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**MINUTES**

**Kansas Special Education Advisory Council**

**July 29 '09**

**Wichita Airport Hilton Hotel – in conjunction with the KSDE Leadership Conference**

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**Attendees:**

√	Marcy Aycock	√	Bill Griffith	√	Mike Martin
√	Luanne Barron	√	Neil Guthrie	√	Larry Meyer
√	Susan Clayton	√	Penny Hoffman	√	Colleen Riley (Secy)
	Ann Elliott	√	Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer		Anne Roberts
√	Janice Frahm	√	Karen Kroh	√	Vicki Sharp
√	Lesli Girard		Shawn Mackay	√	Sean Smith (Chair)
				√	SueAnn Wanklyn

**Guests:** John Copenhaver, Kerry Haag

**Agenda Items**

**Action Taken**

**Welcome**

Chairperson Sean Smith called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm with a welcome to new members. Everyone introduced themselves.

**Approval of agenda and minutes of February 2009 meeting**

The agenda was approved as written.

The April 2009 minutes were approved on Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer's motion and Vicki Sharp's second.

**SEAC Orientation**

John Copenhaver, Mountain Plains Regional Resource Service Center (MPRRC), provided members an orientation and notebook of materials around the requirements and roles of SEAC. John presented new members with the publication "The Man Who Planted Trees". Members asked questions and reviewed suggestions by John for improved functionality.

**Follow-up/Advise/Guidance:**

- Possibly implement Conference Call capability for public input
- Possibly appoint an alumni member to serve as surrogate with voting for absentee member
- Possibly appoint a student membership; would need to be added to by-laws
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**Council Member Reports**

None received

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**Action Taken**

**SES Updates:**

- SPP/APR & LOD**

• Members reviewed OSEP's response to the FFY 2007 Annual Performance Report (APR) and revised State Performance Plan (SPP) submitted to the Office of Special Education Program/USDOE by KSDE, February ,09. The document was broken down by the 20 Indicators. Kansas met the majority of the Indicator targets except on Indicators 1 & 2, dropout & graduation. These indicators are not compliance indicators which will not cause KSDE to be out of compliance with OSEP. Members will be asked at a future meeting to assist in setting revised targets for these indicators. SES team will provide future updates.
  
- KS Integrated Accountability System overview (KIAS)**

Members reviewed the Kansas Integrated Accountability System document, which incorporates increased accountability by utilizing the data collected on the Kansas APR, affecting a more comprehensive monitoring system. Members asked for clarifications and answers to questions, and offered their appreciation for the use of timelines/deadlines set.
  
- Multiple System of Supports parent brochure (MTSS)**

This document provides parents with an overview of the basic components of the MTSS process. MTSS provides a system of support of providing instruction & support to promote the academic & behavioral success for ALL students. Members are welcome to attend MTSS implementation trainings.
  
- Annual Special Education Law Conference**

Members were invited to attend the Tri-State Regional Special Education Law Conference, November 5-6 '09 @ Omaha Embassy Suites. This takes the place of the previous Kansas annual conference. Members should notify Deb Burns if they plan to attend.

**SEAC Executive Board appointments for 2009-2010** In a unanimous decision, the following members were appointed to the 2009-10 SEAC Executive Board: Sean Smith, Larry Meyer, Colleen Riley, Vicki Sharp.

**Public Comment** None received

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm, followed by catered dinner.

**Next meeting:** **September 16 '09 9:00 am**  
**KSDE Satellite meeting room**



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				√	SueAnn Wanklyn

**Guests:** Rebecca Rosenthal, Wendy Pickell, Deb Matthews, Patty Gray

**Agenda Items**

**Action Taken**

**Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am.

**Approval of agenda and minutes of July 2009 meeting**

The agenda was approved with the addition of SICC/SEAC Joint Agenda Development.

The July 2009 minutes were approved as written.

**SES Updates:**

- **Disability Awareness Week – SPP/APR Indicator 13**

Wendy Pickell provided background information to Kansas Senate Bill 41 Disabilities Awareness Week, Oct. 19-23 '09, to coincide with Disability Employment Month and Disability Mentoring Month. Resources will be infused into Kansas curriculum over the next few months through a partnership with Families Together & Youth Empowerment., linking to Safe & Drug-Free Schools, Anti-Bully Efforts, and Character Education. Information will be available on the KSDE website to increase awareness.

