

MINUTES OF EARLY LEARNING COORDINATING COUNCIL

Kansas Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund Conference Room

Landon State Office Building, Room 152

900 SW Jackson, Topeka, Kansas

Monday, October 2, 2006

12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Present: Mary Baskett, Kansas Head Start Association
Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services
Jackie Counts, University of KS Institute for Educational Research & Public Services
Cindy D'Ercole, Kansas Action for Children
Leadell Ediger, Kansas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies
Rita Gedney, Heartland Programs, Unified School District 305
Nancy Keel, Parents As Teachers
Linda Kenney, KDHE
Gayle Stuber, KSDE
Jeff Usher, Kansas Health Foundation
Alice Womack, SRS
Jim Redmon, Children's Cabinet Executive Director
Dyogga Adegbore, Children's Cabinet

Jim Redmon opened the meeting.

The group enjoyed the tasty lunches catered-in by Engroff Catering.

Update from Child Care Health Consultant Workgroup Meeting

Leadell Ediger, Linda Kenney, and Jackie Counts reported from the Child Care Health Consultation Workgroup meeting held in Topeka on September 22. The group had discussed that there was funds to send to Dr. Jessica Foster and Dr. Georgina Peacock, both from KUMC, to Child Care Health Consultation training in Washington, D.C. this year. Initially, NTI only preferred admitting nurse professionals but had been persuaded to accept any health professional into the program. There was interested in a mental health consultation model.

Other topics included a proposal for an autism waiver through SRS and moving forward with the Child Care Health Consultation effort. The next meeting is scheduled December 13, 2006 in Topeka. Copies of those minutes were disseminated the ELCC meeting.

Update from Early Childhood Networking Meeting in Reston, Virginia

Linda Kenney, Jackie Counts, and Jim Redmon reported from their ECH Networking meeting, held September 25-26, 2006. The focus was on consultation models. Many attendees expressed interested in how well Kansas is faring. Through the KECCS, the focus at the November 16 meeting will be to move towards outcomes. Jackie reported she has invited the KECCS Program Officer, Dr. Joe Zogby to attend the November 16 meeting in Salina. Kansas has been approved for another year of funding. Next year's applications will be looked at on a competitive basis. Jackie said the minimum comment report is due October 11.

Jackie Counts and Jim Redmon reported they are working with the feds. on incorporating a Program Assessment Rating Tool (P.A.R.T) in assessing Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund CBCAP grants and CIF programs. Currently, 44 states are implementing collaboration on P.A.R.T.

Jackie reported on an invitation from Dr. Virginia Moxley, Interim Dean at the College of Human Ecology at Kansas State University to attend Nobel Laureate James J. Heckerman, Ph.D. Distinguished Lecture Friday, November 3, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Forum Hall in the K-State Union. Dr. Heckerman will be discussing the economic effects of early education on educational attainment and quality of life.

November 16 and 17, 2006 Meetings in Salina

The ELCC members were reminded about the next KECCS meeting will be held in Salina on November 16 at the Courtyard Marriott, and the Kansas Head Start Association annual conference on November 17 at the Holiday Inn Holidome, Salina. KHSa will be sponsoring a special reception the evening of November 16, featuring a preview of keynote address by Dr. Robert Gaskill, Clinical and Deputy Director, Sumner County Mental Health Center. Jackie Counts will present an overview of the State Early Childhood Plan either the evening of November 16. Mary Baskett and Jackie Counts are working on a joint meeting announcement.

Jackie distributed a copy of the draft KECCS meeting agenda. She has almost completed assigning facilitators and scribes will be needed at the tables during the break-out sessions. Jeff Usher suggested utilizing the services professional facilitators through Self Help in Wichita. The group expressed interest in outside facilitators participating at the meeting. Jeff will contact them to find out if they have staff available to assist at the November 16 KECCS meeting.

Jackie reported there will be discussion on parent involvement as part of one of the break-out workgroup sessions at the meeting.

Dr. Dennis Cooley will address the KECCS stakeholders about childhood immunization in Kansas. Dr. Cooley is in private practice in Topeka, holds a key position within the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and is a member of the Children's Health Advisory Committee.

Graphic Progress and Website

Jackie Counts reported she is working on a brochure for the KECCS Plan. She is currently looking into ideas for a logo for the brochure and encouraged everyone to suggest ideas.

The number of "hits" on the KECCS website are up. The site is being accessed nationally. She encouraged everyone to keep supplying information for this site.

Mental Health Learning Collaboration

Jackie Counts reported that Rich Minder, Collaborative Projects Coordinator at Success By 6 Coalition of Douglas County, Lawrence, has offered support to the KECCS by organizing an Early Childhood Mental Health Learning Community. The project will involve surveying existing Smart Start communities to identify and record existing early childhood mental health related programs, policies and practices. Heads of children and family services at local and regional mental health centers, SRS, Children's Cabinet and the ELCC will be involved in decision-making. A meeting is scheduled May 4, 2007 in Topeka.

Mapping Early Childhood Initiatives

Jackie Counts distributed a table showing the various ECH initiatives mapping out the research base, credential and curriculum requirements and communities impacted by the initiative. Jackie asked the members to review the document and provide inform her of any other early childhood organizations that could be added. The document will be updated and included on the KECCS website.

Update from the Prevent Institute Team on Prevention Plan

Jim Redmon reported on the efforts of the Prevent Institute team. The group traveled to a Child Maltreatment Conference in North Carolina last July. They are working to design a Plan for child abuse prevention stakeholders that parallels that of the early childhood version in the state. The team consists of Jackie Counts, Cindy D'Ercole, Linda Kenney, Lori Alvarado (SRS), Dona Booe (SRS). A Prevention Stakeholders meeting is being planned for early January 2007 at The University of Kansas.

Report from the Cabinet Meeting

Jim Redmon reported from the Kansas Children's Cabinet meeting held September 29 in Topeka. The Cabinet will be looking closer at the Children's Initiative Funded programs and moving to evaluating the programs using the Program Assessment Rating Tool (P.A.R.T.). Jackie Counts and her colleagues with The University of Kansas Institute for Educational Research and Public Service are meeting with CIF funded program coordinators and reviewing a vast amount of program data. The programs range from zero to the 18 years-old served. This year's recommendations will remain the same as in previous years. They have prepared initial data for the Cabinet's review and will be finalizing a report and presenting information to the full Cabinet at its November 13, 2006 meeting.

Early Childhood Guidelines

Gayle Stuber reported the Early Childhood Guidelines are finalized and she will be bringing 2,000 copies along to the November 16 KECCS meeting to be distributed.

Logo for the KECCS Plan Brochure

Jackie Counts reported she is working with a graphic designer on the logo for the KECCS Plan logo. It has been an ongoing task of creating the "right" logo. She invited ideas for the logo.

Adjournment and Set Date for Next ELCC Meeting

The ELCC decided not to hold a meeting in November since the KECCS meeting will take place that month. They will meet again next *Monday, December 4, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund office.*

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.