

# Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting

## Minutes

### December 6, 2013

#### Members in Attendance

Jerry Neal	Lori Christiansen	Lori Masek
Stephen Barr	Lynnette Creed	Cory McMahon
Jennifer Bax	Maryellen Koch	Dorothy Parks
Julie Boos	Patricia Kopetz	
Donna Cash	Byron Koster	

#### Members Not in Attendance

Stacey Anderson	Millie Krna	Deena Ring
Lisa Bonacker Slattery	Jamey McVicker	Susan Sharp
Kelly Cogan	Kent Medlin	Julia Tackett
Martha Crabtree	John Monroe	Diana Taylor-Soole
Wayland Dillard	Shawn Nix	Lauren Zeliff
Doreen Frappier	Carrie Ragsdale	Kelly Zigaitis
Ashley Krause	Reta Richmond	

**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** – Jerry Neal called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes** – Cory McMahon indicated a reference to PBS in the September minutes should have been typed as Positive Behavior Supports instead of Positive Behavior Services and a reference to the Department of Developmental Disabilities should have been Division of Developmental Disabilities. Patricia Kopetz made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting with the above corrections. Lori Christiansen seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with the above corrections.

**Due Process Hearing Decisions/Disclosures** – The link to the 2012-13 due process hearing decisions <http://dese.mo.gov/se/compliance/complaint/20122013DueProcessDecisions.html> was emailed to panel members prior to the meeting. A hard copy of each decision was available for panel members to review at the meeting. A summary of the data in connection to these decisions was handed during the meeting. Cynthia Quetsch, Legal Counsel for the Office of Special Education, reviewed the handout with the panel.

**Part B State Plan Changes** – Stephen indicated the Office of Special Education recently made revisions to the Part B State Plan to align it with the Part C State Plan. The Part B State Plan was approved by the State Board of Education at their December meeting. It will now be sent

to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for their review and approval before going to the Office of the Secretary of State. Once approved, the final version will be posted on the Office of Special Education's website and it will be announced via the Special Education Listserv (SELS).

**DRAFT Missouri Part B Annual Performance Report (APR)** – The draft APR was distributed via email to panel members prior to the meeting for their review. No changes were made to the State Performance Plan (SPP) this year. The Part B – State Performance Plan Targets' document was handed out at the meeting. Stephen reviewed this document with the panel. This will be the last year the APR will be in this format. Patricia Kopetz made a motion to approve the draft APR and Byron Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed. If panel members have any additional comments, they should contact Stephen at 573-751-5739 or [Stephen.barr@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Stephen.barr@dese.mo.gov).

**Proposed Rule Changes to Special Education Certification** – Jerry Neal discussed with the panel some important changes DESE is proposing to make to special education teacher certification. DESE is proposing to change the Compendium of Missouri Certification Requirements from one rule to many separate rules. In addition, there were a lot of suggested changes in the special education area. In November, Jerry and a group of IHE representatives met with DESE staff to discuss their concerns. From that meeting, a document was created outlining the areas of concern with the proposed changes.

For a summary crosswalk of the major changes from the Compendium of Missouri Certification Requirements to the proposed certification rules, go to [http://dese.mo.gov/am/eq/documents/EQ-13-004rev\\_001.pdf](http://dese.mo.gov/am/eq/documents/EQ-13-004rev_001.pdf). The list of proposed certification rules may be viewed at the following link: <http://dese.mo.gov/schoollaw/rulesregs/pending/index.htm>.

The public comment period for the proposed changes runs from December 2, 2013, to January 1, 2014. Comments may be submitted to [educatorquality@dese.mo.gov](mailto:educatorquality@dese.mo.gov).

In addition to panel members being able to submit comments individually, Jerry volunteered to draft comments to submit on behalf of the entire panel. The Rules and Regulations subcommittee agreed to discuss during their subcommittee meeting and provide their recommendation during subcommittee updates.

### **Working Lunch – DESE Update**

**Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines** (handout) – Stephen reviewed the document with the panel. The Smarter Balanced assessment is based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). This document describes the Smarter Balanced universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations available for the Smarter Balanced assessments. The guidelines provide information for classroom teachers, English development educators, special education teachers, and related services personnel to use in selecting and administering universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations for those students who need them. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium has developed a system of valid, reliable, and fair next-generation assessments aligned to the CCSS in English language arts/literacy and mathematics for grades 3-8 and 11.

**Dynamic Learning Maps** – Dynamic Learning Maps is the equivalent to MAP-A for students with severe cognitive disabilities. A handout providing the Field Test Planning details was provided to the panel. There will be three field testing events scheduled for the remainder of this school year. They are not mandatory. All students with significant cognitive disabilities who are eligible for the MAP-A in grades 3-8 or 9-10 and 11-12 are eligible.

**Subcommittees met from 1:05-1:35 p.m.**

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- **Evaluations** – No report.
- **Rules and Regulations** – The subcommittee recommended the panel endorse the proposed rules as set aside in the document Jerry provided to the panel which was prepared by the work group. The subcommittee felt it would be most beneficial to students and teachers to keep the requirements as outlined in the proposed rule change (5 CSR 20-400.560 Certification Requirements for Teacher of Special Education- [http://dese.mo.gov/se/seap/documents/se-admin-seap-proposedrule5csr20\\_400-560certreqforteacherofsped.pdf](http://dese.mo.gov/se/seap/documents/se-admin-seap-proposedrule5csr20_400-560certreqforteacherofsped.pdf)). Lori Christiansen made a motion to approve the subcommittee's recommendation. Donna Cash seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jerry will prepare a draft response and email it to Lina so it can be sent to the panel.
- **Monitoring** – No report.
- **Programs** – Maryellen expressed concern over whether or not all nonverbal students have a functional communication system. She felt many did not and asked if this issue could be further investigated/discussed.
- **Nominations** – No report
- **Public Comment** – At the last panel meeting, the Public Comment subcommittee reported they had received a public comment concerning the selection process for private nurses provided in school districts. The email was concerned with Missouri's process and referenced New Jersey's law. Lynnette Creed reviewed New Jersey's law and it states the parent or legal guardian of a medically fragile student will have the ability to select a private nurse only if the cost to the school district remains neutral.

### **Member Issues/Reports**

- Cory McMahan indicated the House Budget Committee will hold transparency hearings next week and the Commissioner will be testifying during that time.

**Adjournment** – Donna Cash made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Kopetz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.