

# SD ADVISORY PANEL ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES MINUTES



**Date:** June 15, 2022

**Time:** 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Location:** Library Commons in the MacKay Building

## **Board Members Present**

Larry Ayres, LeAnne Bawek, Katie Gran, Steve Helgeland, Stacy Meyer, Meaghan Neuberger, Darcy Peterson, Brian Polstra, Erin Schons, Erik Anderson

## **Board Members Absent**

Angie Brown, Eric Grover, Dr. Donna Johnson, Michelle Martin, Dawn Smith, Kim Wadsworth, Elizabeth Anderson, Jennifer Carda, Tami Fite, Alex Anderson-Kahl

## **Call to order:**

Chairperson Erin Schoons called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

## **Approval of the Agenda:**

- Katie Gran moved to approve the agenda and Larry Ayers seconded
- Motion Carried

## **Approval of January meeting minutes:**

- Stacy Meyer moved to approve the minutes and Katie Gran seconded
- Motion carried

## **Public Comment:**

- None

## **Agenda Item:**

- Linda Turner thanked all panel members for their service. The following members have resigned their panel position: Alex Anderson-Kahl, Kaitlin Ryan, Jennifer Carda and Tami Fite. Recommendations for new appointments have been sent to the

Governor's office; New members will attend the September orientation and meeting.

**Agenda Item:**

- Linda reviewed the DOE updates
  - Extraordinary Cost Fund Board met in May. Linda explained the set of dollar amounts that we receive, and how the districts can apply for the available funds.
    - This year we had 16 districts apply and all were approved.
      - The recommendation will go to the Secretary of Education for approval.
  - Total funding request in the amount of \$2,725,825. We were able to revert \$1.3 million so that will leave us with 5.3 million for next year.
  - ARP ESSR funds are federally granted dollars for the pandemic. Our state received \$382,000. Linda reviewed the breakdown of how those funds are being used.
    - Some key things that we are working on in the state level are improving the data systems, improving the certification system and the farms to school nutrition program.
  - State Public Reporting have released the districts performance on the State Performance Report they are posted and available of the State Performance Webpage. A report will be available for the September meeting; a press release will go out before that;

**Agenda Item:**

- Linda gave an update on how the process of the Administrative Rule changes are going.

**Agenda Item:**

- Moved Disproportionality up on the agenda. Melissa Flor gave a presentation on Indicator 9 and Indicator 10 and Significant Disproportionality.
- Stakeholder input needed to determine if we should keep the same methodology (calculation), or update 9 and 10 to use the same calculation as disproportionality
- Indicator 9 includes all 14 disability categories to determine if we are over identifying any race/ethnic group
- Indicator 10 looks at specific disability categories
- Significant Disproportionality looks at over identification, but is broader in its scope
  - Also look at restrictive settings, and discipline
  - Must take 15% of federal IDEA \$ to address the areas they are over identifying
- In the past SD has used the same calculation for 9 and 10 and Significant Disproportionality
  - 20/20 3.0 Risk Ratio
- Sig. Dis changed to 10/30 3.0

- If we keep 9 and 10 with their current calculation, we aren't seeing any identified under 9, we will have 5 under Significant Disproportionality new calculation
- Panel recommended aligning the methodology for Indicators 9 and 10 with Significant Disproportionality.

**Agenda Item:**

- Tim Neyhart and Cole Uecker from Disability Rights of South Dakota gave a presentation on what they do to help individuals with disabilities.
- Discussion from panel as to the undergraduate course preparation within South Dakota universities for teachers regarding students with disabilities and behaviors.

**Agenda Item:**

- Melissa Bothun asked the panel if there were anything in the current by-laws which needed to be updated. If the panel is wanting to change anything in the by-laws it will be put on the September agenda. If there were no changes then we will keep the by-laws the same. If there are any changes panel members are wanting to make, they do need to be done in writing and sent to Erin.

**Agenda Item:**

- Linda reviewed the Executive Order and how it effects the panel's priority work.

**Take away noted from this meeting:**

- Made recommendations for aligning Indicator 9 and Indicator 10 with Significant Disproportionality.
- Recommendation to discuss the addition to the by-law of the option of virtual attendance of panel meetings. This recommendation will be sent to the Chairperson and added to the September meeting agenda
- Priority are pausing at this time for the Department of Education to determine policies regarding web content in alignment with the Executive Order.
- Made suggestions to Disability Rights of South Dakota with their priority areas and goals.

**Next Meeting:**

- September meeting will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm in the Library Commons in Pierre. New panel member orientation will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm in the MacKay building conference room 1.
- The January meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm in the Library Commons.
- The April meeting will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm in the Library Commons.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:32 am:**

- Larry Ayres motioned to adjourn, and Brian Poelstra seconded
- Motion Carried

Approved