

# Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services / Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

Virtual

October 18, 2024

1:00 PM

## **Members Present** (20 voting members)

Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer, Chairperson & Service Provider

Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative

~~Melissa Valenza~~, for Dr. Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education, - Amanda Petersen, Director of Early Childhood

Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF), childcare

Sydney Dringman, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF), foster care

Chanda Gross, Medicaid Representative

Diana Martinez, Head Start Representative

Bronwyn Fees, KSU, incoming Board of Regents representative

Susan Bowles, Service Provider Member

Ann Elliott, Service Provider Member

Monica Ross, Service Provider Member

Representative Susan Ruiz, Legislator

Hilary Crist, Service Provider Member

*Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) (Ex-Officio)*

## **Members Not Present**

Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)

Christie Wyckoff, for Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

Marites Altuna, Service Provider Member

Erin Schuweiler, Service Provider Member

*Lesli Girard, Families Together (Ex-Officio)*

*Jennifer King, SEAC liaison (Ex-Officio)*

Courtney Hochman, Public Member

Senator Renee Erickson, Legislator

Rebecca Bell, KDADS

## **Nonmembers Present**

Stacy Clarke, KSDE SICC Staff Person

**Call to order:**

Chair Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeier called the meeting to order.  
Introductions were made by all present (it was noted that there was a quorum).

**Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from September were reviewed and approved.  
Motion made by Ann Elliott to accept minutes  
Seconded by Lisa Collette  
Motion carried – All members voted yes

**Meeting agenda:**

The agenda for October was reviewed and approved with revisions.  
Ann Elliott moved to accept the agenda  
Amanda Petersen seconded the motion  
Motion carried – All members voted yes

**Public Comment:**

No request came in for public comment.

**Parent Engagement Stipend Policy Amendment**

Lisa Collette moved to accept the policy with the amendments.  
Ann Elliott seconded the motion.  
Motion carried – All members voted yet.

**Local Program:**

Jonni Brown, the Part C Coordinator from KS13 Harvey County LICC Survey report

\*attached survey results

- They meet every odd month.
- They provide lunch for attendees.
- Approximately 20 people attend at each meeting.
- Struggle to recruit family members to attend.
- Attending agencies/programs:
  - Head Start
  - PAT
  - School District admin
    - Superintendent
    - Elem principal
  - Pediatrician
  - Chiropractor
  - 3-5 Early Childhood program reps.

- Breast Feeding Coalition
- DCF
- CASA
- Community members
- United Way
- Respite Care agency
- Heart to Heart
- Infant Toddler providers

It was noted that Jonni Brown goes above and beyond in her role.

Link to possible [LICC Survey questions](#).

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### SICC – LICC Support Committee

- Plans and facilitates the Fall LICC Retreat every fall (November 1, 2024)
- Considering LICC survey

This committee wasn't discussed at our strategic planning meeting. Do we want to continue this group with the goal of providing professional development and support for LICCs.

### Strategic Plan

[Draft Strategic Plan Action Plans](#)



**Goal 1: Medicaid**

Review and utilize existing Medicaid research and data.

**Goal 2: Categorical Aid**

Increase training and TA to programs on maximizing Categorical Aid. Research and review strategies to maximize categorical aid reimbursement to Part C and Section 619 programs.

**Goal 3: Inclusion in Part C and Part B 619**

Assist and advise KSDE on early childhood LRE/natural environment for children 0-5

**Goal 4: Promote the management and function of the SICC as it aligns and compliments the "All in for Kansas" strategic plan.**

- - Improve the availability of reliable resources and information for parents in a centralized location.
- - Increase the availability of mental health resources for providers and caregivers.
- - Improve the recruitment and retention of the local workforce by collaborating with others.

There was a discussion about changing the age focus of goal 3 since LRE applies to 3-5 year olds. It was decided to keep 0-5 and add "natural environment".

The above will be approved with flexibility within each workgroup/committee. Lisa Collette moved to accept the goals with flexibility. Ann Elliott seconded the motion.

Discussion: Should we add a goal to continue the Fall LICC Retreat?

Motion amended with a 5<sup>th</sup> goal added for the Fall LICC Retreat by Lisa Collette. Seconded by Ann Elliott.

Shared the updated [Committee/Workgroup assignments](#)

## Committee Reports:

### Executive Committee

Approving agenda

### Medicaid workgroup

- Lisa is continuing as chairperson
- Updated goal

- Coordinating with KU-CPPR for their work contracted with KDHE related to Medicaid funding.
- The committee provided some documents to KU-CPPR.
- Using the KU-CPPR information will bring information and a suggestion back to the SICC.
- There will be an update with KU\_CPPR in January.
- Note - vision codes for Medicaid are being discussed.
- Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2 pm.

