

# Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council Steering Committee

Thursday, October 20, 2011

Present: Michele Spainhower, Healthy Babies - Health Department; Marcy Cone, Child Start; Cyndi Chapman, Wesley Hospital; Chris Johnston, USD 259 PAT; June Remple, USD 266 Early Childhood; and Paco Price, Rainbows Untied - ITS

## **Agenda**

### **Membership - June**

We discussed new members for the steering council for the coming year. Cayla will talk with Deena Williams - mental health- and Elizabeth Cartanega - parent. Tim Quiggle and Julie McShane will be back ups.

### **Part C Update - Paco**

#### Transition Summit in Newton -

The morning was sharing with the community teams. Maize, Goddard and Wichita PAT, Early Head Start, Head Start, Connecting Point, Mulvane USD, Sedgwick County Coop and Sedgwick County ITS were at the Sedgwick County table. Derby, TOP and Haysville USD were also at the meeting. We did a rating scale on the community transitions and identified inter agency communication at the time of transitions and having all agencies involved with the family present at transition meetings as the highest priorities. The afternoon was devoted to the regulations and documentation requirements of Part C to Part B transitions.

The steering committee discussed having a full council meeting devoted to transitions in the community. We decide to do that in February. Paco will contact Carla Heintz about facilitating that meeting. Cayla will bring cards to the December full council meeting that members can submit questions about transitions for the February Transition meeting. We need to include a definition of what a transition is. Cayla will look for a larger setting for this meeting.

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#### Transition Non-compliance -

The state has sent out notices of non-compliance to many of the Part C networks, including Sedgwick County, for not having transition meetings in the proper time frame. Paco submitted a corrective action plan to the State. Sedgwick County will be monitored each month in October, November, and December. We will only get off of a corrective action plan when we have 100% compliance. Paco discussed some of the regulations that will make this difficult to ever achieve.

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#### State IFSP -

KDHE is working on developing a state IFSP form. Paco was part of a group that gave input for the development of the new IFSP. The form probably wouldn't be in use until the summer of 2012.

### **KCCTF Grants - Cayla**

The Children's Cabinet put a 14% cut in Smart Start funding in their RFPs this year. There was level funding for the block grants. Neither grant was competitive this year. For the council piece we cut the resource specialist position by 50% and some Male Focus group activities. Jane Eby wrote a Kansas

Health Foundation for the Male Focus Group and this would help in continuing their activities and looking at other funding for the resource specialist activities. KCCTF did change core service areas and this should help in defining some of the pieces we do.

**Videos**

There are six to eight advocacy videos on the Connecting Point website. Please add more as we get closer to the new legislative session.