



Child Care Providers Coalition of Kansas Board Meeting Minutes

Name of Group: Child Care Provider Coalition of Kansas

Location: Emporia, KS

Date: 03/09/24

Time: 9:00 am

Convener: Angie Carnes

Submitted by: Desiree Streight

Approved:

Attendees		Collaborating Partners	Guests
X	Angie Carnes, President	Donnya Swayze, CCA	
X	Tiffany Mannes, Vice President	Derik Flerlage, KDHE	
X	Desiree Streight, Secretary	Mandi Waugh, Child Start	
X	Laura Gunderson, Treasurer		
X	April Shuman, Member At Large		
X	Stacy Hook, Member At Large		
X	Beth Kirk, Member At Large		
X	Emily Welborn, Member At Large		
X	Annell Harmon, Member at Large		
	Christy Randall, Member at Large		
	Paula Hicks, Member at Large		
	Brenda Schoen, Past President		

Motions Discussed and Voted Between Meetings:

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Collaborating Partners-

Derik Flerlage, KDHE:

We shared with him what childcare looks like in the different areas across of the state regarding openings, part time care, unregulated care, and our struggles with our licensing specialists.

He shared with us that KDHE is working on a quality control system in the works for our licensing specialist to hopefully minimize the inconsistent surveys.

When discussing L2Q he said that on a federal level they are looking at quality.

When discussing grants he said that \$1.5 million is still in the governor's budget for health and safety go through kdhe. However accountability for the grants needs to be upheld.

Mandi Waugh, Child Start:

GWC Conference: April 13 and 14, 2024

13th is virtual in the evening with Vernon Mason Jr.

14th is in person with 27 exhibitors

Donnya Swayze, CCA:

Health Consultants

Creating regional lending libraries

Nets meetings are the 3rd Wednesdays of the month (statewide)

They are offering CPR trainings across the state

Grants

New Provider Grants are done

L2Q Links 2 Quality

Soft Launch of 15 providers

There will be an incentive for each link

It will be a way to be more professional

Regional Community Consultants (RCC)

Playground/Brightwheel grant ends April 30th

Monthly meetings that offers networking

Shared Services:

ECE tool

Substitute Grant pays for all fees and provides a \$100 stipend

Lending library

Bulk ordering



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Marie Treichel – Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas One message we would like to share is concerning vacancy and program updates in our referral system. To assist families in finding licensed child care, we need to ensure the information we share is current and accurate. One way we do this is by updating vacancy and program information. We are contracted by KDHE to contact programs quarterly to update vacancies and enrollment, and to annually update a program's full profile. Even if a child care provider does not want their program referred to families, we are still contracted to update the information for statistical and funding purposes. We would appreciate the support from child care providers to update their information, even if there are not any changes.

And in addition: As we talk to families, they share their frustration of not having their calls or inquiries on openings returned by child care programs. It would help to alleviate some of a family's stress in finding child care, if providers would contact families informing them whether they did or did not have openings.

Shared Services update: I've attached a letter for providers that explains the services offered through EMPAC. This benefit is only available to providers in the Child Care Aware of KS and the Child Care Aware of Eastern KS hubs, as the other hubs have opted out of the partnership. If a provider would like additional information, I would encourage them to reach out to their shared services hub. Here is the link to the map and contacts:

<https://ks.childcareaware.org/shared-services-hub/> We have many other exciting partnerships in the works, and I will update you as we get MOU's signed.

Brenda Bandy – Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition

- Become a Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Provider – details here; \$50 gift cards from Child Care Aware for those who achieve this designation, while supplies last
- Take the free course "How to Support the Breastfeeding Mother & Family" on KCCTO, offered each month. It is offered in Spanish May 2-9, 2024. Details here.
- Join the KBC Child Care Section to join others interested in supporting breastfeeding families in the child care setting. The section meets online every other month from 12-1 on the 3rd Tuesday. Details here.

KDHE

KDHE Request – As KDHE works to improve processes and experiences, we would like to partner with CCPC to take a critical review of KDHE's current home orientation presentation. We value your input and expertise as we work to develop content that aligns with regulation in a way that supports and doesn't overwhelm an applicant. CCPC is needing a group of around 5 CCPC members to review and provide feedback. If your group is agreeable, if I could have the



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contact information (emails) for members by March 18, 2024, I will send out an email with next steps.

Emily Barnes - KAC:

Legislative session has passed its halfway mark and is progressing forward. The first half of the session was very quiet for early childhood bills which allowed for conversations with lawmakers. We discussed a bill to allocate \$15M of state general funds to a “non state entity that operates in at least 3 other states” that would create “home-based child care incubators.” This was presented both as HB 2664 and as a budget request in the DCF budget request. The House Committee on Social Services Budget approved and amended \$500,000. Separately the bill, HB 2664, was heard in the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development. The proponent, Wonderschool, stated that their company would use those funds to start 900 new home based child cares. The testimony given toward HB2664 and its companion budget request used inaccurate information. The DCF budget request was referred to the House Commerce committee for their budget approval. HB 2664 did not pass out of committee and has died for this year.

