

SD ADVISORY PANEL ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES MINUTES



Date: September 19, 2019

Time: 8:30am to 4pm CT

Location: Drifters Conference Center – Ft. Pierre, SD

Board Members Present

Steve Helgeland, Jennifer Carda, Laura Johnson-Frame, Marie Ivers, Erin Schons, Peggy Waltner, Kim Wadsworth, Donna Johnson, Heather Trefz, Stephanie Caron, Brad Otten, Bernie Grimme, Larry Puthoff, Linda Turner

Board Members Absent

Larry Ayres, Kristi Eisenbraun, Tyler Munson, Donna Johnson, Stacy Nemec, Kaitlyn Ryan

Department of Education Staff and Other Attendees

Wendy Trujillo, assistant director; Kristin Jerome, secretary; Mark Gabrylczyk, TAESE

Call to order:

- Chairperson Erin Schons called the meeting to order at 8:39 am CT
 - Introductions

Approval of the Agenda:

- Marie Ivers moved to approve the agenda and Steve Helgeland seconded
- Motion Carried

Approval of April meeting minutes:

- Laura Johnson-Frame moved to approve the minutes and Brad Otten seconded
- Motion carried

Public Comment:

- None

Election of Officers:

- Marie Ivers made a motion to renominate Erin Schons as chairperson and Larry Ayres as vice chairperson and Bernie Grimme seconded
- Linda Turner motioned to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot seconded by Bernie Grimme
- Panel voted and Erin Schons is chairperson for the 19-20 year and Larry Ayres is vice chairperson for 19-20 year.

DOE Updates – Linda Turner

- Linda Turner discussed the Report Card and what is included in the report.
 - Report card is more parent and user friendly and includes more publicly available data.
 - Report Card has been posted online at <https://doe.sd.gov/reportcard/>.
 - Laura Johnson-Frame share that the McKinney-Vento program looks for students with special education student who are homeless and comparing data.
 - There are several different sub-groups to look at within the report card.
 - Questions:
 - Brad asked about how the state was doing as a whole.
 - Linda advised that students with disabilities and economically disadvantaged students are not performing at the rate we would like.
 - Linda explained that Special Education Programs conducts a statewide data drill down with district special education directors and state staff to look at data points to consider or professional development areas to focus on to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.
 - Currently exploring initiatives and programs to assist with this deficit.
 - Completion rate – does that include the students who are not 21 and continue their education
 - Regular diploma or GED are counted
 - Aging out is not included
- The title has committee similar to the advisory panel that work on the measures that are in the report card. They have a measure to include all students. SEP has presented and can share information if there is any that we want them to consider.
- Sped Ed legislative interim committee met last month and will meet in October.
 - Last month was looking at financial costs and out of district placements.
 - Next meeting will focus on drafting some recommendations.
 - If they recommend legislation, they will report to the next committee to move forward.
 - In the next months we will know what they are recommending.
 - Legislative session is gearing up and bills are starting to come together for 2020 legislature. Next time we will have those updates and know if there are any bills drafted.

- Week of work for 10th grade students to do internships is now happening. New state initiative.
- Monitoring cycle, 5 year monitoring review going on right now. RDA is being incorporated not just compliance.
- State wide assessment, there is a new vendor this year for science assessment. There is a new platform they will be testing on as well.
- Special Education Programs is in the process of hiring 3 vacant positions.

Interagency Agreements – Linda Turner

- Several interagency agreements are up for review and we anticipate having more information at the January meeting. The agreements address provision of services.
 - School for the Deaf and SD School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
 - Department of Corrections
 - Department of Social Services, Department of Human Services and Department of Labor - transition
 - Early Childhood and Birth to 3

Dispute Resolution – Wendy Trujillo

- 18-19 results reported federally in November.
- Explanation of what IEP facilitation, mediation, state complaint, and due process hearing is.
 - Shared data results
 - Updated panel on activities completed within the past year
 - Asked panel for suggestions for improvement
- Stephanie Caron asked about Parent Connections and whether we had data on who and how many people are utilizing the program.
 - Linda Turner provided an explanation on South Dakota Parent Connections activities and their program is separate from Special Education Programs work.
 - SDPC does have a navigator program that is in collaboration with Special Education Programs to improve communications between parents and school districts that was developed to minimize disputes statewide.
- Bernie asked how many navigators are there and if there is data on whether or not issues are being resolved prior to coming to state office.
 - Wendy believes there are 9. Will look into data on if they are resolving issues prior to dispute filing for next meeting.
- Kim Wadsworth stated that they utilize SD Parent Connection a lot. Marie Ivers stated that she uses that agency as well.
- Wendy asked if there are any suggestions for Professional Development or parent training.

Annual Report – Wendy Trujillo

- Annual report has a new look from previous years.
- Panel members will need to review and provide feedback by October 1st, 2019.
- Linda explained that the report is required annually and is submitted to the Governor. The annual report outlines the activities the panel has completed, and priority areas worked on.

Break 9:22 – 9:39

Advisory Panel Orientation – Mark Gabrylczyk, TAESE

- Mark presented a ppt that was not provided as a handout to members.
 - Purpose of the panel and why it is important
 - What kind of panel member are you?
 - State Initiatives currently in the works in SD
 - By-Laws
 - Functions of the panel
 - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
 - Shared document on activity about types of schools

Personal Assistant Rate – Wendy Trujillo

- Wendy informed the panel members that part of the panel responsibilities is to approve a service rate for panel members who required personal attendants on an annual basis.
 - In the by-laws it states that we will review Department of Human Services rates and determine if the panel will adopt that rate.
 - The rate in the current DHS guide is \$12.86 per hour and is reviewed/adjusted every year.
 - Marie motions to approve the rate and Erin Schons seconded.
 - Panel voted and rate was approved.

Networking Lunch – 11:35-12:15

Back to order at 12:15

Priority Area Setting – Mark Gabrylczyk, TAESE

- Mark took the panel through activities to determine areas the panel should consider for a priority. The panel discussed:
 - Strengths
 - Challenges
 - Opportunities
 - Results

- Priorities identified
- Outcome: The panel has determined that mental health for the whole child and emotional health will be the priority.
 - Behavior Intervention
 - Education for general education on behaviors/special education
 - Mental health awareness
- Panel has asked for presentations on what is available in the state
 - Look at Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
 - Response to Intervention (RtI)
 - Consider fiscal limitations when considering initiatives
 - Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Break 2:31 – 2:41

Take away noted from this meeting:

- Panel Orientation
- Dispute Resolution 18-19 Data
- Priority setting: Mental Health

Next Meeting:

- January 23rd in Pierre Library Commons
 - 2 panel members indicated they are not able to attend this meeting.
 - Linda reminded the panel that we do need a quorum, so it is important that panel members are in attendance.
 - The majority of members are available for the January date so we will move forward with this date.
- April 2nd in Pierre Library Commons
- June 11th in Pierre Library Commons

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Update by-laws to include conflict of interest
- Interagency agreement drafts
- Draft of final parental rights handbook
- State Performance Plan presentation
- Mental Health priority – developing a plan or speaker on mental health
- Presentation on emotional disturbance (ED), Other health impaired (OHI), and autism data in south Dakota related to mental health and behavior state level data.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:57pm:

- Bernie Grimme motioned to adjourn and Peggy Waltner seconded
- Motion Carried