- **SPP/APR & LOD**
  - **Indicator 3 changes**

Deb Matthews provided an overview of the Kansas SPP/APR Indicator #3 Accountability/Assessment, requesting members review handouts with the targets for proficiency: A – met target; B – met target; 3C – met target. Members discussed assessment accommodations and the impact on consistency to students throughout the

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year.

Members agreed that the current set targets will remain for the upcoming year in order to accommodate incremental growth.

• **KS Integrated Accountability System (KIAS) overview**

Colleen provided a visual overview of the KIAS, KSDEs current integrated accountability system to collect data for all districts and all 20 Indicators – an integrated accountability system. KIAS objectives: what kind of access to curriculum; accountability for student outcomes. This allows monitoring of all districts annually. Districts receive annual reports and levels of determination.

▪ **Seclusion update**

Patty Gray’s presentation included a handout identifying 2008-09 Special Education Seclusion verified data collection. KSTARS Project STAY works with districts that report large numbers of seclusion incidents, to provide Professional Development and training, with a focus on prevention to include PBIS. 2009-10 data will include student data from the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter by age, ethnicity, exceptionality, etc. although this type of data is not required.

Members provided input to assist KSDE’s goal to improve the data collection system.

▪ **Other**

Colleen provided a brief overview of ARRA funds and Kansas Legislative action.

Colleen provided information on current discussions around LRE & the budget crisis – para use: Members discussed the effect of overuse of paras vs. other solutions to meet the needs of the student, and voiced concern over the negative impact on LRE if paras are no longer available.

**Council Member Reports**

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer announced her appointment by the Governor to the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC).

Neil Guthrie commented on recent changes to the Catastrophic Aid formula.

Sean Smith reported on KU’s planning grant for high incidence & adaptive area, with hopes to incorporate other IHEs into the project.

Sean and Colleen reported on the recurring themes and the scope of presentations provided at the OSEP Leadership Conference, August 17-19 ’09, Washington DC. Some sessions were broadcast live on the web. Member Larry Meyer also participated in the conference.

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**Public Comment**

None received.

Members agreed that Public Comment will be made accessible via toll-free speaker phone during each meeting, and will be advertised through Sped Express and the SEAC website.

**Review & approve proposed 2009-10 SEAC Action Plan**

Members discussed and provided input for additional areas of focus and data sources to the Action Plan. Approval of the Action Plan was tabled until changes are made and members are asked to comment prior to the next meeting. The Action Plan will be sent to members electronically and input to be sent to Deb Burns by Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership Appointment - Homeless**

Lesli Girard, Families Together, Inc. provided information for the possibility of a Case Plan Coordinator from the Topeka Rescue Mission to fill the vacant Homeless position on the Council. Colleen will explore the possibility of appointment by the State Board.

**SICC/SEAC joint agenda development**

Members provided Colleen with pertinent topics for the November 18<sup>th</sup> joint agenda. Colleen will collaborate with the SICC & the SEAC chairpersons on agenda development.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

**Next meeting:**

**Joint SEAC/SICC meeting  
November 18 '09 9:00 am  
KSDE Board Room**

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**Joint Meeting of the  
Kansas Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) & State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)  
November 18 '09  
Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) Board Room**

**SEAC members in attendance:**

Marcy Aycock, Ann Elliott, Janice Frahm, Lesli Girard, Bill Griffith, Neil Guthrie, Penny Hoffman, Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Karen Kroh, Shawn Mackay, Mike Martin, Larry Meyer, Colleen Riley, Anne Roberts, Vicki Sharp, SueAnn Wanklyn

**SICC members in attendance:**

Richard Martinez, Carol Ayres, Tom Laing, Dr. Eva Horn, Linda Kenny, Doug Bowman, Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Nancy Krase, Misty Van Nostrand, Jill Bamber, Dr. Pam Shaw, Cayla Wright, Dr. Tish Taylor, Tiffany Krenz, Julie Broski, Dr. Dale Walker, Cayla Wight, Sharon Hixson, Rep. Barbara Craft, Deb Voth, Dr. Dave Lindeman, Carrie Hastings