The Office of Early Childhood, HB 2785, was granted a hearing that was originally scheduled for March 6, 2024, during the Early Learning Advocacy Day event. A standing room only crowd was present in the hearing room. The hearing room is the Old Supreme Court Room and can seat a large number of people. The committee meeting had to be postponed due to floor debates on other bills in the House of Representatives. The rescheduled hearing occurred on Thursday, March 7, 2024. More than 30 proponents offered testimony with 2 neutral testimonies. The bill has no opponents. KAC will be watching the progression of this bill and will send updates to partners. CCPC board members can also stay aware of activity by following its progress on www.kslegislature.org. You can click on the “Committees” tab then select “Commerce, Labor and Economic Development” in the House column.

The most exciting update is this year’s Early Learning Advocacy Day. More than 100 people attended the event. During opening remarks, Governor Kelly addressed the group to encourage attendees and voice her hope for their work. The House of Representatives and the Senate each took time to recognize early learning professionals. Many participants were able to schedule meetings with their lawmakers. The Early Learning Caucus, a group of lawmakers interested in learning about early childhood topics, gathered during lunch to hear from 8 presenters about Innovative Business Solutions implemented across the state. Lawmakers learned about the Small Center Pilot, Baby Steps Pilot, and the professional development opportunities that strengthened provider’s businesses. April Shuman presented her business and you should be very proud of the story she told. The activities during Early Learning Advocacy Day were often standing room only and the energy was strong.



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Board Of Administration-

1) Membership-

Current Membership is at 219

Membership Renewal is going out on March 11, 2024

What do our members really need?

How do we meet their needs?

Endorsement

Mental Health Retreat with self-care training and networking.

2) Advocacy-

HB2785 will reconvene on Monday at 1:30 in the house of commerce.

Each of us who went on Wednesdays Early Childhood Advocacy Day shared their experiences.

3) Regional Professional Development-

We need to do better at engaging our audience in all of the groups, even if they don't respond. Our responsibility is to just put the information out there.

- I am going to work on creating a question a week for each of you to post in your groups. The next day I want you to also respond with what your answer would be, or respond to anyone who may respond.
- Are you following KCCTO on facebook? Please be watching and posting the training in your area?
- Do you receive emails about training, if so please post those in your regional groups. (I know that CCA sends me emails and so does my survey specialist, so lets try and copy and paste and share those out.
- Have you shared with any consultants from KCCTO-ITNS or the Shared Service Consultants that they are welcome to join and share information on our groups? If not please do so.

1. When I send out the question for the week, how do you want me to send it? On our regional FB group? Email? Messenger? **Messenger**

2. What day of the week would we like to post our question? We should select a day and all post on the same day. **Tuesday**

Region 5:

April and Anelle had a booth at the Sedgwick Co Saturday training.

Spoke with 11 providers and 6 of them have joined the regional page

Region 2:

A summit in Clay Center



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11 FCC providers and 2 of them were brand new

Region 3 East:

Raising JOCO is offering a free conference on April 6th

50 are signed up

4) Newsletter- The goal is to send it out bimonthly on the 5th.

April's name is spelled wrong (will correct it)

5) Social Media/Website- Ask Patricia about growth

6) Kansas Family Child Care Week - Nothing at this time

7) Provider Appreciation-

Seeds for Providers with Card

8) Conference-

a) Conference Chair Report-

i) Virtual -

(1) All presenters' sessions have been approved by KDHE

(2) Schedule is as follows

(a) April 2nd

(i) Kim Specht - I just want to eat cake

(b) April 11

(i) Kristy Play to Policy - Empower Providers, amplify voices, create change

(c) April 16

(i) April Zajko - Yearlong Play and Learning Outdoors

(d) April 25

(i) Anne Harris - Social Emotional Learning and Literacy

(3) Currently at 65 registered participants

(4) I will send out a sign up for helpers for each session after spring break.

(5) I'll finish deciding on give-a-ways after spring break.

Suggestions are welcome.

(a) Desiree suggested online ebooks

(6) Certificates are done and ready to go.

ii) Fall event

(1) Location is still unsure

(2) KCCTO funds are not guaranteed.

(3) Need to discuss moving forward

(a) Meeting set for March 19th at 7:30pm



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b) Board Nominations-

2023-2024 CCPC roster was presented. Angie has asked that if anyone is not interested in being on the board to let her know. Those whose terms are up need to let her know if you want to serve again.

c) Provider of the Year - 2 notebooks have been turned in so far

d) Hunter Award- Logan Stenseng

e) Scholarships-

9) CACFP

Beth reported that the proposed bill of illuminating the tier system for FCC providers is still in wait, but it has until June for them to make a decision.

April reported that there are going to be some changes of how FCC deficiencies are written up. The deficiencies will not be able to be shared among agencies.

Laura reported that she is in conversation with someone to address the issues of FCC providers in commercial buildings who can not access the CACFP program.

Old Business-

New Business-

Board Position Open

o Do any board members have any recommendations?

o I'm planning on making a post for Board Nominations during March

Next Meeting Date-

April 8th – Virtual Chat – Check in to see how everyone is doing – Not Required

May 4th – Board Meeting – Zoom

Meeting Adjournment- 12:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted on _____.

Desiree Streight, Secretary

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