### Systems and Services Committee

- Previously known as the Structure Committee
- Added workforce to the action plan
- Culturally Responsive approach to all work being done
- Action items for next meeting:
  - Review the Kansas All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan and bring ideas for how to proceed to the next meeting.
- Meet Wednesday prior to the SICC meeting at 2:30

### EC / LRE Workgroup

- Chavis is going to break down the goals. Then the group will prioritize the work.
- Committee members should have a survey to complete to determine the best time for meetings.

### Categorical Aid workgroup

- Monica Ross is the chair.
- Added detail to the plan
- Reviewing existing resources, SPED reimbursement guide, Part C needs assessment, existing policies, etc.
- Review the current usage of cat. aid for programs
- Then determine why programs aren't accessing cat. aid and forming a plan.

### LICC Support Committee

- The retreat is coming on November 1 from 8:30 – 12:30 pm - virtual
- Share the information with others.
- Retreat Presenters
  - Amanda Petersen – update on early childhood in Kansas State Department of Education,
  - Behaviors are Just the Tip of the Iceberg – Ingrid Pohl
  - [PC TALK](#), Dr. Walker and Dr. Bigelow from Juniper Gardens

### SPP/APR

Not meeting

## Agency Reports:

### KSDE Report

[Written report attached](#)

Teacher Apprenticeship Program – 100 currently

### DCF Report

None

### KDHE Report

None

### KDADS Report

Researching [KAIMH endorsements](#) for mental health providers in CCMHCs  
CCMHCs must serve people birth to death

### KCCTF Report

[Written report](#)

### Families Together

none

### SEAC Report (quarterly)

none

## Other Reports:

### Staff Reports:

- Sponsoring SICC members to attend the KDEC – next month
- Gary Henault is turning over KDADS representation to Rebecca
- Makayla Ball – new parent
- Family member reimbursements will start in November
- Beginning of 2024 through Aug. 2024- 105.749 ASQ given in the KSDE ASQ Account
- Free ASQ access – contact Stacy
- Kan Be Healthy screening updates will include ASQ
- OSEP requested a meeting for Part C and Part B – We met and OSEP noted that Kansas does have a good plan.
- Monthly Part C to B KDHE & KSDE meetings will continue

- Children in childcare centers with IFSPs or IEPs should have it on file. – discussions continuing. Parents must sign a release for this.

### Chair Report

Attended the Kansas Mental Health Advisory Council meeting – promoted the SICC at the meeting.

Note- Aetna is no longer a state MCO insurance provider. Children and families may be working on transitioning insurance. Rep. Ruiz would like to know if Aetna isn't working to support families.

### Adjournment:

Motion made by Amanda Petersen to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Ann Elliott.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 pm by Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer

All in favor

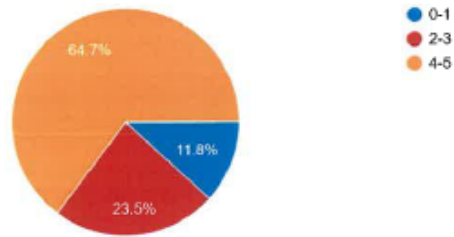
The next State ICC meeting will be on November 22 at 1 pm  
– virtual.

• completed  
May/June of 2022  
(4 pages)

## 2022 ICC Survey

How many ICC meetings have you attended this year (virtual or in person) ?

17 responses



**If you attended fewer than 2 meetings please tell us why? or What do we need to change to get you back to the meetings? (2 responses)**

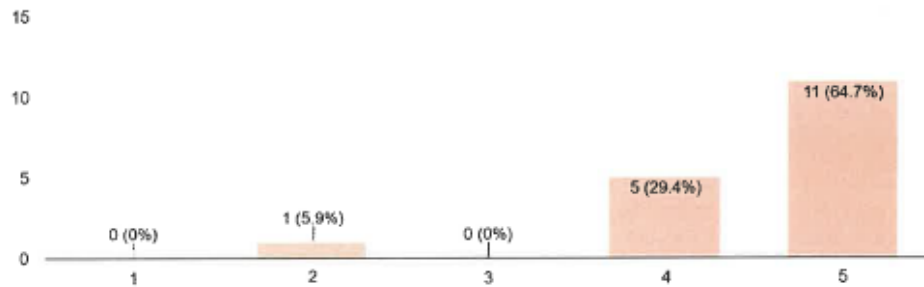
Not sure what the mission of this group is. Also times for meeting don't fit well in my schedule.

