

Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting

Minutes

June 6, 2014

Members in Attendance

Jerry Neal	Lori Christiansen	Shawn Nix
Maryellen Koch	Doreen Frappier	Dorothy Parks
Reta Richmond	Lauren Zeliff	Julie Boos
Martha Crabtree	Carrie Ragsdale	Lori Masek
Lynnette Creed	Mary Jo Jensen	Stephen Barr
Cory McMahan	Amy Wilson	Pam Hollingsworth
Byron Koster	Tom Bamvakais	Diana Taylor-Soole
Patricia Kopetz	John Monroe	

Members Not in Attendance

Jennifer Bax	Kent Medlin	Kelly Zigaitis
Donna Cash	Misty Perdue	
Jamey McVicker	Julie Tackett	

Comments from the Public – No public comments.

Copies of handouts and presentations for this meeting are available at:

<http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/advisory-panels/seap/meetings>.

Call to Order/Introductions – Jerry Neal called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes – It was suggested that “mtg” needed to be spelled out in the March minutes. Diana Taylor-Soole made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting with this change. Carrie Ragsdale seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Reinventing Special Education Project – Thurma DeLoach and Terry Allee with MOCASE presented information on the Reinventing Special Education Project. To review powerpoint, go to <http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/advisory-panels/seap/seap-meeting-handouts>. Panel members were asked to break into small groups and discuss four topics (see 1-2-4 Group Think powerpoint slide).

Working Lunch (continued discussion of Reinventing Special Education Project)

DESE Update

- Budget – The state special education budget was basically flat funded. There was an increase in First Steps money which was necessary to continue operation of the program. Some funds were lost with the Blindness Skills Specialists and the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (travel funds).
- Missouri School for the Deaf (MSD) Superintendent – Ernest Garrett is the new superintendent at the MSD effective July 1.

- Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH) Director - Ernest Garrett was formerly the Director at MCDHH. MCDHH has completed interviews and will have a new Director hired in July.
- Missouri School for the Blind (MSB) Superintendent - Patty Yocum resigned as superintendent at MSB. Interviews have been scheduled.
- Individualized Education Programs (IEP) Facilitation – IEP facilitation was discussed at the March panel meeting. The plan was to move forward with this idea. Since that time, CADRE (The National Center on Dispute Resolution in Special Education) announced they would be providing training and support on the IEP facilitation process. States could apply to expand or institute the IEP facilitation process. Missouri has applied.
- Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) - DRDP Early Childhood training is being provided across the state. The program is not mandated but districts will be encouraged to participate.
- General Guidance for Braided Funding – Funding to support early learning opportunities comes from several different sources: Head Start, Child Care and Development Fund, Temporary Assistance, Title I, Preschool Grants. It is difficult to braid these funds and maintain each of the federal programs. DESE is discussing with several districts the possibility of a pilot.
- State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) - The SPP/APR for Part B and Part C were sent to the U. S. Department of Education by the deadline.
- State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) – The SPDG’s annual report was submitted as required.
- State Applications – The state applications for Part B and Part C were submitted.
- State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) – Preparing for the new SPP/APR process which will be due in February 2015.
- Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Visit – OSEP will be visiting DESE on August 4-7 to discuss Part B and Part C. Some stakeholders will be attending.
- Assessment – The Dynamic Learning Maps have been completed. They should be especially helpful for the Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled (MSSD).
- Smarter Balanced Assessments – Ongoing statewide and ready for the next stage (formative assessments that can be used in all schools).
- Mild Moderate Certification Process – A compromise was reached. Teachers must still be highly qualified in whatever course they teach.
- Notice of Action and Other Compliance Forms – All of the Compliance forms were reviewed and revised as needed. Forms will be released July 1.

Review of Bylaws - Jerry Neal reviewed the bylaws of the advisory panel with the group including the membership requirements.

Subcommittees met.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Evaluations** – Reviewed the panel’s annual report. Cory McMahon made a motion to approve the annual report with one correction. Lauren Zeliff seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- **Rules and Regulations** – no report.

- **Monitoring** – The subcommittee will be reviewing the number of parent-driven versus school-driven child complaints and due process complaints. Also reviewing what legal aid is available for parents wanting to file due process.
- **Programs** – The subcommittee indicated they liked the interaction with MOCASE’s presentation and would like to see more opportunities for similar input on state performance changes and other work groups. The subcommittee requested future updates on dynamic learning, Smarter Balance, and retention rates for special education teachers.
- **Nominations** – elections (see results below)
- **Public Comment** – No comments received since last meeting. Would like to send an annual update to organizations and stakeholders by email regarding the panel’s website and public comment email address. Members were asked to send name and email address of any organizations that should receive this announcement. Panel members were also reminded that if they would like to me a member of the Special Education Listserv (SELS) to contact Lina.

Elections for July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 term:

Officers

- Chair** – Jerry Neal
- Vice Chair** – Patricia Kopetz
- Secretary** – Martha Crabtree

Executive Committee at Large Members

- Maryellen Koch
- Byron Koster
- Jamey McVicker
- Cory McMahon

Member Issues/Reports

- Dorothy Parks will be retiring from Vocational Rehabilitation, DESE, on July 10.

Adjournment – Cory McMahon made a motion to adjourn. Maryellen Koch seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.