

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
Tuesday, March 24, 2009
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Mary Baskett, Kansas Head Start Association
Chris Ross Baze, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services
Leadell Ediger, Kansas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (KACCRRRA)
Gayle Stuber, Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)
Carol Ayres, Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)
Carolyn Nelson, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Tiffany Smith-Birk, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Jackie Counts, University of KS, Institute for Educational Research & Public Service
Rebecca Gillam, University of KS, Institute for Educational Research & Public Service
Karen Beckerman, Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
Carrie Hastings, Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
Nancy Keel, Kansas Association of Parents as Teachers
Jennifer Crow, Kansas Coalition for School Readiness
Jim Redmon, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund (KCCTF)
Jane Weiler, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund (KCCTF)
Dyogga Adegboire, KCCTF

Welcome and Introductions

Jim Redmon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Update on KECCS Grant

Jackie Counts and Rebecca Gillam reported the Kansas application for an ECCS grant had been submitted on February 17, 2009. They said they felt they submitted a strong application for the competitive continuation grant. Announcements of state recipients could be made as early as June 2009. Jackie remarked that she was selected to participate on an evaluation advisory committee on ECCS, which is an honorable good opportunity for the State. The current KECCS grant ends May 31, 2009.

Results Based Accountability documents and next steps

Jackie and Rebecca reported they are maintaining detailed recordkeeping and documentation on results based accountability that is available to ELCC members. They announced a table will be sent to the ELCC members asking for input on data sources from each ELCC represented agency. This information will help KU team members determine which data are available and which to be revisited.

Parent Involvement-Statewide

Rebecca reported she received good feedback on the agencies survey concerning parent involvement. Approximately 81 people responded to the survey. Gayle asked whether the survey information could be filtered and pulled out by children served under each program, i.e., PreK. Rebecca replied that overall demographics information was available. Jackie and Rebecca commented on the difference of view on what parent focus groups and agency staff viewed as parent involvement. At the focus group meetings, there was discussion on logic models and outcomes for parent involvement. Parents appeared more interested in knowing how these activities benefited their kids versus receiving parent incentives. They are working on a research model, using logic models and complexity theory to reconcile the differences in perspectives.

Parent Involvement-Nationally

Leadell Ediger reported on the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) Symposium recently held at Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., NACCRRA sponsored 40 parents to attend the symposium. One parent representative in particular from Kansas was very articulate in the way she expressed her ideas and child care needs at the symposium. NACCRRA is working on creating an organization similar to that of AARP for young children to be launched soon.

Legislative Update

Doug Bowman and Jennifer Crow reported on current legislative activities. The State Senate will be discussing the state budget this afternoon. The House met yesterday on the budget. No further cuts to CIF were made.

The ELCC members discussed the stimulus package.

Adjournment

Future Meetings:

Monday, April 6	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Stimulus discussion
Friday, April 24	10:00 a.m. to noon	Agenda
Thursday, May 7	10:00 a.m. to noon	Stimulus discussion
Thursday, May 21	10:00 a.m. to noon	Agenda

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