PIECE Interagency Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2023

I. Welcome

II. Interagency Coordinating Council Social Network Analysis Results – Dr. Chris Tilden

Communication 3.82 out of 5, anything above a 3 represents strength, Environment 4.03 out of 5 we are in a good position to make progress, Membership 3.96 out of 5 we are slightly below the State average of 4.54, Process 3.53 out of 5 maybe an opportunity to strengthen- are our processes clear and adaptable, Purpose 3.79 out of 5- do participants feel they are representing needs and gools. It is critical for us to think on a ongoing basis and are we united in common goal, Resources 3.62 out of 5 this is often lower, feel that we generally have resources to do work.

Levels of collaboration 3.4 State average, 1.66 ICC average: Networking- general awareness, loosely defined roles, minimal communication, all decisions making independent and Cooperation- providing info to each other, somewhat defined roles, some formal communication, and all decision making is independent.

Are we doing what other coalitions are doing? Our core group is smaller than the 51 listed. We may want to look at growth among business or sectors not represented at our table.

Dr. Chris Tilden would be willing to be a sounding board when it comes to the LICC grant for parent communication but can't speak to other organizations. He recommended we reach out to specific sectors not being represented and offer stipends and fairly compensate individuals for participation.

III. Organization Reports

a. Updates

KCCTO: Career pathways role out in Saline Co., not as many participants in conversations would like 10-15 direct care providers to participate. Scholarships are available to help staff attend professional development opportunities and funding available for guest speakers up to $5,000 would need 50 attendees and need to be held when others can attend. Individual professional development plans can be accessed online. Can identify areas to grow and link to the opportunities across the State. ingridp@ksu.edu

CAPS Respite and Child Care: Full-time care available for staff, Respite care is available Monday through Friday 9-12 and 2-5, eligible for one visit a week and is free. Monday through Thursday mornings has opening. Currently serving 35 families- 45 children ages 8 weeks to kindergarten.

DCF: 1-800-children for resources

Salina Child Care: Filling preschool spots, fully staffed, breaking down preschool ages more to work on specific developmental goals to be better prepared for kindergarten. Lots of good feedback on changes.

Central Kansas Mental Health: 9 four-year-olds currently receiving mental health, by the end of the year will have weekly 2 hour psycho social group serving pre-k and elementary age. Working on obtaining a Early Childhood Mental Health First Aid curriculum.

USD 305: Getting school started, moving, and adding kindergarten teachers. Offering a free 8-week training on Conscious Discipline: how to hand upset, sign us a usd305.

Child Care Aware: Quality classroom assessments have started. Hiring a Shared Services Manager in the Garden City would like the person to be bilingual.

ICD: Fully staffed, has rolled out new completed handbook, lead agency for ASQ online, free for the community, medical providers should all be online, they have changed their staff meeting time to accommodate IEP and evaluation meetings. They are moving to family centered scheduling, scheduling around the family's needs.

CKCIE: Salina Public Preschools are full, have seen a rise in numbers with covid. There are still hiring.

Parents As Teachers USD 239: Served 17 families and 29 children, 2 families struggled with substance abuse/ neglect, 2 children received early intervention referral, 5 received early intervention. Updated policies and handbook, currently serving 17 families and 32 children with no openings.

Heartland: Career fair 9/20/23 at 9-11am

United Way: First choice asked to spread the word about "Crunch Off", Great Plains is contributing $75,000 annually to the ECE fund. Funded Partner kick off 9/26/2023 4-7pm at Martinelli's donations on that night will be matched up to $25,000.

Licensing: Reviewing home, drop in, and school age regulations. Beth Reeder training at Martinelli's 10/21/23 9am-3:45p $46.

ECBG: currently serving 500 kids and 100 providers.

Parents as Teachers USD 306: Currently serving 17 families and 21 children have openings for about 8 families. LaNell and Holly put up books for book walks in Assaria and Gypsum and will continue as weather permits. LaNell started weekly story time at Gypsum Community Library in September. They will continue every Wednesday morning during the school year.

b. Meetings

c. Trainings

d. Events

IV. Old Business

a. MOU Wording

MOU wording has been updated.

b. PIECE Meeting Schedule

Every other meeting hosted for parent participation- 3 meetings a year that are specific for parent involvement.

c. Strategic Plan

Found the Strategic Plan from 2012-2013

d. LICC Grant Application

$50 per day per family, pay for childcare, gas reimbursement, marketing, or a stipend for attending. Parent engagement meetings, one held in Saline County, Ellsworth County, and Ottawa County. Should parent engagement meetings be by invitation? The grant is due by 10/1/2023.

V. New Business

a. Early Childhood Mental Health – Ingrid Pohl

Community Conversation regarding Social Emotional November 2 at 6:30pm, Asking "What is working? What can we provide? What barriers?" Wanting Social workers 0-5yrs, direct services. Social emotional support, childcare Providers etc. Resources will be provided for those who attend. Email Ingrid to receive a link to participate. They will be holding a community conversation regarding developmental inclusion in Manhattan, please email Ingrid if you are interested in participating.

VI. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

VII. Adjournment

Next meeting date November 8, 2023 at 1:00 pm.