

## INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

Oklahoma State Department of Education  
2500 N. Lincoln BLVD  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

December 3, 2025

### Welcome and Introductions:

**Call to Order:** Jenny Hester called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Jenny Hester opened with a warm welcome and around the room introduction. Congratulations to Thomas Henline for 20yrs of service.

### Roll Call:

Members present: Mark Sharp, Nikki Wright, Eilene Franks, Summer Parrish, Jenny Hester, Amy Niehues, Gay Teter, Kaylea Cecka, Paula Brown, Regina McPherson, Gina Richardson, Danielle Dill, Sarah Biggs, Amy Persky, and Liana Bortoto.

Members absent: Sen. Julie McIntosh, Melissa Stevens, Kelsy Tookey, Melisa Tanksley, Andrea Hooper, and Lana Brown.

Guest present: Teresa Collins, Thomas Henline, Christi Landis, Kim Donnell, Robbyn Morris, Jaclyn Dold, Jennifer Bright, Amy Wells-Norman, Amy Woods, Lori Jackson, Audra Haney, Stephanie Kite, and Melissa Green.

### Discussion Items:

- **ICC Overview:** Mark Sharp shared an ICC Overview. See attachment A.
- **Early MTSS:** Kim Donnell shared updates on Early Multi-Tiered System Support (Early MTSS). See attachment B.
- **2025 SoonerStart Day at the Capitol:** Jenny Hester shared updates. The last few years, the SoonerStart Day at the Capitol has been a successful and wonderful experience.
- Plans for up-coming Day at the Capitol:
  - It will take place Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

- The Supreme Court Hallway and a meeting room have been reserved.
  - The time will be determined by the steering committee. The space is reserved from 8:30 to 3:30.
- Goals:
- 1) SoonerStart, Early Childhood Intervention program will have name recognition at the Capitol with the legislators
  - 2) Connect families with their legislators, to support and show them how to connect, how to advocate.
  - 3) Demonstrating the value of the SoonerStart program.

Steering committee meeting overview:

- Theme “Little steps, big futures”.
  - Add parent advocacy training sessions at this year’s event.
  - More parent support, direction, and clarity for them at the event.
  - Lori, along with other Program Managers and RCs are using their creativity to create templates for the districts.
  - Working on family letter templates.
  - Amy Woods along with her students from OSU can help support legislator districts matching up with family constituents.
  - Amy Wells-Norman is looking into using SharePoint as a central web-based location to house all the materials.
  - Allied Health will continue to help with print materials, folder packets and stickers.
  - Oklahoma Parent Center may be doing food sponsorship this year.
  - Once details are in place, we’re looking to share information through different social media outlets.
- **ICC Calendar 2025-2026:** Mark Sharp shared updates on the 2025-2026 ICC Calendar. The calendar is filed with the Secretary of State’s office in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
- **Transition Guide Update:** Lori Jackson shared updates on Transition Guide. See attachment C.
- **2025 SoonerStart Contract:** Mark Sharp shared updates:
- Contract has been signed and moving forward.
  - Partnering with the Health Department to see how to streamline their requisitions.

- **Annual Performance Report (APR) and State Performance Plan (SPP) Update:** Christi Landis will provide a broader explanation of APR at the February ICC Meeting.
- **Washington Update:** Mark Sharp shared updates:
  - Civil Rights and IDEA have been maintained in the Department of Education.
  - No changes currently.
  - We will notify you of any changes that may impact the program.
  - Maintain flat funding.

**Action Items:**

- a) **Minutes from 9/3/2025:** Gay Teter made the motion to approve the minutes from 9/3/2025. Amy Niehues seconded the motion.

**ICC Committee Updates:**

- **Professional Development:** Thomas Henline shared the following updates on Professional Development:
  - Professional Development online courses through OSDE Connect have started we nine participants, and it seems to be running smoothly.
  - Recently updated the Assistive Technology course and everything is going well.
- **Infant Mental Health:** Kim Donnell will provide a brief update on the Infant Mental Health Committee on behalf Paula Brown:
  - Working on the Community-wide Early Multi-tiered System of Support in McAlester and pulling in community members to help build.
- **Assistive Technology:** Amy Woods shared Assistive Technology updates.
  - Collaborations continue to run smoothly.
  - Attended the American Speech Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention along with a few from Part B and Part C, it was amazing.

**Oklahoma State Department of Education Personnel Report and other updates:**  
Mark Sharp shared the Oklahoma State Department of Education personnel updates:

- Current hiring freeze.

- Vacancy:
  - Resource Coordinator in Claremore.

**Oklahoma State Department of Health Personnel Report and other updates:** Gina Richardson shared the Oklahoma Department of Health personnel updates:

- Hiring freeze lifted.
- Six new service providers:
  - Two in D9,
  - One in D12, D11, D6, and D7.
  - Two offers for D5 pending HR.

Also, postings in D4 and D10.

We will be posting the Evergreen post and all disciplines needed.

Teresa Collins shared updates on Discipline Support Specialist (DDs):

- Added Calm Waters-which provides strategies and ways to manage trauma.
- We have several contracts in process.
- Worked with different partners in providing training to connect providers with organizations that support our families.
- Collaborations with Able Tech, Head Start, and Jenny Hester came out and spoke to our guidance group.
- Continuing to bridge partners and offering opportunities for our providers to connect with different organizations.
- Launching our Discipline Specific Specialist program (DSS) is a mentorship program for staff.
- We have a streamlined onboarding process that is more comprehensive.
- Staff will have opportunity to individualize professional development plan.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** 11:48 a.m.