**Guests in attendance:**

Bert Moore, Lee Stickle, Dale Dennis, Misty Goosen, Lee Stickle, Dr. Gayle Stuber, Tiffany Smith-Birk, Rebecca Rosenthal

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**Welcome**

SEAC member Neil Guthrie called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) chairperson Eva Horn welcomed ICC & SEAC members to this first joint meeting, after which SICC and SEAC members introduced themselves.

Dale Dennis, KSDE Deputy Commissioner of Finance, thanked members for their continued support of students, noting the importance more than ever for cooperation in working for kids, noting the increase in achievement scores. He touched on the severity of current education finances noting that even with increased enrollment there is a \$450 million deficit, which affects mill levies. He expects that the Governor will make an announcement before the Thanksgiving holiday concerning 2010 funds. He also noted that the KPERS funding committee has announced a major effort to increase fund security. State statute contains language that says employee share cannot be raised unless new benefits are imposed.

**Approval of agenda and minutes**

The SEAC agenda was approved as written on a motion by Janice Frahm, and second by Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer. The September 2009 SEAC minutes were approved as written on a motion by Larry Meyer and second by SueAnn Wanklyn.

The October 2009 SICC meeting minutes were approved as written on a motion by Sharon Hixson and second by Nancy Krase.

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Colleen Riley commented that this first joint meeting is a way to share supports for students & families with disabilities, noting commonalities between SEAC & SICC and the lead agencies that each council reports to: KSDE and KDHE. One of the goals of meeting jointly is to ensure efficiency in supports & services. Today's meeting would provide resources as well as accountability information for Part B and C lead agencies. She noted that this is the first year that there is one member serving on both SEAC & SICC – Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer. Tiffany Smith-Burk commented on her appreciation that members sit on foster care and early childhood positions which creates collaboration for a single system for kids who turn 3 years.

**SEAC – description of history & role of the Council**

Bert Moore, past SEAC Chairperson, provided background on the evolution of SEAC during his term from July 2002 – June 2008, noting that SEAC is made up of 21 members which includes agency persons, persons working in the field, and students or parents with a child with a disability. SEAC's charge is to support the goals & objectives of the KS State Board of Education, as well as supporting grants from USDOE. SEAC is a very active organization making huge difference in the state indicators. More information is available at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2466>

**SICC – description of history & role of the Council**

Doug Bowman, SICC Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint description of the State ICC who's mission is to ensure a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services available in Kansas. SICC was created in 1986 through KSA 74-7801 and membership includes KSDE, Board of Regents, Health Policy Authority, KDHE, SRS, parents, public members, and service providers. SICC maintains three committees: improving services, policy, public awareness. More information is available at [www.kansasicc.org](http://www.kansasicc.org).

**KS Inservice Training System (KITS)**

Misty Goosen's PowerPoint presentation & packet of information included an historical overview of KITS which began as a federal project working with early intervention & early childhood sped professionals. Funding has changed from federal to KSDE/KDHE supported. Basic components for the project are collaboration/linkages, information services, training, technical assistance. KITS maintains the Early Childhood Resource Center & online catalog, as well as the KS Early Learning Document, and technical assistance packets of information (ie. IEP trainings, kindergarten registrations, Autism Spectrum Disorders, etc.). Plans for the future include Virtual KITS – to allow virtual practice. More information available at [www.kskits.org](http://www.kskits.org).

**KS Instructional Support Network (KISN)**

Lee Stickle's PowerPoint and handouts included KISN Project's focus on tertiary support & training to service providers and families that works with learners that present multiple needs, specifically directed in the area of ASD and other neurologic

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disorders. Initiatives include training in autism interdisciplinary teams, Autism Diagnostic teams, transition assessment training; KISN training, Tiny K trainings, Summer Institute & Advanced Summer Institute; Autism Consultant Specialist Symposium. The MIS system reports 233 students with autism in 2009. Technical assistance includes: onsite consultation; intense support teams; regional autism consultants; national community of practice. KISN training series are recording and available through their on-line lending library. More information available at [www.ksndsp.org](http://www.ksndsp.org).

