

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
October 9, 2009
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Baskett, Kansas Head Start Association
Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services
Linda Kenney, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Chris Ross-Baze, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Jackie Counts, University of KS, Institute for Educational Research & Public Service
Rebecca Gillam, University of KS, Institute for Educational Research & Public Service
Leadell Ediger, Kansas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (KACCRRA)
Gayle Stuber, Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)
Bobbie Mariani, Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
Carrie Hastings, Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
Dana Moses, Kansas Head Start State Based TA, *via telephone*
BethAnn Smith, Kansas Head Start State Based TA, *via telephone*
Tracie Lansing, Kansas Children's Service League, *via telephone*
Jim Redmon, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund (KCCTF)
Jane Weiler, KCCTF
Dyogga Adegbore, KCCTF

Welcome and Introductions

Jim Redmon welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for introductions.

LAUNCH Grant

Jim announced that Kansas is a recipient of the LAUNCH grant and will be receiving \$850,000 annually over the next five years. There will be 80 percent of the funding going directly to the local community of Finney County to support their Strengthening Families efforts and expand their early childhood system. The remaining 20 percent will be used at the state level for the state early childhood comprehensive delivery system. Both state and local team leadership will participate in weekly conference calls with the program officer to talk about technical assistance, grant logistics, and a cross site evaluation.

Update on Parent Initiative

Rebecca reported on the Parent Leadership Conference held October 2-4 in Topeka. It was a great conference. Over 200 parents registered and attended the conference with 80 agencies participating in the event. Results from the Parent Research Initiative were presented. Parents provided feedback through a Community Café. Results will be incorporated into the report and recommendations.

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Kansas Coalition for School Readiness Update

Mary Baskett announced this year's Early Learning Day is set for February 4 at the Statehouse. She will be sending out an announcement flyer for members to share or distribute. The event may be held in conjunction with the 30th Anniversary activities for Kansas Action for Children.

KECCS Stakeholder Meeting Update

Jackie and Rebecca distributed a final draft agenda for the KECCS Stakeholders meeting. The KECCS meeting will be held Friday, October 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Courtyard By Marriott hotel in Salina. We are expecting a good turnout. There will be a Community Planning Panel including partners from the Kansas Fatherhood Coalition (Tammie Benham, Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC), Andy Hutchinson, Head Start-Manhattan), Linda Broyles, SEKCAP, Coffeyville, and Vicky Roper, KCSL and Cyndi Chapman, Wesley Hospital in Wichita. Also on the agenda are Brenda Nickel (KDHE) updating everyone on the H1N1 flu and representatives with Kansas Association for Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health coming to talk about the Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement. There will be a display table in the room showcasing children's books aligning with the KECCS goals. There will be opportunity for stakeholders attending to add-on the list of books at the meeting.

Early Childhood Advisory Council Goals and Objectives and Crosswalk with Key Elements

Jackie Counts and Rebecca Gillam reported receiving feedback from the ELCC members on the ECAC grant application. The draft grant application will be posted on the KECCS website for feedback and input. Jim reported that it will be up to Governor Parkinson's discretion to appoint the members and the chair of ECAC through Executive Order. The group talked at length about three positions to be hired to work with the ECAC council and where those positions would be housed. Positions would include an ECAC Coordinator/Project Manager, Data Collection Coordinator, and Professional Development Coordinator. Initial drafts of the position descriptions for each job will be included in the ECAC grant application.

Results-Based Accountability

Rebecca reported that she is compiling list of indicators that represent system of the KECCS plan that are changes as a result of the objectives and strategies in the five goal areas, collected at the 9/14 Results Based Accountability meeting. In addition, she had met with Linda Kenney and with Angie Nordhus, Child Death Review Board for additional feedback. Rebecca distributed handouts to the ELCC with the various indicators. During a webinar, the line graphs and program specific indicators and data will be shared.

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Future Meeting Dates:

<i>Fri., Oct. 16</i>	<i>8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>KECCS Stakeholders at Courtyard By Marriott, Salina</i>
Tues., Nov 3	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	ELCC meeting at Children’s Cabinet
Thurs., Dec. 10	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	ELCC meeting at Children’s Cabinet

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.