

Shawnee County ECC Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees: Cara Bass, Rebecca Clancy, Lisa Collette, Teresa Fisher, Chasity Foster, Kathy Johnson, Janice Jones, Sharon Kearse, Shannon McMahon, Brooke Miller, Margarita Munoz, Kay Powell, Melanie Salsbury, Sue Smith, Luanne Webb, Renee Wohletz and Carole Creason

Staff: Rebecca Clancy (Chair-Elect) and Renee Wohletz (Past-Chair)

The meeting was called to order by Rebecca Clancy

1. Introductions/Announcements:

2. Approval of November minutes: November minutes were approved as written.

3. Roster Update: The current ECC roster was passed around for updates.

4. Presentation: Barbara Ganaway, Project Coordinator with the Kansas Coalition for Effective Family Engagement, gave a presentation on the Early Childhood Family Engagement Standards.

- A. The purposes and goals were reviewed.
- B. Barbara explained the proposed standards. (Her PowerPoint presentation is attached.)
- C. The local task force will meet Dec 10th at 1:30 at TARC.

5. Website Review: Brooke

- A. Updates will now be done at the Exec meeting.
- B. When submittals are made, include as much as possible, ie: link to website, picture, media richness.
- C. The Kids Calendar is still in progress.
- D. Consider what the next step will be; what are some promotional options? Face Book page, Social Media?
 - a. Brooke suggested how a bookmark, or series of bookmarks, could be created and used as a promotional tool to convey our common message. It would be an inexpensive and effective way to promote ECC. Examining targets and goals can be considered at the Exec meeting. Future ECC meetings could include break-out sessions to brainstorm ideas for common messaging and strategies on how to increase information access.
- E. Chasity will submit a KSCL Red Stocking Breakfast flier for the Welcome Page.

6. Strategic Plan Revisions: The strategic plan was reviewed and revisions were approved.

7. Consider nominations for the 2015 Chair-Elect position

- A. Kathy explained the Co-Chair position.
- B. Shannon McMahon was nominated by Sharon Kearse.
- C. If there are any more nominations, contact Kathy or Carole.
- D. Voting will take place at the January meeting.

8. Reports:

- A. Executive Team – Rebecca
 - a. Much time has been spent on revising the strategic plan and creating the website.
 - b. Exec Meetings have been changed to the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:00 (following the CASS meeting).
 - c. Meetings have been moved to the United Way so website submissions can be uploaded at the meeting. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

B. Infant-Toddler Services – Kathy

- a. KDHE is hosting “Communities for Kids” meeting nights across Kansas. The meeting is Topeka on January 21st. For more information, go to the KDHE website. This will be added to the ECC website.
 - I. Funding issues
 - II. Bi-lingual staff
- b. The Children’s Cabinet voted in increase funding from additional funds last year.
- c. The TARC holiday party is 12-2-14. This was well attended last year.

C. United Way & DEC report – Brooke

- a. The DEC alliance is working on a web-based training. Currently content experts are pulling information regarding basic DEC information, as well as information for specific occupations such as law enforcement, legal services, mandated reports, hospital staff, daycare providers and DCF workers. The anticipated release of the training is early 2015.

6. Grants:

- A. Janice Smith will attend the Block Grant meeting.
- B. On 12-10-14 the task force for the Early Childhood Family Engagement grant will meet at TARC.

7. Other:

- A. There are openings in the Head Start preschool classrooms. This will be added to the website.
- B. 12-13-14 is the KCSL Red Stocking Breakfast at Carlos O’Kellys.
- C. On 12-7-14, “Caring Santa” will be at the mall. This is for children with special needs.
- D. A new TARC video was shown that promotes public awareness of TARC’s services.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Next meeting is January 5, 2015