**P-20 Council**

Dr. Gayle Stuber presented a PowerPoint presentation on KS Early Childhood Collaboration that includes birth-3, Parents As Teachers, Tiny-K – infant/toddler services, Healthy Families (KS Children’s Service League), Healthy Start, 3-5 year old programs, Head Start, 4 year At-Risk program; Pre-K Pilot program; Early Childhood Special Education Section 619 Part B; Migrant Family Literacy. The programs utilize KS Early Learning Guidelines & Standards to provide structure and continuity across early childhood settings – aligned with K-12 standards. Collaborative efforts include Institutes of Higher Education.

**KS Division of Early Childhood (KDEC)**

Dr. Dale Walker provided an overview of the organization established 30 years ago to provide developmental services to children age Birth – 5 children and their families. Activities include an annual conference, work on KS Quality Rating System, child find activities, and Early Head Start activities. More information available at [www.kdec.org](http://www.kdec.org).

**Public Comment**

None received.

**SPP/APR Indicator update:  
Part B & Part C**

Carol Ayres & Tiffany Smith-Birk provided a PowerPoint presentation that included information around SPP Indicators B7, B12, C2, C3, C4, C8: Natural Environment, EC Outcomes, Family Outcomes, Transition. Data & rating is accessed through EC entry & exit outcomes ratings, which is entered into the OWS system – from age 6 months to 6 years. Exit ratings for Part C can be the entry ratings for Part B.

**Mock OSEP Verification Visit Summary**

Colleen Riley & Tiffany Smith-Birk reported KSDE & KDHE’s ultimate goal is to improve outcomes for kids, as well as meet the requirements of IDEA. Accountability includes federal reporting which results in federal visits. In planning for a future verification visit, KSDE & KDHE collaborated in a 3-day mock verification visit with an outside consulting firm who’s focus was to review electronic data strengths, areas for improvement, and next steps for both Part B and Part B.

**Agency & Council Members Reports: SICC**

Carol Ayres reported on a variety of programs that serve EC families (B-5) – Parents As Teachers, 4 year old At-Risk, Pre-K program, School Readiness, Homeless, and other program information.

Tiffany Smith-Birk provided information around KS Early Learning Collaborative (through EC block grant funds) 12 communities; Ford, Finney, Cherokee, Crawford, Saline, Wyandotte, Johnson, Ellis, Leavenworth, Shawnee County, Harvey,

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Montgomery – partners were brought together to discuss inclusion.

Carrie Hastings reported the following on behalf of SRS:

- an update the application process for the SRS Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program which allows residents of not-for-profit group homes to apply for food assistance.
- KS DropINs Summit – SRS staff attended; student testimony was provided.
- Charts on temporary assistance to families: 30,000 in July '09; 37,000 in Sept. '09 – continuing to increase.
- Children in out-of-home placement: 5,638 children served – ages 16-18, and 1-3 yrs most served.
- CFS management team provided a report on some SRS tracking indicators.

Cayla Wright reported the following on behalf of Medicaid:

- Medicaid budget – KHPA website holds budget information. Cayla provided explanation of where the funds originate and where further cuts are expected. It is anticipated that the Governor will make announcements on allotments next week.
- ECI updates – nothing to report
- LEA updates – offering cost-based settlement paying up to the cost of services.
- HealthWave – backlog information is available on their website. The clearinghouse has been held-safe this year.
- American Reinvestment & Recovery Act (ARRA) funds update: Feds pay a percentage larger than states are required to pay. On-line applications are being implemented.
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Strategic Plan Committee reports

Improving Services – work on SICC's piece of the Strategic Plan is complete and work continues on gathering data from other agencies. The committee will meet again 12/10/09 @ 10:00 am.

Public Awareness report:

Sharon Hixson reported the committee is aimed toward preparing and distributing information regarding the impact of early intervention to a variety of audiences including legislators, other collaborative partners, and local communities. Two other activities within the plan are tiny-k Day and providing training for leadership skills to parents. Next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 14 at 3:30 pm.

