across areas:

- Referral, screening and assessment and Eligibility
- Services and practices
- Workforce development
- Funding, partnership, and collaboration

Zero to Three IECMH Finance Cohort <https://www.zerotothree.org/>

- Other states involved in cohorts like this have made significant progress in Medicaid funding and systems of support for children
- 12 month process with option to continue
- Conversations include:
 - Equity
 - Stories from other states
 - Part C
 - Financing to improve maternal – IECMH
- Activities to date
 - Financing Self-assessment of supports and services
 - Crosswalk DSM to DC:0-5
 - Workgroups
 - Medicaid financing around service delivery
 - Reprocurement process

KCCTO-KITS Infant-Toddler Specialist Network (ITSN)

New Supports available with:

**Developmental inclusion &
Early childhood mental health:**

Supporting childcare providers

7 new technical assistant specialists across Kansas

Services:

- Training
- Technical assistance
- Resources

Partnerships with KAIMH

- Endorsement cost support
- Reflective supervision support

There has been a significant increase in the number of requests for support for preschool mental health from childcare providers – behavior and SE development

Questions and comments:

Lisa Collette shared information about a \$ 1 million increase in funding for intervener services for deaf-blind children.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Lisa Collette to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Susan Bowles.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm by Dave Lindeman

All in favor

The next State ICC meeting will be on May 19th, 2023.



The mission of the Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services is to ensure that a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services is available in Kansas to all children with, or at risk of, developmental delays from birth through age five and their families.

Kansas State Department of Education Agency Report

Meeting Date: 4/21/23

- **Provide a brief description of new/ongoing activities related to children age five or under and their families.**

The Kansas Legislature has not yet passed a budget for the Kansas State Department of Education this legislative session. [House Substitute for Senate Bill 83](#) would create the Kansas Education Enrichment Program (KEEP), which would provide for awards or grants for qualified students includes an increase of \$72.4 million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for special education (funding claimed for categorical aid reimbursement). The bill would also provide for creation of the Special Education and Related Services Task Force, which would include one member to be appointed by KSDE who is a professional in early childhood development and provides services for a Part C program. The Task Force would be required to study and make recommendations for changes in the existing state funding formula for special education and

related services. [Click here for the conference committee report brief \(summary\) of House Substitute for Senate Bill 83](#). The bill passed the House 65-58 and failed in the Senate 17-20. The remainder of K-12 education funding is included in [House Substitute for Senate Bill 113](#), which was not voted on in either chamber. The Legislature returns April 24 and could begin taking action on April 26.

The Kansas State Department of Education's (KSDE) Teacher Licensure team, in coordination with its Special Education team, has updated the language of its special education endorsements. The updated endorsements are:

- Intellectual disability - Adaptive. The endorsement allows an educator to provide support services to students who require “High Incidence” support services.
- Intellectual disability - Functional. The endorsement allows an educator to provide support services to a student who requires “Low Incidence” support services.
- Intellectual disability. The endorsement allows an educator to provide support services to students who require “High Incidence” and/or “Low Incidence” support services.
- Supv intellectual disability. The endorsement allows one to serve in a building level supervisor/coordinator position for special education.

Licenses have been updated to reflect this new language for all educators who hold active licenses (not expired) that contained the previous endorsement language.

The Kansas State Department of Education provided an overview of early childhood programming administered by the agency at the March 31 meeting of the Governor’s Early Childhood Transition Task Force. This Task Force was established by [Executive Order 23-01](#) and 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. Each agency provided information about programs as background material for Task Force members; the KSDE program inventory included Kansas Parents as Teachers, the Preschool-Aged At-Risk program, Kansas Preschool Pilot, State Enrollment Aid for Preschool Students with Disabilities, Support for the State Interagency Coordinating Council and local councils, the Ages & Stages Questionnaires Online System, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. In her presentation to the Task Force, KSDE Director of Early Childhood Amanda Petersen highlighted the experience of partnering with local Part C programs to implement the ASQ Online system statewide as a useful experience to draw lessons learned from implementing state initiatives at the community level across the entire state. The Task Force’s next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16 in the Old Supreme Court Room at the Kansas Statehouse. The Task Force is planning regional feedback sessions this summer to gather input from Kansans, with feedback sessions tentatively scheduled for the week of June 26-30.

- **Provide a highlight of agency initiatives on the horizon or are ready to be initiated.**

Join KSDE for the 2023 Summer Academies for Teachers. Attendees will receive in-depth, content-specific instructional support, including in the use of the Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) and play-based learning. The cost is \$150 per two-day session. University graduate credit is available for an additional fee and assignment completion.

Summer Academies are scheduled for:

- June 12-13: Buhler. Registration deadline is May 29.
- June 15-16: Colby. Registration deadline is June 1.
- July 10-11: Lawrence. Registration deadline is June 26.
- July 13-14: Atchison. Registration deadline is June 29.

[Click here to learn more and register for the 2023 Summer Academies.](#)

Registration is now available for the KSDE Special Education and Title Services (SETS) Summer Leadership Conference in Wichita, July 26-27. This conference is for administrators with oversight responsibility for special education, school improvement, title services or early childhood programs. The conference will provide updated information to attendees regarding district requirements and how to support staff members to ensure positive student outcomes in academics, social-emotional learning and behavior. The registration fee is \$275. [Click here to learn more and to register for the 2023 KSDE TASN Special Education and Title Services Leadership Conference.](#)

- **Is there a specific request of the Council, need for further discussion, or action by the Council?**

KSDE is seeking session proposals for its Great Ideas in Education: Empowered Together Conference, which will take place Oct. 25-27 in Wichita. For the conference, KSDE will offer approximately 60 breakout sessions, with each session lasting 75 minutes. If you know of presenters who could share strategies to help teachers, school leaders, communities, families and children become more kindergarten ready in developmentally appropriate ways, please share [this KSDE conference session proposal form](#) with them and encourage them to apply. Proposals are due by May 12.

Visit the [KSDEweekly article: KSDE seeking session proposals for Great Ideas in Education: Empowered Together Conference](#) to read the full story. For questions, please contact Pat Bone at pbone@ksde.org.