

# **Shawnee County ECC Meeting Minutes**

## **August 3, 2015 - 1:30 to 3:30 - KCSL, 3545 SW 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Attendees:** Angela Beemer, Rebecca Clancy, Katie Englehart, Teresa Fisher, Chasity Foster, Bonnie Gonzales, Sara Hortenstine, Jessica Hosman, Kathy Johnson, Janice Jones, Julie McGinley, Misti Robertson, Melanie Salsbury, Tracy Tugman, Luanne Webb, Sandra West, Renee Wohletz, and Carole Creason

**Staff:** Rebecca Clancy (Chair) and Julie McGinley (Past-Chair)

The meeting was called to order by Rebecca Clancy

### **1. Welcome Back and Announcements:**

**2. Approval of May minutes:** The May minutes were approved as written.

### **3. Orientation Process Update**

- A. ECC Orientations will now be on-demand, as needed.
- B. One-on-one orientation with a member of the Exec team will make it more individualized and personal.
- C. A brief overview will be scheduled.

### **4. Program Updates and Reviews:**

- A. Successful Connection
  - 1. Sara explained the Home Visitors' Conference.
  - 2. DEC is creating an on-line training for professionals that will be available this Fall on Kansas Train.
  - 3. CBCAP changed their grant funding date from July 1 to October 1. Sara's last day with Successful Connections is 8-13-15.
- B. Healthy Families is fully staffed.
- C. Safe Families is growing and connecting. They need more volunteers.
  - 1. Their website is [Safe-families.org](http://Safe-families.org)
- D. K-State Extension Office
  - 1. Janice reported that they serve almost 1000 kids. Kendra works with youth and teaches in schools. Tracy does cooking classes at KVC and Family Service & Guidance Center. Margarita works with Spanish families.
- E. Pine Ridge is starting Parent Power. They are working to get a community clinic. 51 students are currently enrolled in multiple age classrooms.
- F. The Topeka Rescue Mission's Children's Palace is continuing with construction and will open early next year. 76 kids are being served this summer; ages 1-18 years old. 50% are under the age of six.
- G. TARC
  - 1. Melanie reported that the PACT program is growing. They currently have 42 families. Lori Eigenman is the contact person.
  - 2. There is always a need for volunteer child care providers.
  - 3. Job openings include: therapist, speech and language, teachers and others.
- H. YWCA
  - 1. Misti explained that their services haven't changed. Parenting classes are tailored to families with various crises. Clients have to be someone that has utilized their services. Sandra West is the new case manager.
  - 2. Job openings include: rural advocate and part-time admin assistant in Holton.
- I. First Steps
  - 1. Teresa reported that there are 5500 participants for WIC. Next day scheduling is still in effect. They are fully staffed.

- J. Bright Beginnings
  - 1. Bonnie reported that they have 4 nurses. Two of these provide services for TARC.
  - 2. As of July 1, 60 families have been served.
  - 3. Work is in process to make the immunization service more efficient.
  - 4. Their office will soon be moving into the old SRS Learning Center
- K. Child Care Aware
  - 1. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> is the Conference for Child Care Providers.
  - 2. Job openings are posted on their website and include a position for a coach for early learning providers.
- L. USD 437 – PAT - Julie reported that they have a job opening.
- M. Topeka Public Library
  - 1. The summer reading program has been completed.
  - 2. Workshops for 0-3 begin Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> for five Mondays. A link is on their website.
- N. USD 501 – PAT
  - 1. Rebecca disseminated an events schedule.
  - 2. There are lending libraries at all three of their sites.
  - 3. They serve families in the 501 district.

#### **5. Report on Part C Grant:**

- A. Kathy explained that from January through June they received 327 referrals for evaluation; the largest referral source coming from physicians. Some are referred but don't complete the evaluation process. 111 were referred but not evaluated. 236 evaluations on children were completed.
- B. 552 kids are being served. This is a 10% increase from a year ago.
- C. Tinyk Alliance will meet with Dr. Susan Mosier, Secretary of KDHE, to discuss Infant/Toddler Services.
- D. TARC is doing a fundraiser on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Chris Fisher with WIBW will host a clay shoot for kids.

#### **6. Consider Chair-Elect Nominations**

- A. Rebecca explained the position. There are no volunteers at this time. Please notify Kathy or Rebecca if you, or someone you know, would like to be nominated for this position.

#### **7. Other:**

- A. St. Francis Children's Miracle Network is a good resource for children 0-18 with needs that include equipment that is individualized for the child. They are in need of a child ambassador.
- B. The Family Engagement Grant is doing a new 6-month pilot project at Pine Ridge. Families will earn points that will be converted to gift coupons. They earn points by reading to a child, volunteering at Pine Ridge, PAT events, baby fairs, etc. Final prize will be a family trip. Funding is for 3 years at \$5,000 per year.
- C. Renee gave a grant update of the 9 agencies. The statewide database is in the live phase. Shawnee County is doing well with numbers. There are no corrections at this time. The renewal was submitted in July.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup>