

SD ADVISORY PANEL ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES MINUTES



Date: April 3, 2019

Time: 8:30am to 4pm CT

Location: MacKay Library Commons - Pierre, SD

Board Members Present

Larry Puthoff, Steve Helgeland, Larry Ayres, Heather Trefz, Tyler Munson, Laura Johnson-Frame, Marie Ivers, Erin Schons, Peggy Waltner, Kim Wadsworth, Donna Johnson, Bernie Grimme, Kaitlyn Ryan, Kristi Eisenbraun, Timothy Reinbold, Wendy Trujillo, Linda Turner, Brandi Gerry, Stacey Meyer, Kristin Jerome

Board Members Absent

Jennifer Carda, Stacy Haber, Stacy Nemec

Call to order:

- Chairperson Erin Schons called the meeting to order

Approval of the Agenda:

- Donna Johnson moved to approve the agenda and Larry Ayres seconded
- Motion Carried

Approval of January meeting minutes:

- Marie Ivers moved to approve the minutes and Bernie Grimmes seconded
- Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- None

DOE – Federal Part B IDEA Grant Application – Linda Turner:

- Linda explained the Federal Grant Award amount and activities
- Items budgeted
 - Required – monitoring, enforcement, and complaint investigations
 - Authorized – support and direct services

- Linda introduced Stacey Meyer and that she will be handling assessments
- IDEA application is submitted in May for changes that will take place in SY19-20

By Laws:

- Wendy Trujillo announced that she made the changes requested to the By-Laws from previous meeting and included one additional change.
 - Discussed some changes in the By Laws book
 - What is the correct name of the panel? SD Advisory Panel on Children with Disabilities
 - Changed 10 days to 2 days – shortened notice for accommodations.
 - Panel Procedures page 7 (7th bullet) Spell out number two
 - Public Comment page 8 (first bullet)– change to two business days and add (SEP)
 - Public Comment page 9 (3rd bullet) – change to SEP and two business days
 - Public Comment page 9 (5th bullet) – Change to SEP and two business days
 - Updated language to annual report section to state collaboration effort between Advisory Panel and SEP

Department of Education Updates – Linda Turner and Wendy Trujillo:

- Wendy introduced the DOE Staff and their Responsibilities.
- Linda provided an update on the Extraordinary Cost Fund (ECF) board will meet in May to approve application and the interim committee from Senate Bill 3 will occur over the summer with final recommendations due before session in December.
- SPED Conference registration filled, received positive feedback, Advisory Panel had a breakout session on parental rights
 - Donna Johnson commented that Disability Rights thought all Teachers should hear parental rights training
- Linda explained the Interim Secretary position and that in May we will know more on the outcome.
- Linda touched base on statewide testing in the schools and the testing window is currently open.
 - Bernie Grimmes had questions about BIE Schools and whether they fall under SD requirements of have different guidelines
 - Linda explained the BIE generally has schools follow the rules for the state they are in. BIE schools can attend any state trainings available but cannot apply for state grant funds. Sped programs will answer questions on SD guidelines, but BIE specific questions get referred to BIE line officers.

Legislative Updates – Linda Turner:

- Linda went through each Bill that was in Legislature and explained each bills outcome.
 - Senate Bill 1 (add member to ECF Board) - Passed
 - Senate Bill 2 (add funds to ECF) – Failed due to concerns about raising the state’s maintenance of fiscal support prior to the study
 - Senate Bill 3 (Create Sped Interim Legislative Committee) – Passed
 - Senate Bill 24 – Failed, reintroduced as Senate Bill 188 (revise statewide testing to allow end of course at high school instead of summative) – Failed
 - Senate Bill 146 – (grandfather licenses for speech-language pathology services – affected 8 individuals) - Passed
 - House Bill 1001 (revised timing of disability level calculations) - Passed
 - House Bill 1234 (excise tax, funds would have gone to ECF) - Failed
 - House Bill 1044 (Military Relocation student enrollment) - Passed
 - House Bill 1058 (alternate instruction)– Passed
 - House Bill 1122 (revise reference to deaf or hard of hearing) – Passed
 - All civics education bills failed

- Lead K (2018 legislation)– Kim Wadsworth and Linda Turner.
 - Kim explained the different levels of hearing loss
 - She talked about what Lead K does and why the group was created
 - EHDI Handout on Screenings for infants and when to do these screenings
 - Resources for Parents
 - Linda discussed Birth to 3 and 504 and what information is collected.
 - Kim shared a video on how informing parents in a more positive way can help.

- Linda recapped the task forces efforts. Discussed trend of special interests’ groups bring legislative requests which puts additional demands on staff and resources. In the future legislation may need to include funding for staff time and resources.

Dismiss for Lunch – 11:30-12:00

Priority Area (Cont. from 17-18):

- Individual Groups – Parental Rights Handbook – 12:00-1:30
 - 1 – Stacy, Peggy, Larry A, Kristi
 - Shortened Sections
 - 2 – Tyler, Kim, Larry P, Laura, Kaitlyn
 - Emphasizing items
 - Easier to read format
 - 3 – Bernie, Marie, Donna, Timothy, Stacy N
 - Questions about how much formatting
 - 4 – Steve, Erin, Heather, Jennifer

- Possibly adding an appendix
- Acronym list to glossary

SSIP – Brandi Gerry:

- Brandi explained what State Systemic Improvement Plan is
 - Provided a summary on what work has been completed and is in progress
 - Reviewed state results
 - Discussed student scores and what impacts those
 - Next steps
 - Partnered with SPDG on trainings
 - Sustainability Grants

Next Meeting:

- June 12th Agenda items
 - Worktime on Parental Rights Handbook.
 - Ideas for Presenters

Take away noted from this meeting:

- Legislative Outcomes
- Federal Budget
- DOE Updates
- Legislative updates
- Workgroup time on the revision of the Parental Rights Handbook
 - Linda will reach out to Parent Connections about changes in their book
 - Each group will compile their changes and send to Wendy by May 1st
 - Wendy will compile information to present in June
 - Linda will check on legal references

Meeting Adjourned at 2:11pm:

- Larry Ayres motioned to adjourn and Peggy Waltner seconded
- Motion Carried