

TASK FORCE ON BLIND STUDENT ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL PERFORMANCE BLIND TASK FORCE (BTF)

Minutes
Regular Meeting of Committee Representatives
November 4, 2014

A regular meeting of the committee representatives of the Task Force on Blind Student Academic and Vocational Performance Blind Task Force (BTF) was called to order at the Howerton State Office Building, 615 Howerton Ct., Room 202, Jefferson City, Missouri at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to the notice sent to all directors in accordance with the bylaws. For information on the BTF, visit <http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/advisory-panels/blind-task-force-btf>.

Members in Attendance:

Geoffrey Barney
Dr. S. Barr
Dacia Luck Cole
Donna Borgmeyer
Linda Coccovizzo
Kelly Helmick
Diana Lawson
June Lenk
Reeda Rippee
Keith Roderick
Devon Sgroi
Louise Whitworth

Guests/Presenters:

Jennie Mascheck
Annette Miller
Anthony Blades
Julie Anderson-Ituarte

Members Not in Attendance:

Deana M. Griffin

Comments from the public: No public comments.

Call to Order/Introductions – D. Lawson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken by Dacia Luck Cole. D. Lawson introduced Marilyn Nickolaison, new Parent Representative on the Blind Task Force.

Copies of handouts, reports and presentations for this meeting are available at:
<http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/advisory-panels/blind-task-force/btf-meeting-agendas-handouts>

Approval of Agenda – S. Barr asked that review and discussion of Missouri Annual Blind/Visually Impaired Literacy Study, December 2014 be added to the agenda. R. Rippee made a motion to accept agenda with changes. L. Whitworth seconded the motion. Motion carried and agenda was approved with changes.

Approval of Minutes – R. Rippee made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Dacia Cole seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with no changes.

Blind Skills Specialist's (BSS) November Reports

J. Mascheck and A. Miller, MSB; J. Anderson-Ituarte, Missouri State University; A. Blades, Northeast RPDC, Truman State University

Copies of reports are available at <http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/advisory-panels/blind-task-force/btf-meeting-agendas-handouts>

RSB Secondary and Post Secondary Success – Members reviewed and discussed with K. Roderick information that D. Lawson presented in August.

DESE Update – S. Barr presented information/updates on the following topics:

- Missouri Annual Blind/Visually Impaired Literacy Study, December 2014
D. Lawson asked M. Nickolaison, G. Barney and R. Rippee to review the study and make recommendations as it relates to Visually Impaired/Blind issues and the data represented in the report.
- Budget
- State Plan
- SSIP (State Systemic Improvement Plan) – Indicator 17
- Updated Form D Instructions, template, webinar and FAQ.
- Consultant Logs
- IEP Facilitation
- Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)
- Smarter Balance

Committee and Standing Committees

- **Academic and Vocational Services – Louise Whitworth, Chairperson**
 - L. Coccovizzo was added as a member of this subcommittee.
- **Children's Vision Summit: Keith Roderick, Chairperson**
 - M. Nickolaison was added as a member of this subcommittee.
 - J. Lenk will locate and send notes from P. Schonlau's participation in the planning of the last Children's Vision Summit.
 - J. Mascheck will send the results from the Parent Interest Survey to G. Barney.
 - K. Roderick will send information from discussion during recent CVS subcommittee meeting.
- **Rules: Linda Coccovizzo, Chairperson**
Nothing to report
- **Student Achievement: Dacia Luck Cole, Chairperson**
 - R. Rippee was added as a member of this subcommittee.

BTF New members/Vacancies/Updates:

- **Vacancy Map:** <http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/btfmap.pdf>
- **BTF Team Flyer:** <http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/webflyer.pdf>
- **Blind Task Force Website:** A screen shot handout was provided to all members showing recent updates and redesign of Blind Task Force website <http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/advisory-panels/blind-task-force-btf>. K. Roderick indicated that the RSB link located on this web page is down again. <http://dese.mo.gov/rehabilitation-services-blind>. R. Miller will follow up with Lainie Strange.

2015 Nominations/Election of Officers

- **Chairperson:** Diana Lawson nominated, seconded, no further nominations, elected unanimously.
- **Vice Chair:** Keith Roderick nominated, seconded, no further nominations, elected unanimously.
- **Secretary:** Dacia Cole nominated, seconded, no further nominations, elected unanimously.

2015 Meeting Dates/Location/Catering – *Please note change in meeting time.

- Tuesday, February 3, 2015: *9:30-3:00, Room 202, Howerton State Office Building.
- Tuesday, May 5, 2015 – Conference Call, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 4, 2015: 10:00-3:30, Room 202, Howerton State Office Building.
- Tuesday, November 3, 2015: 10:00-3:30, Room 202, Howerton State Office Building.

R. Miller will email menus of catering options to members for consideration for 2015 meetings.

2015 Sub Committees: Membership and Chairpersons:

- See “Committees and Standing Committees above for membership updates.

Current Workshops/Events in the State:

See <http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/advisory-panels/blind-task-force/btf-meeting-agendas-minutes-handouts> for current listing of Workshops/Events as of date of meeting.

Agenda for next scheduled meeting:

- Unified Braille – Geoffrey B.
- National Reading Media – D. Cole
- The Vision Summit
- D. Lawson will send out an email regarding Transition services from High School to Post Secondary. Discuss ideas to assist with this.
- Committee assigned to review and discuss the reports presented by the BSS.
- L. Whitworth to discuss:
 - 1. Mandatory vision/hearing tests before entering kindergarten or preschool.
 - 2. Teacher evaluations for TVI's/O&M's

Adjournment – L. Coccovizzio made a motion to adjourn. J. Lenk seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.