

All In For Kansas Kids



Early Childhood
Recommendations Panel

MEETING JULY 15, 2022



WELCOME

Thank you for serving Kansas children, their families, and our state's early childhood care and education professionals!

This is a remote meeting.

- Today's meeting materials are posted on the [Panel Meetings webpage](#) on the Children's Cabinet site.
- Panel members will clearly identify themselves when they begin speaking.
- Panel members can use the "raise hand" feature to show they are ready to share.



TODAY'S AGENDA – PART 1

- Welcome
- Approval of July agenda
- Approval of June meeting minutes
- Kansans' Open Forum
- Panel overview - Melissa Rooker
- Panel meeting procedures
- Bright Spots
- Upcoming Meetings
- Adjourn



ACTION ITEMS

Panel members - please clearly identify yourself when you begin speaking to make and second a motion.

- Approval of July agenda
- Approval of June minutes



KANSANS' OPEN FORUM

Kansans are encouraged to email Hannah McGahey (hmcgahey@ksde.org) by 5:00 p.m. on 7/13 to share written comments or to sign up to share verbal comments with the Panel during this portion of the meeting.



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Welcome / Panel Overview

MELISSA ROOKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE-LEVEL COORDINATION

- The 2019 Kansas Statewide Early Childhood Care and Education Needs Assessment finds that greater systems alignment is needed to fully realize an efficient and robust early childhood care and education infrastructure. This informs **Goal 1: State-Level Coordination**, of the [*All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan*](#), which outlines the steps needed to ensure the early childhood care and education system is structured and aligned for maximum impact.



State-Level Coordination



ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Kansas [Executive Order 20-02](#) designates the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund ("Children's Cabinet") as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care.
 - It states, "In order to support the Cabinet in fulfilling [these duties], the Cabinet shall convene and maintain a panel of volunteers ("the Panel") with demonstrable early childhood expertise to operate at the pleasure of the Cabinet in an advisory role. The Executive Director of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund shall coordinate the activities of the Panel on behalf of the Cabinet. The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund shall provide ongoing direction to the Panel, delineating areas in which it would benefit from the Panel's expertise and establishing responsibilities, governance, and reporting structures as it finds beneficial."



ROLE OF THE PANEL

- The Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel is an **advisory group** to the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund. It plays a key role in enabling our state to implement the *All in for Kansas Kids* strategic plan, respond to challenges, elevate recommendations from communities and stakeholders, and make key decisions to help us achieve the vision outlined in our strategic plan.



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Meeting Procedures

CORNELIA STEVENS, PANEL CHAIR

KANSAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT

- EO 20-02 requires the Panel to be subject to the **Kansas Open Meetings Act**:
 - “A representative government is dependent upon an informed electorate.” The policy of the State of Kansas is that “meetings for the conduct of governmental affairs and the transaction of governmental business be open to the public” (K.S.A. 75-4317).
 - Review the Kansas Attorney General’s Frequently Asked Questions at <https://ag.ks.gov/open-government/koma-faq>.



OPEN FORUM PROCEDURES

Typical procedures for the Kansans' Open Forum shall be as follows:

- Each speaker shall be allowed to speak for three minutes.
- Panel members may ask clarifying questions of the person making the presentation. The speaker will have up to one minute to respond. The presiding officer may grant additional time.
- Information may be submitted to the Panel in written and electronic form. This information shall be included in the meeting minutes.
- Following the Kansans' Open Forum portion of the agenda, the presiding officer will acknowledge the participants and announce that the Panel will determine if any of the issues will be addressed at future meetings.
- In the event of a meeting conducted virtually, the Panel may require that it will only accept written comments. The posted agenda shall outline the procedures for providing written feedback.



VOTING PROCEDURES

Voting:

- The Panel will strive first for consensus in decision making.
- If consensus is not possible, participants may call for a vote.
- Each Panel member is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote.
- A vote of **two-thirds** of those members present is necessary to approve any formal action taken by the Panel pursuant to Article 4: Panel Actions.
- The votes of Panel members participating virtually shall be included on matters submitted to a vote.



PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Recommendations** will include the following:
 - Clear identification of the entity that will receive the recommendation
 - Background information explaining the issue that includes:
 - Description of how considerations of equity have informed this recommendation
 - Description of how Kansas families have shaped this recommendation
 - Description of the councils, committees, or workgroups with expertise, experience, or jurisdiction related to the issue



SYSTEM COLLABORATION

- The Panel may contact other councils, committees, and workgroups with expertise, experience, or jurisdiction related to a particular issue **to share information gathered and identify opportunities for further progress.** The Panel may also contact other councils, committees, and workgroups **to request additional information or feedback** on draft recommendations.
- The Panel may provide recommendations, information, or requests for information or feedback at any point during the year. The Panel will provide an annual report summarizing its work to the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND BRIGHT SPOTS

****Bright Spots – Panel members are invited to share****

Upcoming Meetings (all via Zoom):

- Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund meeting – Friday, August 5, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Early Childhood Stakeholders Group meeting – Friday, August 5, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel, Friday, July 15, 9:00-11:30 a.m.





Adjourn

