

# Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting

## Minutes

### June 7, 2013

#### Members in Attendance

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| Jerry Neal         | Deena Ring        | John Monroe     |
| Stephen Barr       | Russ Brock        | Carrie Ragsdale |
| Reta Richmond      | Ashley Krause     | Wayland Dillard |
| Laura Moseley      | Julie Boos        | Doreen Frappier |
| Martha Crabtree    | Lynnette Creed    | Jamie McVicker  |
| Diana Taylor-Soole | Lori Christiansen | Thurma DeLoach  |
| Lauren Zeliff      | Patricia Kopetz   |                 |

#### Members Not in Attendance

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| Jennifer Bax           | Byron Koster       | Sheila Saxton  |
| Lisa Bonacker Slattery | Lori Masek         | Susan Sharp    |
| Donna Cash             | Gretchen Meinhardt | Sherry Whorton |
| Kelly Cogan            | Lynn Neidigh       | Kelly Zigaitis |
| Kaia Fields            | Dorothy Parks      |                |

#### Guests

Christy Collins (Department of Social Services)

**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 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

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

**Missouri Connections** – Tom Schlimpert, Career Education, DESE presented information on the Missouri Connections <http://missouriconnections.org/> online program. Missouri Connections is a web-based resource to help Missouri citizens determine their career interests, explore occupations, establish education plans, develop job search strategies, and create resumes. Sponsored by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Economic Development, Missouri Connections is available to students, parents, guidance counselors, educators, and job seekers at no charge. To review the powerpoint and handouts, go to [http://dese.mo.gov/se/seap/se-admin-seap-amphndout06\\_13.html](http://dese.mo.gov/se/seap/se-admin-seap-amphndout06_13.html).

#### Working Lunch

##### DESE Update

- Stephen asked each subcommittee to provide recommendations on ways to get more students and parents accessing the Missouri Connections program.

- There have been staff reductions in DESE. It was a difficult process involving some shifting of staff. Most of the reductions involved staff in field offices. The Office of Special Education did receive two staff and they will be focused on some major special education projects.
- DESE did okay with regard to the FY 14 state budget. There are still concerns with the federal budget. Appears sequestration and “flat funding” will continue into next fiscal year.
- Results are in from the parent education survey. The data will be reviewed and a brief presentation will be provided at the next SEAP meeting.
- The U. S. Department of Education recently released guidelines for the use of federal funds for meals. We are questioning some of the guidance.
- In December, there will be a webinar on the issues related to providing special education services for English Language Learner (ELL) students. Individuals from the national center are working with the Department on these efforts.
- At the last panel meeting information was presented on Dynamic Learning Maps. They are now preparing for the pilot.
- There are currently 270 buildings involved in the collaborative work in 110 districts. The potentially is there for a maximum of 600 buildings (see handout [http://dese.mo.gov/se/seap/se-admin-seap-amphndout06\\_13.html](http://dese.mo.gov/se/seap/se-admin-seap-amphndout06_13.html)).
- The Results Driven Accountability (RDA) is OSEP’s reconceptualization of its accountability system (see handout [http://dese.mo.gov/se/seap/se-admin-seap-amphndout06\\_13.html](http://dese.mo.gov/se/seap/se-admin-seap-amphndout06_13.html)) It is an effort to create a balance between the focus on improved results and functional outcomes for students with disabilities while considering compliance as it relates to those results and outcomes. The SPP/APR will be a critical tool for this process.
- The Smarter Balanced Assessment will be the new Missouri assessment program in the next couple of years. They just finished the pilot. The sample test is available online at <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/assess/sbac.html>.

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

**Subcommittee Reports**

All of the subcommittees’ recommendations are listed below in a consolidated list.

- **Evaluations** – John Monroe made a motion to approve the 2012-13 Annual Report letter as written. Russ Brock seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Rules and Regulations** – Nothing additional to report other than the subcommittee’s recommendations.
- **Monitoring** – The subcommittee would like an update on the new due process system. Stephen indicated an update will be provided at the December meeting.
- **Programs** – The subcommittee requested a future update on the Smarter Balance Assessment.
- **Nominations** – Nothing additional to report other than the subcommittee’s recommendations.
- **Public Comment** – There were no public comments received from the panel’s email account.

The subcommittees provided the following suggestions regarding the Missouri Connections program:

- ▶ Schedule regional meetings which provide “how to use” training.
- ▶ Present at the Superintendents and Special Education (MoCASE) conferences.
- ▶ Connect with Department of Corrections, private schools, and not-for-profit organizations.
- ▶ Provide a lab at RPDCs for teachers and parents/students to come and learn/practice.

- ▶ Encourage districts to provide the link on their websites (including Special School District of St. Louis County).
- ▶ Provide awareness and some training for teachers – perhaps through a webinar.
- ▶ Make it part of 8-12 curriculum - aligned to what they are teaching that year.
- ▶ Use social media to increase awareness and interest.
- ▶ Encourage districts to provide post-school nights for graduates (last-minute attempt).
- ▶ Try to get Missouri corporations aware of and supportive of the tool - see if it is possible for them to recruit from the MO-CO website.
- ▶ Make additional efforts to help guidance counselors and Special Education teachers aware of the site potential and how it supports transition activities.
- ▶ Provide additional class materials related to soft skills.
- ▶ Provide parent workshops (this might be a good activity for IMPACT).
- ▶ Text and tweet parents.
- ▶ Put on DESE homepage.
- ▶ Provide a webinar.
- ▶ Check for accessibility for blind, Deaf/blind, and other disabilities.
- ▶ Provide transition tips for parents - for example, parents and students are on their own to advocate for accommodations and supports at college.
- ▶ Try to get local parent advisory councils interested.
- ▶ Open up access rather than requiring access through sites.

**Elections (term July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)**

**Chair** – Jerry Neal

**Vice Chair** – Patricia Kopetz

**Secretary** – Martha Crabtree

**Executive Committee (Members at Large)**

Heath Dillard

Doreen Frappier

Jamey McVicker

Sue Sharp

**Adjournment** –Patricia Kopetz made a motion to adjourn. Carrie Ragsdale seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.