Policy Committee report:

Tom Laing reported that the committee meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday; they continue to monitor use of ARRA funds. Looking at children who are displaced due to foster care &/or homeless – assuring access to screening and other LEA services.

Executive Committee:

Next phone call scheduled for 12/7/09 @ 2:00 to finalize the Strategic Plan & develop the agenda for December meeting in Paola at the Lake Mary Center; The following

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SICC meetings will be set aside in order to facilitate committee work: January & May, 2010, so there will not be a monthly meeting for the ICC those two months.

**SEAC**

Families Together report:

Lesli Girard reported on some of the services they provide: 1 on 1 parent assistance in KC, Garden City, Wichita, Topeka with 900 calls to date this year. Provides parent to parent support matching; parent weekends, IHE presentations; in-service presentations; statewide conferences in Wichita (12/5/09), Topeka (2/27/10)

**Future role of SICC & SEAC**

Summer orientation:

Colleen announced that in the past John Copenhaver (TAESE) has provided SEAC new member orientation during the KSDE Leadership Conference in July. Last year the SICC also received orientation by John. Colleen put forth to the SICC the offer that John would be available to provide these orientations again next year if the Council desired. It is best to schedule orientation when new as well as veteran members can participate together.

Annual joint meeting:

Neil Guthrie asked that both SEAC & SICC members set aside time at a future meeting to discuss whether to hold an joint committee meeting and what the meeting objectives should include.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm

**SEAC Next meeting: January 12-13 '10 - 9:00 am  
KSDE 2<sup>nd</sup> fl conference room**

**SICC Next meeting: December 18 '09  
Paola KS**



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SEAC meeting

April 14, 2010

KSDE 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room

### **SEAC members in attendance:**

Marcy Aycock, Luanne Barron, Susan Clayton, Dr. Ann Elliott, Janice Frahm, Bill Griffith, Neil Guthrie, Penny Hoffman, Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Karen Kroh, Shawn Mackay, Larry Meyer, Anne Roberts, Vicki Sharp, Dr. Sean Smith, SueAnn Wanklyn, Connie Zienkewicz

### **Guests in attendance:**

Kayzy Bigler, Kathy Jones, Doug Bowman, Kevin Davis, Kerry Haag, Susan Helbert, Jillian Pattison, Kim Symansky, Tate Toedman

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### **Discussion**

#### **Welcome**

Dr. Sean Smith, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

#### **Approval of agenda and minutes**

The SEAC agenda was approved. The February 2010 SEAC meeting minutes were approved as written.

#### **Update: KS Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services (CCECDS)**

Doug Bowman, CCECDS Coordinator, provided an overview of issues addressed by CCECDS, who's mission is to advise and assist birth – age 5 children who have or are at risk of developmental delays. CCECDS meets 8-9 times per year by both federal law and state statute, overseen by the Governor. Currently SEAC member Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer sits on the CCECDS. Doug provided copy of a budget solutions memo the CCECDS sent to the legislature. Colleen reminded members of the SEAC/CCECDS joint meeting that was held in November '09 and it is hoped by both committees that this becomes an annual event. Sean asks if a targeted objective for the next collaborative meeting could be "lessons learned" by both groups. CCECDS website at <http://www.kansasicc.org/~kicc/html/overview.shtml> and Doug can be reached at [DBowman@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:DBowman@kdhe.state.ks.us).

#### **Update: Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS)**

Kevin Davis provided an update on MTSS: MTSS is not designed to replace any services – it's designed to challenge schools to serve ALL students; next year K-12 with math & reading will be implemented, with materials available June '10, testing in buildings next year; Early Childhood will be tested next year with support materials for schools; focus added to family engagement with guidance provided in MTSS materials, utilizing Ntl. PTA standards and KSDE standards adopted last year.

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The MTSS Symposium is scheduled for Sept. 9-10 ,10 at the Wichita Hyatt. Registration will be available in May ,10. Speakers include: Randy Sprick – behavior issues; George Batsche – system issues & sustainability; Steve Kukic – leadership issues & engaging school boards; Rosie Garcia-Belina – ELL issues; and other local presenters, as well as data demos.

