

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
Thursday, May 21, 2009
10:00 a.m. to Noon

Present:

Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services
Leadell Ediger, Kansas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (KACCRRA)
David Lindeman, ECHO Consortium II Project, University of Kansas, Life Span Institute, via telephone
Nancy Keel, Kansas Association of Parents as Teachers via telephone
Gayle Stuber, Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)
Janet Newton, Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)
Tiffany Smith-Birk, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Tracie Lansing, Kansas Children's Service League
Karen Beckerman, Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
Jennifer Crow, Kansas Coalition for School Readiness
Tiffany Fisher, Kansas Action for Children/Kansas Coalition for School Readiness
Jim Redmon, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund (KCCTF)
Dyogga Adegbore, KCCTF

Welcome and Introductions

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

Legislative Update

Jim remarked that all in all, the current programs in the Children's Initiative Fund (CIF) and Early Childhood program funding were protected, survived and did not experience major cuts during this legislative session. Despite \$9.2 million going into the State General Fund from the Key Fund, \$50,000 was cut from CIF to pay an autism program at KUMC, it will be left up to the Cabinet-Board to determine where the \$50,000 will come out. Education and Special Education, in particular, experienced cuts.

Jennifer Crow remarked that State Treasurer Dennis McKinney mentioned a need for allotments by the Governor however not until the Governor has reviewed the budget. Jennifer Crow and Tiffany Fisher, remarked that Early Childhood did experience a \$9.2 million cut in CIF earlier on in the legislative session. They remarked that actually \$13 million was cut which includes the KEY Fund. The KEY funded S-CHIP. This is a one-time cut and the monies will be returned next year. Although, a lot depends on the economy improving and revenues coming in.

Jennifer reported that she and Tiffany are working on webinar for June 8 geared toward school boards about the early childhood system. Presenters include Mary Baskett, Tiffany Fisher, and Patrick Woods, SRS Director of Governmental Affairs and also USD 501 school board member.

LAUNCH Grant

Jim Redmon reported that the Launch grant application was submitted. A letter of support from Governor Parkinson was included along with the MOA by the ELCC members. The grant award is \$850,000 a year for five years with 20 percent for state projects and 80 percent for local project work. An Early Childhood Wellness Expert and an Early Childhood Wellness Coordinator would be hired to administer the Kansas grant. KU Institute staff are working with Garden City Coalition members and other partners to determine what evidence-based practices best fit the needs. Training on developmental screenings will be provided by the Kansas American Academy of Pediatrics.

KECCS Award

Jim reported Kansas received an ECCS award. He did not have the details on the amount of award yet as the NGA official award letter has not yet been received.

Recession Indicators Database

Jim also reported that Jackie Counts completed the Recession Indicators spreadsheet and sent information to the ELCC members. The compiled data is now on the KECCS website. The data included selected economic indicators from SRS, KDHE, U.S. Census, KHPA, and the State Revenue Department based on economic indicators.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Update

Jim reported a Request For Proposals for the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) grant application is coming out soon. Applications are due August 1, 2010. Funding can be blended with existing funding streams. ELCC will be key in moving the application forward when Kansas submits an application. The proposal will be done in conjunction with the representation from early childhood.

The minutes from the ARRA: CCDF Framework Considerations from April 15 were distributed to the ELCC.

Adjournment

Future Meetings:

Monday, June 15 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ARRA discussion (Topeka-Shawnee Co. Public Library- Perkins Room)

Monday, June 29 10:00 a.m. to noon Agenda-driven discussion (Children's Cabinet conference room)

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.