

Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting

Minutes

June 8, 2012

Members in Attendance

Scott Montgomery	Lauren Zeliff	Patricia Kopetz
Diana Taylor-Soole	Dorothy Parks	Byron Koster
Laura Moseley	Martha Crabtree	Ashley Krause
Lisa Bonacker-Slattery	Danny Tipton	Mary Kay Savage
Jerry Neal	Stephen Barr	
Lori Christensen	Jennifer Bax	
Angela Brown	Donna Cash	

Members Not in Attendance

Russ Brock		
Thurma DeLoach	Steve McDannold	Deena Ring
Heath Dillard	Jamey McVicker	Sue Sharp
Karen Downs	Tammy Pence	
Doreen Frappier	Judy Ray	

Comments from the Public – No public comments.

Copies of handouts and presentations for this meeting are available at - <http://dese.mo.gov/se/seap/>.

Call to Order/Introductions – Scott Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes – Jerry Neal made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written. Diana Taylor-Soole seconded. Minutes were approved.

Senate Bill 595 – Cynthia Quetsch, Legal Counsel, Office of Special Education, indicated Senate Bill 595 passed and is now awaiting the Governor's signature. If signed by the Governor, it will go into effect August 28, 2012. It changes the current three member due process hearing panel to an administrative hearing commissioner. The Office of Special Education will continue to receive the due processes that are filed. They will then be sent to the administrative hearing commission. The Part B State Plan will need to be amended to reflect this change.

Focused Performance Area – Stephen Barr presented information on focused performance area. To review his presentation, go to: http://dese.mo.gov/se/seap/se-admin-seap-amphndout06_12.html.

DESE Update:

- Both the Part B and Part C applications have been submitted to OSEP.
- State Budget – Level funding for next school year for state schools, sheltered workshops, blindness skills specialists, early childhood special Education, etc.
- Summer Conferences/Institutes:
 - SW PBS Summer Institute, Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach, June 18-20
 - Transition Summer Institute, Capitol Plaza, Jefferson City, June 25-27
 - Dropout Prevention Summit, Capitol Plaza, Jefferson City, June 28-29
 - Missouri Improvement Model (MIM) Summer Institute, Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach, July 10-13
 - New Special Education Directors' Academy, Jefferson City, July 24-26
- The Department is working with the U. S. Department of Education on an ESEA flexibility waiver.

Assistive Technology Data – Prior to the panel meeting, Stephen emailed two documents provided by MoAT to panel members. One document indicated a count of student provided supports through MoAT in each district over the past three years and the other provided a description of the work coming out of MoAT and the problems they face. The panel was asked to review the documents and make recommendations on how MoAT can provide the level of services needed across the state. Other than lack of funds, one of MoAT’s biggest needs is keeping districts informed of the services available. Stephen asked each of the subcommittees to discuss and provide their recommendations during their subcommittee reports.

Subcommittees met from 12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Evaluations**
 - **Annual Report Letter** - Lisa Bonacker-Slattery made a motion to approve the Annual Report letter after one typo was corrected. Lori Christian seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - **MoAT recommendations:**
 - Look into getting refurbished products from factories/companies.
 - Use webinars or pod casts to provide information/instructions.
 - Provide information about MoAT services via other listserves (i.e., homeless, federal programs, etc.).
 - Look into possibility of using Title II funds to pay for professional development costs.
 - There is a lot of technology used at the Centers for Independent Living.
- **Rules and Regulations**
 - Use train the trainer model several times per year to show devices, how they operate, etc.
 - Seek donations of equipment from manufactures or refurbished items.
 - Seek monetary grants from private foundations
 - MoAT staff attend technology conferences to network with manufacture representatives and seek donations.
- **Monitoring**
 - Professional development for teachers – someone designated to provide support statewide.
 - Districts could apply for a grant and then provide that support.
 - Statewide institute where districts could attend to view the different technologies and how they are applied.
 - Add information about resources and how to access to the New Directors’ Institute.
- **Programs**
 - **MoAT recommendations:**
 - Include information in Governor’s Council on Disability catalog.
 - Data on how many schools have bought new equipment, what types, what would they recommend over others, etc.
 - Listing of AT devices and function.
 - Providing videos of how different devices are used.
 - Provide a Q&A document.
 - Provide questionnaire to districts that have used an assistive technology device.
 - What is needed for individuals under ADA to assist them in the world of work?
 - Provide a “Power Up” type of conference in the fall.
 - **Statewide System of Support/SIG Grant** – How many buildings were part of the SIG grant and where are they located in the state? How successful were the SIG grants in providing improvements to student achievement?
- **Nominations** – As of June 30, there will be two vacancies in the category of “parents of students with disabilities/individuals with disabilities” and one in the teacher category.

- **Public Comment**
 - **MoAT recommendations:**
 - Determine if there are any issues with technology and computer systems in districts.
 - Received a couple comments to the panel’s email address. One dealt with FAPE/LRE and how it is interpreted. The subcommittee shared and discussed the comments with the panel. The Public Comment subcommittee will review the disclaimer on the webpage and determine if any changes are needed.

Elections

Chair - Jerry Neal
 Vice chair - Angela Brown
 Secretary - Patricia Kopetz

Executive Board members

Lisa Bonacker-Slattery
 Doreen Frappier
 Byron Koster
 Laura Moseley

New Business

- Angela Brown made a motion to recommend the Department review the possibility of adding a “representative from MPACT” category to the SEAP. Jerry Neal seconded the motion. The panel discussed the motion. Some members felt it would give continuity to the panel to have someone from MPACT at meetings. Some questions would include: can a position be legally added since it is not mandated, what kind of term limit, what about other agencies/stakeholders that would want to also be included on the panel. This would also affect the number of “parents of students with disabilities/individuals with a disability” – More than half of the members of the panel must be in this category. Lisa Bonacker-Slattery made a motion to table the discussion until next meeting. Byron Koster seconded. Motion passed.
- Stephen Barr presented Scott Montgomery with a plaque of recognition for his term as panel chair for the past two years.

Adjournment – Jerry Neal made a motion to adjourn. Byron Koster seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.