

Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council Steering Committee

December 14, 2017

Present: Tim Quiggle, Embrace; Michele Spainhower, Community Representative; Michelle Calvert, Comcare; Glenda Wilcox, Head Start; Amber Willis, Child Start; Libby Tomas, Amerigroup; Anne Harris, Wichita Public Library; Cayla Wasson, Connecting Point; Paco Price, Rainbows United; Deena Williams, KCSL

AGENDA

Part C update - Paco

Our December 1 count was over 800 for the first time ever.

Letter of Non-compliance was sent out by the State Part C staff. Sedgwick County was cited as non-compliant on four indicators. Discussed what they were and steps Paco would take.

Connecting Point Update - Cayla

The golf tournament presented a check to Connecting Point for \$10,000

Help Me Grow – Paco and Michelle

There was a Help Me Grow Summit held in Wichita on December 7th. Paco and Michelle attended. Help Me Grow is a nationally recognized program. 35 states are affiliates. KDHE has brought together a leadership group to look at the program for Kansas. There were about 125 attendees. Communities can apply to be a pilot program. There is also four task groups that will be forming: Centralized Access Point, Family and Community Outreach, Child Health Provider Outreach and Data Collection and Analysis. There will be a website coming soon for Kansas. We had a discussion on being a pilot program. We decided not to apply at this time.

SICC Update – Michelle from Jordan Christian

- A new Chair and Vice-Chair will be appointed in the next couple of months
- Executive Committee Elections took place and two new members were appointed. Heather Staab, State Part C Coordinator and Lisa Collette to represent the State Insurance Commissioner's office.
- Joint meeting between SICC and the Special Education Advisory Council will take place on 1/10/18.
- Erin Schuweiler with the SB 323 Advisory Group presented to the council on their recent work. Their focus is on the laws surrounding language assessments for deaf and hard of hearing children 0 – 8 years.
- KSDE hired a new Part B 619 Coordinator who will start in January.
- Families Together is offering Part C to B Transition trainings for parents and ICCs.

Next Meeting is on January 18, 2018 at Connecting Point