Kevin can be reached at [kevin.davis@greenbush.org](mailto:kevin.davis@greenbush.org)

**Update:  
Teacher  
Licensure &  
Endorsement**

Susan Helbert provided a review of current and future licensure: On-line licensure renewal was implemented this year; Special Education endorsements include adaptive, functional, gifted, teacher of the deaf/hard-of-hearing & visual impaired, EC unified license (general or Special Education) birth – kindergarten; Currently there are approximately 400 Special Education waivers available that include gifted, and the number increases yearly. Special Education teachers can apply for a conditional license until coursework is completed. Identified needs of Special Education teachers include: more on-line delivery resulting in a Masters Degree; initial teacher prep thru elementary in Special Education, creating adaptive Special Education license or provisional license; paras with degree to get thru a Special Education program. Modules are being developed for those without Special Education skills. A taskforce is being developed to align possible regulation changes to the standards.

Members discussed licensure issues that educators, administrators and IHEs are facing, and lack of training for paras due to budget cuts.

Sean recommended reading a publication from a recent issue of the CEC Publication *Exceptional Children* entitled *The “Blurring” of Special Education in a New Continuum of General Education Placements and Services*, by Fuchs, D, Fuchs, L., & Stecker, P (2010), found at <http://www.cec.sped.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Publications2/ExceptionalChildren/default.htm>

**Public  
Comment**

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer shared her concern that the math component of MTSS was not being developed. She also expressed a concern shared by the directors in Region 8 that MTSS would create part of a unified system that would take funding away from special education. She requests future discussion be placed on a 2011 meeting agenda.

**Council  
Member  
Reports**

Catastrophic Aid:

Members discussed the Catastrophic Aid Bill that would change the way cat. aid would be distributed in the Special Education system, resulting in adjustment to personnel reimbursement. Colleen reminded that we won't know the exact amount until June ,10. Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer announced that the Governor received the bill for signature this week, after which will go out for public input.

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**Parent  
Revocation  
Public  
Hearing**

Mark Ward asked SEAC members to review documents regarding the proposed Regulation document 34 C.F.R. 300.300 Revocation of Consent and to send any comments to either himself or Elena Lincoln. In addition, the Families Together representative was asked if there were any concerns or comments about the proposed regulations, and the representative indicated there were none at that time. Public comment that will be held at the June '10 State Board meeting.

Mark encourages SEAC member comments by contacting him at [mward@ksde.org](mailto:mward@ksde.org).

**Update:  
Families  
Together, Inc.  
(FT)**

Connie Zienkewicz shared recent data gathered by FT: the number of persons served has increased in the past year to 2,600 families - 100 more than the previous year; special educators involved in FT trainings increased to 600 – 100 more than last year; some of the families contacting FT included -#1 autism, #2 students w/disabilities, #3 developmental disabilities; content of calls included- #1 IEPs, #2 family support (community, school, etc.), #3 parent rights/responsibilities, #4 program placement options, #5 suspension/expulsion, #6 education advocates; services to homeless families and military families has increased.

FT met w/SRS and KSDE to review the Medicaid waiver to better understand each group's restrictions so that kids can be well served.

FT works more now with families of infants & toddlers – 150 – as families learn to be advocates for their children. FT receives random calls concerning parents removing services. They try to make parents understand the consequences to issues such as how the child's behavior issues are dealt with.

Advocates are appointed most generally for students who's parental rights have been severed. When an advocate is appointed or an adjustment is made, the school & parent is sent a letter cc'ing the Special Education director or Coop, the school building principal and the foster care case manager.

Members discussed situations around parental/guardian signatures. Members asked Colleen to determine if there is a Program Performance Plan (PPP) that's well written and could be shared.

