

# **Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council Steering Committee**

**December 14, 2017**

## Present:

LeAnne Mullen WSU Community Engagement, Kelly Shively, COMCARE, Sarena Maier, COMCARE, Amber Willis, Child Start, Libby Tomas, Amerigroup; Anne Harris, Wichita Public Library, Lyndon Drew, Catholic Charities; Emily Goetz, Haysville PAT, Jetta Williams, Haysville USD, Alan Smith, EmberHope; KCSL; Sarah Robinson St. Francis Community Service, Angela Tucker, Via Christi; Jennifer Brantley, Envision; Tim Quiggle, Embrace; Shannon Benoit, Wichita Public Schools; Cayla Wasson, Connecting Point, Christy Hutto, Connecting Point, Michele Spainhower, Community Representative; Bonnie Glaser, Derby PAT; Kevin, Boy Scouts; Alisa Norlin, McConnell AFB; Virginia Schwethale, KCSL; Katie Brinkman, KCSL; Sandra Zeh, KanCare; Kate Van Steenhuyse, Arts Partners; Greer Horning, Greer Horning, Exploration Place

## **Agenda**

### **Welcome and Icebreaker – Michelle Calvert.**

Thank you to Michele Spainhower for her time as the SCECCC Chair. She has filled the role several times graciously for others. Michele will stay on the steering committee.

Kevin from the Boys Scouts welcomes us to their building today.

### **Agency Presentations**

#### Amerigroup: Libby Tomas

Libby does outreach.

Can offer free air purifier, Boys and Girls club memberships, and other items.

Explained other benefits listed in the brochure she passed out.

Libby is available for presentations.

#### Arts Partners: Kate Van Steenhuyse, Arts Partners

Kansas WolfTrap works with children birth to 6 in the arts. Work with classrooms to integrate arts into their curriculum. Wolf Trap is a national program;

#### Child Start – Amber Willis

Provided hats and mittens to 609 children. Still recruiting for full day slots. Families have to meet income guidelines.

#### COMCARE: Kelly Shively

Serves children and adults with mental health diagnosis.

Their clinics for children is expanding into some of the school buildings.

Proud of Me is a program for children 3 – 5 years of age. It builds social/emotional development. They use a Conscious Discipline approach. The 1<sup>st</sup> classroom is full and they are ready to open a second classroom – Can open 4 classrooms.

Case Management is also available.

#### Boy Scouts of America Quivira Council – Kevin

Boy Scouts of America will start accepting girls next year. There will not be co-ed programs. The girls will have their own dens separate from the boy's dens.

#### Connecting Point- Cayla

A project under SCECCC.

Screen for Success is a screening clinic done twice a month in Wichita. It is a collaboration between USD 259, Rainbows and other community programs. They screen children 0 – 3 from Sedgwick County and 3-5 from USD 259 only. There is hearing, vision, development, communication, and a behavior screening available. They will see over 600 children this year.

#### Embrace – Tim Quiggle

Formerly Pregnancy Crisis Center.

Serve unprepared newly pregnant mothers and fathers. No cost.

Pregnancy Maintenance program. Looking into starting a Court Ordered Parenting Class

In Negotiations to help with some pre-natal care at no cost to women in need

Served over 1600 individual this year.

#### Envision – Jennifer Brantley

Have a Early Childhood Development Center for children two – five years with visual impairment.

2<sup>nd</sup> largest private employer of visually impaired in the world.

Just had a vision Summit in Wichita. One outcome of this was that they are now working on a more structured approach to vision screenings in Kansas. J

#### Exploration Place – Greer Horning

1 hour preschool class different theme each month.

Tot Talk Free with admission

Preschool Summer Camp Tuesday – Friday 9:30-11:30

#### KanCare – Sandra Zeh

They are sending open enrollment packets today. If parents want to switch to another carriers, this is their only opportunity. Families also will get a re-enrollment packet. This one you do if staying with the same carrier.

#### Kansas Children's Services League

State wide nonprofit to prevent child abuse

Looks different in each community

Kinship Navigator Program. Helping family's care for relatives they are raising.

There is a Kinship support group.

Special needs support group

Mental Health Services

Crisis Nursery Short term case management for families in crisis. Making sure children are in safe settings for their childcare.

Healthy Families Program – intensive in-home support with children up to 3 and sometime 5. A nationally recognized program. This program will have Spanish providers soon.

Parent's As Teacher - Emily Goetz

Sedgwick County has 7 Programs. Each is hosted by the USD. Each program has home program for the family. Programming for the Child. Each has home visitors. All programs do at least an annual screening. Provide group connections for families such as Touch a Truck, etc. Wrap around services are coordinated by the home visitor. Always have a focus on family interaction. Home visit topics are around discipline employment, nutrition, recreation, physical health, transitions and routines, sleep, safety, mental health, childcare and attachment. Programs are in: Haysville, Goddard, Mulvane, Derby, Wichita, Maize and Rose Hill.

Rainbows United - Paco

Part C – infant/toddler services for Sedgwick County and Butler County

Birth to Kindergarten Childcare on North Oliver. One quarter to a third of the children have a special need.

Mental health programs for children 0 – 5.

Case management for children 0 – 21.

Foster care homes for special needs children

Family Support Services for children 0-21

Go to [www.rainbowsunited.org](http://www.rainbowsunited.org) for contacts and more information.

Safe Kids - Michele

Rhonda Lusk is the contact and her number is 268-6760

Water safety, poison control presentations. They do provide car seat checks and they now are scheduled on line. Go to [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) to schedule.

Some free car seats are available but the number of restrictions have increased and fewer qualify.

St Francis Community Services – Sarah Robinson

Started Episcopal Church.

Children in foster care. 75 counties in Kansas. Wichita region is 10 counties. Over 300 workers.

NEED FOSTER Homes!

Family Preservation services.

Foster in Kinship

Adoptive Families

Via Christ - Angela Tucker, Via Christi

Pediatric Therapy

SLP, OT, PT Evaluations and therapy – handout.

Vocal Cord Dysfunction. – Unproductive coughing - handout

Wichita Art Museum - Michelle

Passed out a handout.

Wichita Public Library – Anne Harris

Handout of programming calendar for the winter months.

1000 books before Kindergarten program. Free. Starts at birth.

Story time in the library branches.

Anne does Story Time out in the community

United Way – Cayla Wasson

Call the United Way 2-1-1 helpline to find information on nonprofit and government human services. Also go to <http://www.211kansas.org>

The free Dolly Parton Imagination Library The program is currently available in the following ZIP codes:

- Sedgwick County: 67202, 67203, 67204, 67207, 67208, 67210, 67211, 67213, 67214, 67216, 67217, 67218 and 67219
- Butler County: 67002 and 67010
- Sumner County: All ZIP Codes

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax assistance by certified volunteers to people who generally make **\$54,000** or less, persons with disabilities and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. There will be a Free VITA Prep kickoff at United Way of the Plains on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Get your taxes filed on the 26<sup>th</sup> or call 2-1-1 for a site near you.

- MyFreeTaxes <https://unitedway.org/myfreetaxes/> is a free tool for individuals and/or families to file their own incomes tax if income is less than \$64,000. MyFreeTaxes is an easy, safe, and free way to file your taxes online. Available for residents in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, you can file your federal and state returns for free.

Go to <http://unitedwayplains.galaxydigital.com/> or dial 2-1-1 to call the United Way Volunteer Center to find ways to give back through volunteer opportunities.

McConnell AFB – Alisa Norlin

All at no cost to the families

Family Advocacy Program

New Parent Support program

They do have a Child Development Center

Next Meeting on February 15, 2018 at the Downtown YMCA