

# Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council

## Full Council Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 2011

Present: Deena Williams, Wichita Child Guidance Center/KCSL; Tim Quiggle, Pregnancy Crisis Center; Paco Price, Rainbows, Michele Spainhower, Healthy Babies; Nancy Kraus, Early Head Start; Anne Maack, Child Start; Emily Lies, YMCA Child Care; Lutfie Begum; Connecting Point; Christy Hutto, Connecting Point; Anne Harris, Wichita Public Library; June Remple, USD 266; Calya Wasson, Connecting Point; Katie Noller, Via Christi; Kathy Gann, Children's Mercy; Tamara Welty, Children's Mercy; Julie Cailteux, parent; Sandra Zeh, Health Wave; Doug Bowman, KDHE; Marcy Cone, Child Start; Kandi Miller, United Way; Erin Osbeck, Youthville; Frank Chappell, AMBUCS; Warren Wallis, AMBUCS; Alexis Wallis, AMBUCS; Glenda Wilcox, Head Start/Early Head Start

### **Introductions - Nancy**

#### **Parent Involvement - Julie Cailteux**

Daughter Kate with born 29 1/2 weeks. Spastic quadriplegic CP, Have used many services from this group. Had a social worker at Wesley that gave us a great start, Rainbows, Heartspring, Wesley, Amtrykes, PAT, CPRF, 211, TCM, are some of the services Julie's family has used

What were the most important agencies that got you into services?

Dr. offices, NICU, most important places to know information to make good referrals.

Parents need to advocate for continued improvements in making services available to all parents.

Julie has served on Screen 4 Success and implemented changes from the parent perspective.

Has seen changes over the years that have been important for parents.

#### **Amtrykes by Air Capital Ambucs - Warren Wallis and Frank Chappell**

Mission dedicated to creating mobility and independence for individual with disabilities.

AMBUCS Scholarships for Therapists are available. Call Warren or Frank for details - 316 7463032 or 6401360 Frank's phone. Local Air Capital chapter started in June 2010.

The trikes are meant to be therapeutic. They build stamina - endurance strength and self esteem. They are fun and encourages fitness and give kids the experience of independence.

Therapeutic trikes for special needs children. They are free for kids. They have 16 different models. They gave out catalogue and brochure. You can go online at [aircapitolambucs.com](http://aircapitolambucs.com)

#### **Connecting Point Website - Cayla Wasson**

Introduced Christy Hutto and Lutfie Begum and their responsibilities for Connecting Point.

Cayla walked through many of the web pages. Most information is in English and Spanish.

Resource Guide will be updated in February and August

The where and when of the next Council meeting is listed.

Minutes of meetings are available.

### **Voice Task Group - Paco**

We will do basically what we did last year. We do have six videos for advocacy up on the Connecting Point website. Please consider getting parents and staff to also do these short – 1 to 2 minute videos. We will want to collect information on advocates that will agree to contact their representatives when needed. Please watch for future emails from Connecting Point on how to get involved.

### **Grant updates- Kandi**

Block Grant will remain the same.

Smart Start had a 14% reduction in budget.

Grant applications submitted in Oct 28th and Nov. 8th.

Kandi described some of the changes in the grants.

Dec 2nd we found out both of our grants were approved as submitted.

### **State ICC - Doug Bowman**

Doug is the staff for the State ICC. Doug applauded us for all of our hard work with children and families. Doug Suggested having a link on our website to the State ICC. He also invited anyone to serve on the state committees.

Tomorrow is the State ICC meeting. ITV in Wichita 259 Admin Building at 201 N Water. Brownback announced on Nov. 8th streamlining at the state level. One part of the change would be to move Part C to the new Department of Children and Families (old SRS). Part of the meeting will be gathering input from anyone on this issue.

### **Change of Leadership for the SCECCC Steering Committee**

Thanks to Nancy as past chair

Anne is new co-chair for the Steering Committee as Nancy goes off. June Remple will be the new chair.

Dena Williams from Wichita Guidance and Liz Cartagena - parent rep will join the steering committee.

### **Announcements**

Coventry is purchasing Children's Mercy in order to meet the requirements of Managed Care provider for proposed Medicaid changes. This is not official yet. They will be known as Family Health Partners, a Coventry Company. They will expand to cover whole state and aged, blind and disable. The application process is still the same. No changes for consumers now.

#### **Child Start**

Official release of Sedgwick County Kids' Count Data. Anne passed out the flyers.

#### **Male Focus - Tim**

Doing what we can we do with very little funding. Will hold an April workshop to define differences between Mothering and Fathering. The main focus will be to highlight the research. Hopefully this will be at no cost and with CEUs. More information will come out through Connecting Point.