

South Dakota Department of Education Special Education Advisory Panel

September 30th, 2014

Deadwood Mountain Grand (1906 Deadwood St.), Deadwood, SD

Chairperson: Shelly Shaw Vice Chairperson: Roger Bowie

Panel Functions

- Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities
- Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities
- Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618 of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities
- Review and comment on final due process hearing findings and decisions
- Advise on eligible students with disabilities in adult prisons- The advisory panel also shall advise on the education of eligible students with disabilities who have been convicted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons

Panel Priorities

Behavioral Health

Funding

Unmet Needs

- * Transition
- * Highly Qualified Teachers/Certification
- * Service Providers

Time: Tuesday, September 30, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Deadwood Mountain Grand, 1906 Deadwood St, Deadwood, SD

I. Welcome:

Approval of the June minutes

- Marie – made a motion to approve
 - Judy – 2nd motion
- Motion passed

Approval of the September agenda

- Bernie – made a motion to approve
 - Mark – 2nd motion
- Motion passed

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- Marie was nominated as Chair
 - Penny – made a motion to approve
 - Bernie – 2nd motion
- Marie was elected Chair via unanimous vote

- Penny was nominated as Vice Chair
 - Sarah – made a motion to close nomination and cast a unanimous vote
- Penny was elected Vice Chair via unanimous vote

II. Agenda Topics

1. Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities

- Introduction, Orientation, and Special Education Hot Topics (John Copenhaver)
 - General introduction
 - Handed out an acronyms sheet for members
 - Stated that attendance is a must for panel members- You represent a stake holder group, if you are not here, you are not representing your stake holder group
 - Section 618 is the data issues of IDEA
 - 2 groups that play biggest role in improving special education – parents and panels
 - Accountability went from student level to include state agency, local agency, and school district
 - Explained Results Driven Accountability
 - Went over Division of IDEA
 - Requirements of Panel
 - Role of Linda
 - Ways for members to reach out to their stakeholders
 - Advisory panel advises to the Office
 - Functions of the Advisory Panel – 1. Advise the SEA of unmet needs. 2. Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the state. 3. Advise state in developing evaluations and reporting on data. 4. Developing corrective action plans. 5. Coordination of services. 6. Due process hearings
- 10 National Hot Topics in Special Education
 - Reauthorization – no word yet – 10 years IDEA – 13 years on ESEA
 - Virtual – SPED
 - Data and Fiscal Issues
 - Connecting ESEA/IDEA
 - RDA
 - Indicator 17 – SSIP
 - MTSS/RTI
 - If and when, PD will be required
 - SSIP – 3 phases – SPED data collection, develop SSIP, and evaluate SSIP – involve stakeholders
 - Issues – APR Indicators have been modified

- SSIP process encourages collaboration
 - School district directors will be informed and involved
 - State Core Standards – Common Core
 - How will CCSS impact services to children with disabilities
 - Standard based IEP
 - Sequestration Cuts
 - RDA – Results Driven Accountability
 - OSEP is developing a results-oriented accountability process
 - No change to requirements of compliance
 - Fiscal accountability
 - Fiscal is part of general supervision
 - SEA and LEA's monitor fiscal responsibilities
 - ESEA Waivers = No Child Left Behind
 - 42 States have approved waiver
 - When ESEA is reauthorized, federal accountability standards will apply.
 - School climate, safe schools, and mental health
 - School Climate improves success – studies show
 - Stigma to individuals with mental health issues
 - Growing number of students with mental health issues with lack of services
 - Cradle to College/Career Movement
 - Virtual SPED
 - IEP team function, evaluated, LRE, related services – how are they done?
- Interagency Agreements (Linda Turner)
 - Changes to the agreements were explained
 - Approval of the Interagency Agreement
 - Mark – made a motion to approve
 - Bernie – 2nd motion
- Interagency Agreements approved

2. Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities

- Autism Rules Updates, Linda Turner
 - Updated rules based off of DSM-V, which we previously used DSM – IV
 - Went over all 5 changes to the SM – starting in 1952
 - DSM-V changes eliminated Pervasive and removed Rhetts disorder
 - Autism, Aspergers, PDD-NOS all moved into Autism spectrum disorder
 - Team consists of school psych, SPED teacher, Speech, and Occupational Therapists, which they all must have experience working with a student with autism.
- Recommendations from the Panel
 - Having opportunities outside of school
 - Time for training staff, older students – career opportunities, traing for parents when 1st identified
 - Really developing early interventions for teachers
 - Developing best practices
 - Training and teaching opportunities – not just he IEP
 - How to get Voc Rehab counselors more involved
 - Give educators more ideas on more difficult scenarios
 - Transition Improvement Plan – communication needs to improve – parents made aware with resources is a huge concern for many of the panel members.
 - Panel members should inform SPED directors of lack of communications as far as informing them of resources.
 - School districts are not handing out parents survey's
 - Defining a minimum amount of training for teacher to be considered qualified.

3. Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities

- Rapid City Central Coffee Shop (Amy Heuston)

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III. Goals

- Review of goals from September/October meeting:
 - The panel had requested to add a member from the behavior field. This is not a required membership holder, and would need the governor’s approval. Further suggestions may be sent to Special Education Programs for review.
 - Raise awareness and educate public on what is being done and continued unmet needs as it relates to special education funding.
 - Susan Woodmansey will be scheduled during the June meeting. Please send questions to Alicia.
 - Panel could present to public to raise awareness of what is being funded and how:
 - SDPC
 - newsletters
 - Identify which districts continue to have positions unfilled.
 - Would you like Title II representation to present in June?
 - Panel input into the annual report
 - Committee work at June meeting to develop the annual report (will review September/October minutes for areas to cover)
 - Increase awareness of services for transition age students.
 - Possibly hold next April meeting in Aberdeen to tour Presentation College campus.

IV. Assignments

V. Next Meeting

- June Meeting, Pierre was scheduled for June 18th
 - Items to include:
 - Susan Woodmansey from Fiscal to discuss ECF (SEP)
 - ASPIRE Project, Mary Livermont (Bernie)
 - Transition Project, YLF Updates (Traci)
 - More details to come
- September Meeting, Western SD was scheduled for September 29/30
 - More details to come

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjourn

- made a motion to adjourn: Lisa Hecknlaible
- 2nd motion: Penny McCormick-Gilles

Members in attendance:

Sarah Carda	Jody Carpenter
Roger Bowie	Lisa Heckenlaible
Bernie Grimme	Doug Herrmann
Sara Hoogheem	Judy Hoscheid
Marie Ivers	Mark Krogstrand
Penny McCormick-Gilles	Greg Riley
Elaine Roberts	Laura Johnson-Frame
Traci Glanzman	Kerry Larson
Heather Stettnichs	

Members not in attendance:

Karolyn Baumann	Dr. Michelle Greseth
Shelly Shaw	Dr. Gregory Cooch