

## **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, July 20, 2006

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Present: Gayle Stuber, KSDE  
Margy Hornback, KSDE  
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  
Linda Kenney, KDHE  
Alice Womack, SRS  
Jim Redmon, Children's Cabinet Executive Director  
Dyogga Adegbore, Children's Cabinet

Jim Redmon opened the meeting.

### Update on Continuing Competition

Jackie Counts reported the ECCS Continuing Competition was submitted. She provided the group with copies of the application and directed their attention to page 11 which reflects the Table 3: KECCS Strategies, Activities and Tasks. Jackie asked members to review and give input on whether the indicators are helpful and moving up to where we are supposed to be at this time at the August ELCC meeting.

### SECCS National Evaluation

Linda Kenney talked about the SECCS initiative. One requirement of this grant is for health professionals to be sent to the Child Health Care Consultant training. Drs. Jessica Foster and Georgina Peacock, KUMC, will be attending this training this fall.

### Prevent Institute and Strengthening Families Plan

Jackie Counts, Linda Kenney, and Jim Redmon reported from their training at the Prevent Institute in Washington, DC, July 16-19. They were especially impressed with the training curriculum and the facility where the training was held. It was noted that Kansas was one of nine (9) states selected to attend the training as a result of the Kansas ECCS Plan work and the diversity reflected by the ECH stakeholders represented. Additional training will occur in March 2007. Jennifer Crow suggested the group send a press release about Kansas being selected as one of the nine (9) states to participate in this training. The group liked the idea. Jackie said she would post the CD formatted materials from the training on the KECCS website.

ELCC Meeting – July 20, 2006

Page 2

CATCH grant with Dr. Georgina Peacock

Jackie Counts reported that Dr. Georgina Peacock from the KUMC worked with her on the application for the CATCH grant which was recently submitted. The grant will help children with sensory impairments in the Wyandotte and Johnson counties. More details are forthcoming.

Update on Pre-Kindergarten Pilot Sites Grants

Jim Redmon reported the KCCTF recently awarded six Pre-K Pilot Site grants to the following counties: Geary, Johnson, Reno, Sedgwick, Shawnee, and Wyandotte. The Quality Rating System piece is coming along with National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), The University of Kansas, and the Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies are coordinating the evaluation piece.

Both Mary Baskett and Doug Bowman recommended the development of a State Pre-K logo, “catch phrase” and press release so that one strong message reflecting collaboration work is involved with the Pre-K pilots can be sent to the public. Jennifer Crow offered the services of the Governor’s Office to send the press release.

Gayle Stuber talked about tracking children in through the Pre-K programs and following them into kindergarten by assigning numbers and what has been done in the past. She offered to share this information with the evaluators

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 holding a conference on November 17 in Salina. KHSA will be sponsoring a parent event with featured speaker Dr. Robert Gaskill on the evening of November 16. A joint meeting announcement will be posted on the KECCS website and information sent out from the Children’s Cabinet office.

Adjournment and Set Date for Next ELCC Meeting

The next ELCC meeting was set for August 30, 2006. *(Please note the meeting will begin at 1:30 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.