I was subbing in the 3-5 classrooms.



**How helpful have you found the community spotlights this year?**

17 responses



**What organizations or programs in Harvey County are you interested in learning more about?**

(6 responses)

I would like to know more about St Francis Ministries and Health Ministries.

Mental Health Services specific to littles, CASA,

Big Brothers Big Sisters

WIC, and other programs that are collaborative between organizations.

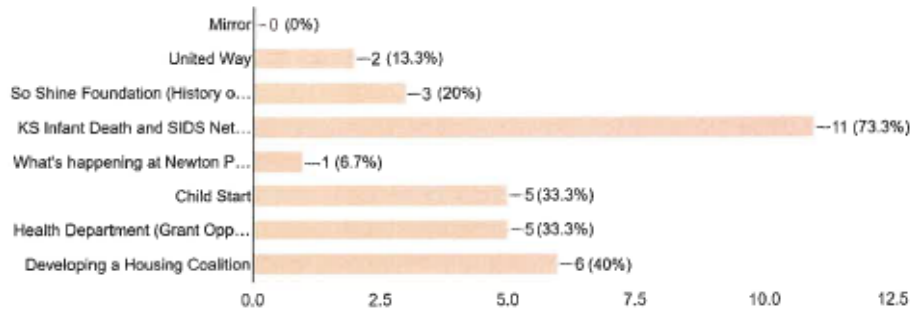
Heart 2 Heart, Casa

FQHC, what other local coalitions are working on

Heartland Pregnancy Center

Which community spotlights made the most impact on you? (Chose up to 2)

15 responses



Do you find the discussions around challenges and opportunities beneficial?

17 responses



**What would you change about the ICC meetings to make them more beneficial and a positive use of your time? (8 responses)**

I wonder if we couldn't formulate an action on some of our issues we talk about? That is very broad and I don't know what that action plan would look like but would like to explore that a bit?

If people were able to come closer to 11:30 to network a chat before the meeting.

Identifying community needs are great but I think it is important to have plans, etc. rather than just sharing concerns

Honestly, I go to a lot of meetings, and this is one of my favorites. I have learned a lot about both issues and organizations in our community.

I like the format, frequency, location and time of day.

I'm not sure what this group is about and how I can help. So far it feels like I have just listened to other organizations explain the work they do.

I can't think of anything and am so thankful for the virtual option.

Dialogue is always good. Keep that up! Getting folks around the table is always a win.

**Is there anything else that you would like to tell us? (10 responses)**

Thank you to all who present and all who attend. Many thanks also to Tricia for coordinating, documenting and keeping us all informed.

I think ICC has been very beneficial! Meetings are always organized and run smoothly and are filled with great information and discussion. We have a really good consistent group of people attending!

I love the discussion portion of the meeting and find it valuable for my work in understanding larger systems and interactions. I know the relationship-building work we do would not be possible without the work of the others around the table!

n/a

I appreciate that they are virtual and in-person. I was not able to make one of the meetings because a schedule conflict. I have enjoyed the community networking and being more involved in Harvey County.

I wish we had more affected families present...I'll keep my eye out

Could we tackle more issues happening within our county instead of talking about what other organizations are up to.

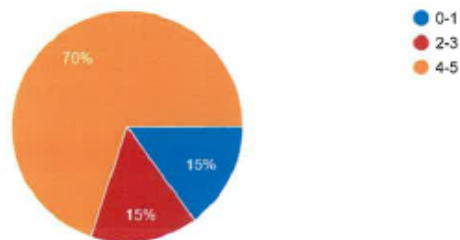
I've found them a useful way to get an overview of issues affecting kids in our community

Great group of folks. Good opportunities to connect and deliver services in a comprehensive manner.

• completed  
May/June 2023  
(5 pages)

## ICC SURVEY 2022-2023

How many ICC meetings did you attend during 2022-2023? (in person or virtual)  
20 responses



**What do you feel is a strength of our Interagency Coordinating Council?** (20 responses)

- Great information shared to bring about awareness of all the resources and programs available in Harvey County. Great networking opportunities and brainstorming.
- Spotlighting agencies
- ICC offer a variety of resources in the community.
- Sharing information on resources in the community as well as struggles of community members and how to resolve those issues
- Connecting stakeholders
- We have a large segment of services available to the public represented.
- Great information sharing during those times!
- lots of agencies represented- good ideas and resources shared
- Sharing of information
- The community partners attending and the introductions to other programs.
- yes
- Collecting a unified picture.
- Collaboration and sharing of information
- The number of agencies involved in the council, all working toward similar goals.

