

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

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Present: Mary Baskett, Kansas Head Start Association
Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services
Jim Caccamo, Metropolitan Council on Early Learning/Mid-America Regional Council
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
Nancy Keel, Parents As Teachers
Linda Kenney, KDHE
Gayle Stuber, KSDE
Abby Thorman, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
Alice Womack, SRS
Jim Redmon, Children's Cabinet Executive Director
Dyogga Adegbore, Children's Cabinet

Jim Redmon opened the meeting.

November Stakeholder two-day meeting

The next KECCS meeting will be held in Salina on November 16 at the Courtyard Marriott. The Kansas Head Start Association will be conducting its 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 announced that the Program Officer for the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant is Dr. Joe Zogby. Dr. Zogby will be attending the November 16 KECCS Conference. Other items for the agenda included an update from the Governor's office, the KEEP agenda and inviting either Dr. Dennis Cooley or Dr. Howard Rodenberg, both with KDHE to address the group with an update on childhood immunization in Kansas. Linda Kenney will ask Dr. Cooley and Dr. Rodenberg about their availability to address the group.

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Child Care Bureau Update

Alice Womack and Jackie Counts reported from the Child Care Bureau National Conference. Jackie announced that Alice was elected recently as the Chair of the National Association of State Child Care Administrators (NASCCA) Executive Committee. Alice encouraged the group to relay of any state-wide child care issues to her to take to the national organization for consideration.

Parent Involvement

Nancy Keel suggested the parent involvement piece be broadened and discussed at more length at the KECCS stakeholders' meetings. The parent involvement piece can be listed as a workgroup topic at the next KECCS meeting.

Legislative Update

Jennifer Crow reported discussions are underway for expansion of the PreK Pilots statewide into rural areas, in current areas and start-up sites in areas with virtually no PreK programs. There should be more information available on the Prek expansion piece next month.

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.

We are receiving several “hits” at the website and many stakeholders are entering activity information.

Adjournment and Set Date for Next ELCC Meeting

The next ELCC meeting was set for October 2, 2006 at 12:00 noon.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.