

Shawnee County ECC Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2014 - 1:30 to 3:30 - KCSL, 3545 SW 5th

Attendees: Heidi Benham, Cara Bass, Angie Bloom, William Del Toro, Teresa Fisher, Chasity Foster, Bonnie Gonzales, Caroline Hastings, Sara Hortenstine, Kathy Johnson, Janice Jones, Sharon Kearse, Julie McGinley, Shannon McMahan, Brooke Miller, Quisha Mitchell, Margarita Munoz, Melanie Salisbury, Sue Smith, Luanne Webb, Renee Wohletz and Carole Creason

Staff: Julie McGinley (Chair) and Renee Wohletz (Past Chair)

The meeting was called to order by Julie McGinley

1. Introductions/Announcements

2. Approval of July minutes: Minutes were approved as written.

3. Presentation: Sarah Terwelp with CASA presented on the "Shawnee County Multidisciplinary Child Protection Team"

- A. This team "assists in gathering information regarding children who may be or is a child in need of care" and reports results to the judge.
- B. They are looking for solutions, focusing on what is best for the child.
- C. The panel consists of a wide range of professionals, including representatives from law enforcement, Valeo, DCF and TFI.
- D. They handle 3 cases per month.
- E. Meetings are on the 4th Wed of the month.
- F. Contact Kelly Stephens at kstephens@lifehousecac.com with questions or a report.

4. Review Strategic Plan Action Plans:

- A. The group divided into 2 parts to brainstorm action plans for goals 1 & 2.
- B. Ideas will be taken to the Exec team. They will report back next month.
- C. A list of resources for parents was distributed.

5. Reports:

- A. Executive Team – Julie
 - i. Work is being done on the website
 - ii. The Strategic Plan is being revised
- B. Infant-Toddler Services & State ICC Legislative Update – Kathy
 - i. TARC has hired two new teachers
 - ii. TARC had a parent cafe on August 26th; attended by 24 parents with 33 children
 - iii. September 25th is the annual family picnic which will provide a snack meal and activities for children
 - iv. TARC's new brochure is now being printed in Spanish
 - v. The Tiny k alliance went to KDHE Secretary Mosier to discuss additional funding.
- C. United Way - Brooke Miller was introduced as the new Director of Childhood Initiatives
- D. Drug Endangered Child Alliance – Sara
 - i. \$1200. was raised for training. The alliance is partnering with KDHE for web based training at the local and statewide level; possibly national.
 - ii. There is no state DEC conference this year. DEC will be at the Governor's Conference

E. Grants – Rene

- i. The CASS grant, which consists of 9 partners, is due Friday, Sept 12th at 5:00. 2.5 million is being requested. 18 million has been awarded. More to come.
- ii. Compliments have been received from Wichita State on the collaborative.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Next meeting is October 6, 2014