

**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, April 17, 2006**  
**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Present: Gayle Stuber, KSDE  
Margy Hornback, KSDE  
Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services  
Mary Baskett, Kansas Head Start Association  
Leadell Ediger, Kansas Association of Child Care Resource Referral Agencies (KACCRRRA)  
Gary Brunk, Kansas Action for Children  
Jackie Counts, The University of KS Institute for Educational Research & Public Services  
Carolyn Nelson, KDHE (*on behalf of Linda Kenney*)  
Eric Van Allen, SRS  
Alice Womack, SRS  
Nancy Keel, Parents as Teachers  
Wendy Webb, Parents as Teachers (*via speaker telephone*)  
Jim Redmon, Children's Cabinet, Executive Director  
Dyogga Adegbore, Children's Cabinet

Members Melissa Ness, Jim Caccamo, Jennifer Crow, Cindy D'Ercole, Rita Gedney, Linda Kenney, Abby Thorman, were unable to attend.

Jim Redmon opened the meeting.

**KECCS Brochure**

Jackie Counts reported she is working with a graphic designer on a brochure for Kansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems project. The brochure will be useful in sharing with business leaders, legislators and the rest of the early learning community the goals of the KECCS plan.

**Monitoring the KECCS Plan**

Jackie encouraged group members to notify other interested people about the KECCS website and add-in tasks and activities to the website.

**ECCS Continuing Competition Guidance**

Jackie reported she is in the process of completing the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Implementation grant renewal paperwork. The money has been allocated to continue to fund the project. This will be Year 2 of the grant.

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### **May 2 Kansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant Meeting**

**Salina Courtyard by Marriott, 3020 Riffel Drive in Salina – 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Jackie distributed a copy of the draft KECCS meeting agenda. The purpose of this meeting will be to inform attendees on the next steps of the KECCS Implementation Plan and update on where we are now. Progress will be tied back to the Plan.

There will be one morning and one afternoon break-out session. Attendees will have opportunity during the break-outs to talk about strategies for meeting the five core goals of KECCS at their tables. Working with facilitator Rae Anderson, National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC), Jackie and Jim will develop questions for use during the breakout session.

#### *Presenters will include:*

Gayle Stuber and Sherrill Martinez, KSDE-2005-2006 Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Project.  
Lana Messner, KACCRRRA and Linda Kenney, KDHE - Health Insurance and Medical Homes

Eric Van Allen, SRS - Mental Health & Social Emotional Development

Jennifer Hecker, KACCRRRA - Early Care and Education

Nancy Keel, Parents As Teachers/Nancy Kraft, KS Parent Information Resource -  
Parent Education

Mary Baskett, Kansas Head Start Association - Kansas Early Education Partners Agenda

Jim Redmon and/or Abby Thorman – Pre-K

Jackie Counts-The University of Kansas - Update on the Child Abuse Neglect &  
Prevention Plan.

#### **Pre-K Letters of Intent Update**

Jim Redmon reported receiving nine (9) Letters of Intent applications for the Pre-K Pilot sites representing the seven selected counties. A review team met at the end of March to discuss and rate applications. Jim completed calling applicants about the next step in the Pre-K Letter of Intent application process. He will be meeting with Leadell Ediger on the first step of the Kansas Quality Rating System (KQRS) process soon.

Jim welcomed input into the writing of the guidelines for the Pre-K Pilot RFP from ELCC. The RFP will be announced in mid- to late-May.

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### **KECCS Website Hits**

Jackie handed out KECCS website stats as of 4/14/2006. Jackie encouraged members to start posting agency activities on the website and continue to update tasks and activities in the Partners' section.

### **Update on Mental Health –Early Childhood Consultation**

Eric Van Allen reported SRS's Health Care Policy Mental Health Unit has announced two Request for Proposals. Both the Therapeutic Preschool Programs Early Childhood Mental Health and the Therapeutic Preschool Programs ECH Mental Health Consultation RFPs were announced April 13 and applications are due May 19, 2006. Changes will become effective January 2007. These RFPs are examples of meeting objectives of Goal 2 of the KECCS Plan. Copies of the RFP were disseminated at the meeting and can be downloaded off the KECCS website at [www.KECCS.org](http://www.KECCS.org).

### **Next Meeting Date**

The ELCC will be meeting Wednesday, May 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.