

SCECCC Steering Committee

Thursday, August 18, 2011

Present: Nancy Krause, Early Head Start/Head Start; Marcie Cone, Child Start; Cayla Wasson, Connecting Point; Chris Johnston, USD 259 PAT; Debbie Mai, Rainbows United; Anne Harris, Wichita Public Library; Paco Price, Sedgwick County Infant/Toddler Services;

AGENDA

Resource Guide - Cayla

Cayla showed how the Resource Guide would print out. She passed it around to have us check it for errors. We did want a Table of Contents. Cayla plans on having it loaded on the website by the September Full Council meeting. We will just pass it around at the full council meeting. Cayla will put websites on the Table of Contents.

Part C Update

TA Plan - Paco and Alexia with Peggy Miksch from KITS to update our Part C technical assistance plan. Peggy had suggested targeting Doctor referrals and Health Department referrals. Those were two areas where we were under the state average.

Meeting with Dr. Sanchez – Paco, Alexia, and Debbie met with Dr. Jose Sanchez, new Rainbows Board Member, about increasing physician referrals. Dr. Sanchez gave us good suggestion for information to present, putting together a new medical fax referral form and said he would arrange meetings with a family practice and a pediatric practice.

Transition Summit on 9/28 – KDHE and KSDE are putting on their annual collaboration summit on September 28th in Newton. All early childhood programs are invited for the morning session. All school district Part B programs and all Part C programs are required for the afternoon session.

Prepare for Full Council

The next full council meeting will be at Big/Brother/Big Sisters on 9/15. Cayla has had council members ask about the services in the Proud of Me Program. COMCARE also got a new grant from United Health Ministries and there have been questions asked about that program. There still are questions at the County level on whether taking the grant will occur. Cayla will ask Julie McShane to present. Brenda Bandy is with the state Breastfeeding Coalition and having her present on the State's mission and goals might be a possibility. Michelle will talk with Brenda as a possibility. We need to do an update on the block grant and Smart Start Grants. Kandi or Luella would be able to do this. A possibility could be having a Voice Committee update. We can make a pitch to get parents with a disability to join the council.

Summer Updates

Wichita Public Library - Don't go to the Library tomorrow. Tomorrow is a furlough day. The Library has done a strategic plan and one of their goals is early literacy. Teen resource day is Oct. 22 at Great Plain Nature center. They are still doing Science Time every other month. Babes & Books will be at Evergreen Branch once a month.

Connecting Point - PAT is helping with S4S. Screenings went well over the summer. Healthy Babies and USD help with the vision screening, which have been difficult to staff.

Healthy Babies - New Division Director - Rod Harris. MNI clinic is not taking new clients. This program is being phased out. If approved Healthy Babies will go into schools for Health/sex education. Aug 27th is Baby your Baby Day. Sept 10th at : park will have Kickoff event for North East partners for Healthy Families. Sept 24th at Exploration Place Car Seat Safety check.

Head Start opened the new site on Oliver and it was licensed. They closed the Martin Luther Center. Classes start August 29th. Vanessa is leaving to be permanency planning trainer with Youthville.

Child Start has had three recent literacy workshops. 230 attended. It was free.