

SD ADVISORY PANEL ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES MINUTES



Date: April 17, 2025

Time: 9:30-1:30

Location: Virtual Meeting- Zoom

Board Members Present

LeAnne Bawek, Kristi Bunkers, Kyley Cumbow, Kayla Farlee, Mary Ann Fleury, Katie Gran, Jamie Herman, Katie Larson, Stacey Meyer, Darcy Peterson, Brian Poelstra, Jessica Vogel, Kelsey Weismantel, Elizabeth Welfl

Board Members Absent

Pamela Brown, Emily Quick, Julie Tipton, Janet Whiting

Special Education Staff Members Present

Wendy Trujillo, Linda Turner (Ad Hoc), Janet Penticoff

Call to order and Introductions at 9:30 a.m.

LeeAnn Bawek, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions were made.

Agenda:

- The proposed agenda order may change but the content is the same.

Approval of October meeting minutes:

- Katie Gran moved to approve the January 9, 2025, minutes. Mary Ann Fleury seconded.
- Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- None

Agenda Items: Department of Education Updates

- Linda Turner provided an update on the IDEA (Part C and Part B) application and budget.
- Linda Tuner provided an overview of the 2025 legislative session.

- Linda Turner provided an update as to what is happening at the Department of Education such as trainings, initiatives, ACT as new state assessment for Juniors next school year, etc.
- Wendy Trujillo updated changes to the Parent Rights and Procedural Safeguards Handbook. One major rule change in civil action lawsuit where parents or district can appeal from 90 days to 30 days; some clarification language to mediations.
- New Dispute Resolution handout has been created and available on webpage.
- Wendy Trujillo informed the Board that Eric Pederson from Aberdeen was awarded the SPED staff of the year. The SPED staff are nominated by parents.

Agenda Item: State Advisory Panel (SAP)

- John Copenhaver from TAESE shared information about national advisory committees and what TAESE does for advisory councils (SAP/SICC Community of Practice Group) national workgroup.
- John let the Board know that Wendy Trujillo was awarded the 2025-2026 Glen Latham national award in March 2025. Linda Turner had been awarded this award in 2017-2018.
- Board members are encouraged to participate in any of the national workgroup webinars with the national State Advisory Panel workgroup.

Agenda Item: State Agency Updates:

- Kristi Bunkers, Department of Corrections, Juvenile Justice, gave an update on what their office has been doing and how special education is addressed within their work.
- Katie Gran, Department of Human Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, gave an update on what their office has been doing how special education is addressed within their work.
- Katie Larson, Department of Social Services, Child Protection Services, gave an update on ESSA – Every Student Succeeds Act.
- Jessica Vogel, SD School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, gave an update on what their office has been doing how special education is addressed within their work.

Agenda Item: Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) Transition Summer Institute

- Lori Kwasniewski, Education Program Specialist – transition specialist discussed the Youth Leadership Forum this summer at Northern State University and Transition Summer Institute being held July 8-9, 2025, in Chamberlain.

Meeting Take Away for Annual Report

- Grant Application
- Legislative Update
- Parent rights update
- TAESE - SAP
- TSLP Transition Summer Institute

Next Meeting:

- June 18, 2025, from 9am a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Library Commons in Pierre.
- September meeting will be 1.5 days, to be determined

Agenda Items:

- Priority Setting
- Extraordinary cost applications
- Panel membership

Adjournment at 12:28 PM.

- Darcy Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Katie Larson seconded.
- Meeting dismissed.