

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

**September 21, 2017**

Present: Tim Quiggle, Embrace; Michele Spainhower, community member, Libby Tomas, Amerigroup; Anne Harris, Wichita Public Library; Kandi Schmidt, United Way; Amber Willis, ChildStart-Head Start; Manlese Haney, ChildStart; Michelle Calvert, Comcare; Cayla Wasson, Connecting Point; Paco Price, Rainbows Infant / Toddler Services; June Rempel, PAT-Maize; Jordan Christian, KSDE; Karen Wahlmeier, St Francis Community Services, Katie Brinkman, KSL; Lyndon Drew, Foster Grandparent Program; Jennifer Brantley, Envision; Kate Van Steenhuyse, Art Partners; Dusty Buell, kidzcope; Christy Hutto, Connecting Point; Michael Woods, KCSL; Emily Goertz, Haysville PAT; Traci Kallhoff, Exploration Place; Susan Ridgeway, Goddard PAT; Kelly Shirley, Healthy Babies; Shannon Benoit, USD 259; Bonnie Glaser, Derby – PAT; Serena Maier, Comcare; Michelle Croomes, Rainbows- CBETS; Phil Newman, private practice

## **Announcement – Anne Harris, Wichita Public Library**

Kansas Reading For Kansas is coming up in November. If you can be a reader to a group, please sign up on the form being passed around.

## **Ice Breaker – Michelle Calvert**

Get with someone you don't know. Get to know them and their agency. You will introduce them and the one big big thing for their agency this summer to the large group.

## **Kansas State Interagency Coordinating Council – Jordan Christian,**

The State ICC did a local ICC survey and went through a powerpoint of the results of the survey.

There are a couple of openings on the State ICC. There is a process to go through. You can contact Jordan to apply - [jchristian@ksde.org](mailto:jchristian@ksde.org).

kizcope – Dusty Buell

Executive Director,

Work with children 3-18 who have lost a significant adult in their life. Work in peer support groups with a facilitator. Sessions are 9 weeks. They start a new group each month. A child only has to wait a maximum of 3 weeks to get started. Sessions use a lot of expressive arts in their sessions.

They are partnering with EMPAC to have a community crisis response team.

Contact Dusty if you are interested in becoming a facilitator - [Dusty@kidzcope](mailto:Dusty@kidzcope)

## **Kansas Parent Education Program (KPEP) – June Rempel**

June explained the change in the name at the State leveled KPEP and how the new State regulations have given them more flexibility. She introduced the PAT representatives present. They will be active in our local ICC and June will be a representative on the Steering Committee. Referral can be prenatal through 72 months.

## **Go Vote – Michele Spainhower**

Michel encouraged everyone to get out and vote this fall and to let our consumers know the importance to them of voting. Go to [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) for more information.