-I love that there are so many agencies in this group and it was much different than I thought it would be. With the different agencies at the table, it feels that the group looks to provide for children in this age group in many ways. Collaboration is so important and I think this group demonstrates that.

-The different organizations involved and how we are all willing to help or advocate for one another.

-It represents so many facets of our community, with a substantial amount of collective knowledge.

-It brings in a wide variety of individuals and organizations working on early childhood issues.

-Sharing information and networking between agencies

-Connection of agencies, information of services and upcoming events

**What would you change about our Interagency Coordinating Council? (16 responses)**

-Nothing at this time

-N/A

-I know it has been tried but getting more people from different agencies to attend regularly

-Be more action oriented

-Not sure I have a recommendation here. You all do great work with this.

-Add more parents (ongoing challenge not for lack of trying), have more agencies run the meeting along with the chair

-Time for small group discussions

-Nothing that I can think of at this time.

-Nothing- it is good information

-I think it is working.

-It might be helpful to have a spreadsheet of who is in attendance, contact information, and what agencies do if we need to connect families to resources.

-I'm too new to answer this!

-Nothing

**What organizations or programs in Harvey County are you interested in learning more about? (The ones that were mentioned last year were given an opportunity to share information with our group.) (16 responses)**

-Any updates from DCF about foster care, child care, etc...

-Information from Prairie View or a network of places about therapy/mental health options

- Updates from breastfeeding coalition
- Updates from the group that was working on more childcare options
- Information from Newton PD about drug use, domestic violence, etc... in Harvey County
- Updates from the new homeless shelter being built and more info on what the vision is and what opportunities will be available for the community
- I don't know, because I'm not always sure what programs there are.
- it would be helpful to have salvation army or someone from the Ministerial Alliance to talk about their requirements to support families.
- Health insurance- information
- Health Ministries Mobile- this will provide information on what exactly do they do and how it works in case a family has to visit the site without an appointment. "
- N/A
- Safe hope, Mid Kansas Community Action Program
- Continue the broad spectrum of organizations. Perhaps get the area legislators in a couple of times?
- Child mental health services
- Hold care opportunities
- I think the ICC covers a large variety of organizations. I cannot think of any new ones at this time.
- Not sure
- I am always interested in hear from them al . Updates are good.
- I believe those currently attending are a great start. Might it be possible to include more mental health professionals? As I've only attended one meeting, I may have missed involvement in that field, but it feels like an area of concern. COPE would also be a new resource that might be helpful to know more about.
- Parents as Teachers; Heart to Heart
- I'm still learning what all is in Harvey County. Hearing from other organizations has been really valuable.
- No specific request at this time
- Heartland PCC
- Though the info sharing is hugely valuable, I'm not always clear on our purpose. I do feel some tension between the value of sharing information and the impetus to find a way to act on some of that information. For example, it's been valuable to look at Harvey County's lack of childcare, but it seems like there are potential "next steps" that the council may not have capacity to take.

-No suggestions at this time

-I like it

**What could we do to make the ICC a more hands on group so others in the community know how we support the birth-age 5 population? (18 responses)**

-Possibly a Facebook page? Networks/Program leaders could continuously post updates and information about resources or upcoming opportunities/events.

-A facebook page, flyers

-I don't know about hands on but if we want to let the community know what ICC does maybe posters, flyers, and they can be given out in the community.

-I honestly don't know.

-Community messaging to get the word out

-Sorry but I just don't know the answer to this!

-Not sure you can be more hands-on unless you are trying to accomplish something with the group other than sharing information.

-Add business members, chamber members

-I do not know I believe we do a great job now

-I would maybe advertise the meeting on social media, or continually remind attendees to invite others in the community.

-Not sure

-I do not know. Thanks.

-As I am still familiarizing myself with this group, I would need some time to brainstorm opportunities for community involvement.

-Now knowing who is on it, I will make it a meeting to attend. I have received the emails but was not sure if this was a place for Heart to Heart. Seeing the agencies in attendance, we feel it would be great to attend and hear from the other agencies in attendance.

-I am not sure if this is possible, but maybe send out a flyer to the organizations involved with an overview of what we discussed so our clients can be more informed and our community can be more informed about the things that we need.

-This may not answer the question, but I'd love to develop the library as a information hub on early childhood resources and use our programming as a way to connect families with the many local organizations that serve the birth-5 population--perhaps by inviting professionals involved in ICC to visit story times and structured play sessions, or use our space to host more events for these organizations (such as the PAT play dates we already have).