Connie can be reached at [connie@famielstogtherinc.org](mailto:connie@famielstogtherinc.org)

**Update:  
Technical  
Assistance  
Statewide  
Network  
(TASN)**

Kerry Haag & Joan Houghton provided a powerpoint overview of the previous technical assistance system (KSTARS) that included several projects derived from needs of personnel and disability specific. As a result of IDEA 2004 the SPP/APR and KIAS KSDE-SES redesigned the accountability system to serve two purposes: align w/KSBE goals, MTSS; meet the challenge of limited capacity within the KSDE-SES team (i.e. 8 positions have been open for past 3- 4 years). As a result the KSDE-SES team determined new/streamlined processes. RFPs went out in Oct. '10 and selections were made to bring teams together that go into effect July 1 '10 with a common focus on capacity building, utilizing principles in implementation research, increased collaboration/coordination across the TA network.

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The new TASN projects include:

- KS-TTAP – KS Transition Technical Assistance Project
- - INKS-AS – Inclusive Network for Reading, Math & LRE in KS
- - KELEMS – KS eLearning & eMentoring Supports
- - KISN – KS Instructional Support Network
- - MTSS Training System – Keystone Learning & SEKESC
- - Scaling-Up Tech. Assist. System Coord. & Eval. – Utah State University & Pittsburg State University
- - KIRC – KS Instructional Resource Center (KSB)
- - KEEB – KS Educational Employment Board (SEKESC)
- - Infinitic United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago
- - KITS – KS Instructional Training System (KU Center for Research)
- - GSTAD – General Supv. Timely & Accurate Data Project (Keystone Learning)

Kerry can be reached at [khaag@ksde.org](mailto:khaag@ksde.org) and Joan Houghton at [jhoughton@ksde.org](mailto:jhoughton@ksde.org)

**Update:  
Homeless  
Education in  
Kansas**

Tate Toedman provided a powerpoint overview and fact sheet around Education of Homeless Children & Youth (EHCY). The law was reauthorized in 1987 and placed under IDEA law, McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act in 2001. Student rights require immediate enrollment in schools that are located in the best interested of the student; transportation to/from school; free breakfast & lunch; participation in school without barriers which includes enrollment even without proper immunizations; comparable services (including transportation)

Federal funding grants went to seven schools districts last year; this year to 24 with a slight decrease in funding. Otherwise districts must use local funds for homeless education expenses.

Tate can be reached at [ttoedman@ksde.org](mailto:ttoedman@ksde.org) .

**SES Updates**

New SES staff:

Colleen introduced new SES team member Jillian Pattison, State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG).

RTTT:

Colleen announced that the KSBE voted not to pursue Phase 2 of the RTTT application. The turnaround time to submit the Phase 2 application is shorter than the original Phase 1 time. KSDE leadership was prepared to submit Phase 2.

Kansas Annual Performance Report (APR):

Colleen announced that the USDOE Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has notified KSDE SES that the APR for FFY 2008 met all requirements and no further amendments are needed.

District Level of Determinations (LODs)

KSDE is in the process of notifying districts of their LODs – indicating most districts are in

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compliance. Colleen referred to the handout KS Integrated Accountability System (KIAS); Gifted file review worksheet; KIAS fiscal accountability; and overview (draft document) of the KIAS which incorporates 4 new areas of file review.

More information about KIAS is available at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2037> .

ESEA Reauthorization:

Members reviewed the handout A Blueprint for Reform. Colleen announced that there current is no exact timeline when reauthorization will occur. AYP will go through 2013 and Colleen assumes that the Growth Model will also go through 2013.

Members asked about National Test or National Standards: Colleen replied that Acting Commissioner DeBacker has been involved in meetings looking at matching common core standards. Contact Colleen if you have additional questions at [criley@ksde.org](mailto:criley@ksde.org)

**SEAC  
Nominations  
for 3-year  
terms**

Colleen reported that requests for SEAC nominations were sent through KSDE list serves. Of importance is equal representation to each of the 10 KSBE districts. During this nomination period two members are re-eligible for appointment: Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer & Karen Kroh. Members provided unanimous support of their reappointment for a 2<sup>nd</sup> full 3-year term. Nomination information and forms can be found on-line at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2466> .

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

**Next meeting:**

**July 28 '10 - 1:00 pm - Wichita Hyatt Hotel  
(in conjunction with KSDE Special Education Leadership Conference)**