

Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council

Full Council

December 13, 2018

Present: Kandi Schmidt, United Way; Anne Harris, Wichita Public Library; Michelle Calvert, COMCARE; June Remple, USD 266; Cayla Wasson, Connecting Point; United Way; Paco Price, Rainbows/Part C; Tim Quiggle, Embrace; Kelly Shively, COMCARE; Liz Smith, KC SL; Angela Parcaro-Tucker, Via Christ; Sarah Robinson, St. Francis Ministries; Emily Goetz, Haysville PAT; Lyndon Drew, Catholic Charities; Jetta Williams, Haysville USD; Shannon Benoit, USD 259; Susan Ridgeway, USD 265/PAT; Kim McGuire, USD 263 PAT; Christy Hutto, Connecting Point; Cammie Goen, Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center; Allison Graham, Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center; Adrienne Ladd, Child Care Licensing; Michelle Classen, USD 262 PAT; Laurie Fitch, USD 262 PAT; Sarah Rivers, Parent; Jeremy Lewallen, USD 260 PAT; Andie Martinez, Healthy Babies

Welcome / Ice Breaker - Michelle

State Part C Needs Assessment – Paco

1. Network Survey – Passed out and asked to get it back by end of this meeting.
2. Screening Survey – Sent out email with a link Wednesday to those partners doing screening.
3. Stories – explained and handed out cards with a link to share with others in the community.

Full Council Meetings and schedule -Michelle

The steering committee will focus on facilitating connections, learning activities and sharing agency updates during our full council meetings. The scheduled dates and places for 2019 are:

- 2/28 – Envision
- 5/16 – Rainbows
- 9/19 – Botanica
- 12/19 – Boy Scouts

Cayla passed around the Participating Agency List to update and then it will be posted on the Connecting Point website.

Shannon Benoit – 259 updates

PAT program

4 full time educators up from 2.5 serving over 100

Started an inter-generation play group this year. 4 additional playgroups in the district. Starting some night time playgroups next semester.

Pre-Kindergarten program – 67 classrooms -1,197 children. She passed out brochures for the PAT and Pre-Kindergarten Program.

ESOL program has over 8000 kids, 105 languages, over 400 interpreters.

“Refugees in the Heartland” is a YouTube video that is about some of the ESOL services being provided by the district. Heartwarming story that you should check out.

Testing Teams have been divided and not all at Lewis Learning Center now. They did move all preschool evaluations to the AM because of parent request.

PAT in Sedgwick County Update – June Remple

Provided a handout with details on the Sedgwick County PAT

520 - enrolled

126 – wait list

6 – openings

2 – staff changes/openings

Greater Wichita Fatherhood Coalition

Provided two handouts. Both of these are for use by any agency.

- Fatherhood Assessment Tool
- Fatherhood Training Opportunity

They will have a Fatherhood Training opportunity on Feb. 27th. 10:00 – 12:00. Limit of 40. Will register with Connecting Point office. There will be CEUs available. It will be a 2 hour program. Conceptually, this is a train the trainer program and participants can go back and do it within their agency.

Early Childhood Award - Michelle

The steering committee has discussed the possibility of giving out an Award from the Council for Early Childhood involvement. We don't have details yet and will be having further discussions. This wouldn't be done until the end of 2019. Please let any of the steering committee know if you have thoughts on this.

State Part C Needs Assessment

Paco collected 14 of the Needs Assessment survey after the meeting.

Agency Updates – Michelle

- **Wichita Public Library** – Thanks to all who read for Kansas Reads to child 4,500 kids were read to.
- **Connecting Point** – provided books at Screen for Success
- **Via Christi** - will be increasing the number of therapist focusing on Feeding.
- **Embrace** – Court ordered parenting classes are now reporting attendance, etc. on-line. There will be a cost for the class. The number of court ordered has been growing dramatically.
- **Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center** - Can provide free CEU instruction on Dynamics of Child Sexual Abuse. Series of Three. They can come to your agency or you can go to their facility.

Tour of the new Advanced Learning Library

Anne Harris of the Wichita Public Library gave a tour of the new facility.