

Sumner County tiny-k Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

4/01/2011

1. Call to order

Lorraine Dold called to order the regular meeting of the **tiny-k Advisory Committee** at **12:07pm** on **April 1, 2011** in the **Family Support Center located at 15 Industrial Ave..**

2. Roll call

Attendees did self introductions. The following persons were present: Jennifer Biehler, Andrea Cummins, Laura Rettig, Jane Berntsen, Jackie Glasgow, Ginny Butts, Rick Gaskill, Dr. Steve Hawks, Cristy Baum, and Lorraine Dold.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Jane Berntsen made a motion to approve the minutes. Rick Gaskill seconded the motion and the motion carried.

4. Part C/tiny-k Overview

- a) Available on Futures website- www.futures-unlimited.org
A demonstration/navigation of the website and access to information regarding tiny-k at a state and county level was provided. Contact information for other networks in Kansas was also discussed.
- b) Tom Kohmetscher, member of the State ICC provided a brief summary of the March 2011 meeting including concerns about reduction in funding for special education across the state, emerging consensus and debate about need for steps to assure compliance with federal special education maintenance of effort law. His report also indicated state appropriation for Early Head Start appears back in the budget but expressed growing concern about next fiscal year federal funding of Head Start and Early Head Start. Discussion around seclusion and restraints and issues concerning social/emotional development/behavioral issues are also under discussion. Rick Gaskill, Sumner Mental Health Center, Jackie Glasgow, USD 353, articulated the impact of funding concerns on their individual organizations and corresponding potential effect on families and children served. Laura Rettig, Sumner County Health Department, indicated that funding for them is always a concern. Dr. Hawks, Sumner County Family Care Center, has not yet seen an impact of funding cuts.
- c) Ginny Butts reported the state grant for tiny-k for the 2012 fiscal year amount is \$71,673 which is \$5,687 less than the previous year. The state wide funding for tiny-k remained level however the application of the funding formula caused a reduction for Sumner County.

5. Revised Guidelines

- a) Referenced availability on Futures website

6. Census Data

- a) Current Census-Ginny Butts reported 23 children have IFSP's, 6 are in the evaluation process. Eight children are dually served by tiny-k and EHS/PAT.
- b) Tiny-k/EHS team meetings are held at least quarterly for the purpose of providing individual child updates across programs. Jennifer Biehler said 2 child care professionals are providing care to children with special needs, including one provider caring for a child with significant needs.

Jennifer Biehler discussed the potential of data reflecting outcomes across state early childhood programs including tiny-k, Early Head Start and Parents as Teachers. Jennifer is serving on a committee targeting early childhood outcomes. A discussion took place about the difference between state outcomes and individual child/family outcomes.

- c) The committee reviewed Sumner County health data specific to low birth weight, teen pregnancy, obesity, and smoking. Laura Rettig said that the county health department contributes data to that report via the state health department and that the Sumner County Health Department will be conducting a community health assessment within the near future. The committee reviewed Sumner county census data from the Kansas Health Institute health ranking web-site at: <http://www.countyhalthrankings.org/kansas>.

7. Current Child Find Activities

- a) Committee recommendations update-Lorraine Dold referenced a significant discussion regarding Sumner County Child Find activities at the February meeting. Members indicated they received the information requested however; Dr. Hawks would still like to see a piece specific to screenings that doctors and the hospital can include in the newborn packet.
- b) Lorraine said staff from various programs has been submitting information about available resource materials/directories/lists in an attempt to put together an up to date list of reliable resources for Sumner County. Attendees were requested to submit additional information they may have available. Staff will present a draft document at the next meeting for committee review.
- c) Various early childhood brochures currently in existence are being revised. A draft will be available for committee review at the next meeting.
- d) A discussion took place about current child find activities and referral process in place across organizations. Andrea Cummins, St. Francis Community Services, said they use a referral form that works well for them. Jackie Glasgow, USD 353, indicated that the district is currently identifying an individual with expertise in special education to be more actively involved with transition into kindergarten and the needs of four year olds who will eventually be coming into the district programs.

8. Meeting Schedule

- a) The next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2011. Lorraine requested committee members submit any agenda items to Cristy Baum, Secretary.

9. Adjournment

Lorraine Dold adjourned the meeting at 12:54pm

Minutes submitted by: Cristy Baum

Minutes approved by: Lorraine Dold, Ginny Butts