

## MEETING NOTES

**Date:** June 20, 2016  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**QRIS Advisory Group Meeting**

**Place:** KASB  
1420 Arrowhead Rd Topeka, KS

**Present:** Kelly Meigs, Jackie Counts, Amy Blosser, Deb Crowl, Patty Peschel, Angie Saenger, Heather Schrotberger, Sandra Yoder, Barbara Dayal, Karen Beckerman, Carrie Hastings

**Absent:** Leadell Ediger, Lori Steelman, Patty Mitts, Sarah Walters, Nis Wilbur, Staci Ogle, Jene Haas

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION AND/OR ACTION
<b>1. QRIS Process Map</b>	The advisory group reviewed the process map and suggested that the first QRIS conference be open to all child care providers, not only those in QRIS, so that it can raise awareness and attract participants.	Kelly will consider marketing the conference as an event for all child care providers.
<b>2. QRIS Progress Levels Chart</b>	The advisory group reviewed the progress levels chart and suggested that the language be edited to reflect that TA/coaching is not mandatory but chosen by the participant. Group members also cautioned that not requiring TA/coaching or ratings visits could be problematic in that rated homes will not necessarily be seen in person.	Sandra will edit the chart accordingly.
<b>3. Quality Indicators</b>	<p>The group discussed the quality indicators and shared the following major suggestions:</p> <p><b>Workforce Development-</b> add QRIS specific column to career pathway and include various center capacity requirements, do not to give too much weight to education, separate education and experience indicators, offer a menu of ongoing training options with increasing courses at each level, require PD plans for all staff, remove “qualified” from indicator language</p> <p><b>Program Leadership-</b> define “team building,” ensure that level 3 is above and beyond licensing standards, consider that benefits do not necessarily correlate with staff retention and how else to reward retention</p> <p><b>Learning Environment-</b> ASQ is very expensive for family providers- write screening benchmark as community partnership, ask providers to incorporate screening data into practice, narrow down indicator on developmentally appropriate practice</p>	The quality indicators work group will use this feedback to make final edits to the quality indicators by July.
<b>4. Next Steps</b>	Feedback from the advisory group will be shared with other work groups and incorporated accordingly.	
<b>Next meeting:</b> September 2016	<b>Agenda items for next meeting:</b> TBD	<b>Facilitator:</b> Kelly Meigs <b>Minute Taker:</b> Sandra Yoder