

SD ADVISORY PANEL ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES MINUTES



Date: January 23, 2020

Time: 8:30am to 3pm

Location: Department of Education (DOE), MacKay Bldg located at 800 Governors Blvd. in Pierre, SD 57501

Panel Members Present

Linda Turner, Kaitlyn Ryan, Bernie Grimme, Dr. Laura, Marie Ivers, Erin Schons, Stacy Nemec, Laura Johnson-Frame, Brad Otten, Peggy Waltner, Steve Hegleland, Heather Trefz, Wendy Trujillo, Larry Ayres (Skype), Rebecca Cain, Brandi Gerry, Lindsey Bommesberger, Che Fon

Panel Members Absent

Jennifer Carda, Stephanie Caron, Kristi Eisenbraun, Larry Puthoff, and Kim Wadsworth.

Call to order:

Chairperson Schons called the meeting to order at 8:34am.

Approval of the Agenda:

- Marie Ivers moved to approve the agenda and Heather Trefz seconded
- Motion Carried

Approval of January meeting minutes:

- Steve Helgeland moved to approve the minutes and Brad Otten seconded
- Motion carried

Public Comment:

- None

By-Laws:

- Wendy presented the By-Laws changes of using an acronym for the Advisory Panel SDAPCD for South Dakota Advisory Panel for Children with Disabilities and other minor wording changes and clean-up of the By-Laws. Also, Wendy presented the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy that will go into effect January 23rd, 2020 for SDAPCD Panel Members.
- Panel discussed other changes, such as grammatical or punctuation errors.
 - Bernie Grimme motioned to approve with corrections:
 - SDAPCD replacements
 - Red line changes
 - Stacy Nemec 2nd; motion carried.

SD Parent Rights Handbook:

- Wendy presented on changes of format or grammar and punctuation changes to the Parent's Rights Manual. The updated English version of the Parental Rights will be shared with Special Education Directors on the February Special Education Director call and will be available for printing by March. The Spanish version will not be available; however, it will be coming soon.
 - Panel discussed further grammatical and formatting changes.
- Peggy Waltner motioned to approve with:
 - changes and other recommendations of the panel.
- Steve Helgeland 2nd; motion carried.

Mental Health Presentation by Kari Oyen, University of South Dakota (USD):

- Dr. Oyen discussed the mental health status for children in South Dakota. The information included:
 - Insight on how South Dakota is in the top three states for youth suicide deaths.
 - The rate of youth suicide deaths in the state is alarming and some contributions or possible reasons for this include poverty, distance to care and professional shortage.
 - There are a few different utilizations for the districts and state to use: SD Project Aware, MTSS, PBIS, Sources of Strength, Youth Mental Health First Aid, NAMI Ending the Silence, Boys Town, among others.
- The panel discussed the launch of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Plan and website.
- See presentation handouts for more information

State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Progress Report (APR):

- Advisory Panel function is to advise the Special Education Programs on data reported to the Secretary under section 618 of the Act. Special Education Program staff discussed each Indicator data that will be reported on the FFY 2018 SPP February 3rd, 2020 to the Office of Special Education (OSEP).
 - Indicators 6, 7 (a, b & c),12 – Presented by Jodi Berscheid
 - Indicator 3 – Presented by Beth Schiltz
 - Indicator 4 (a & b) – Presented by Becky Cain
 - Indicator 5 (a, b & c) – Presented by Melissa Flor
 - Indicator 8 – Presented by Beth Schiltz
 - Indicator 9, 10 – Presented by Melissa Flor
 - Indicator 11 – Presented by Jodi Berscheid
 - Indicator 1 – Presented by Beth Schiltz
 - Indicator 2 – Presented by Becky Cain
 - Indicator 13, 14 (a, b & c) – Presented by Beth Schiltz
 - Indicator 15, 16 – Presented by Wendy Trujillo
 - Indicator 17 – Presented by Brandi Gerry

Dismiss for Lunch – 12:10pm – 12:30pm

Dr. Jones, DOE Secretary

- Provided an introduction of himself and his background
- Shared information with the panel on the new Strategic Plan that was developed and is currently being implemented department wide. Plan includes:
 - Reinventing accountability, more specifically dealing with school reaccreditation and doing things to support the whole learner.
 - Getting the student and department database updated; last update to the system was 12 years ago to make it easier to pull data for legislators.
 - Invest in the talent in the department; meaning that the department needs to cultivate their talents, even if that means they move on to different portions of government.
 - Better support to the local schools and districts.
- Legislation is looking at National Board Certification and incentives for teachers to participate.
- Discussed the nationwide shortages on school psychologists, counselors and teachers.

Project Aware Presentation by Teresa Rowland, DOE:

- Teresa discussed the Project AWARE grant program and her work with the 3 (now 4 schools) that were given the grant:
 - The purpose of the grant program is to build or expand the school districts in partnership with state mental health agencies to:
 - Increase awareness of mental health issues among youth
 - Provide training for school personnel and adults who interact with youth to detect and respond to mental health issues
 - Connect youth who may have behavioral health issues or serious mental illness and the families to needed services.

Children, Youth and Family Services (CYF) Presentation by Jennifer Humphrey, Department of Social Services (DSS):

- Jennifer discussed that the most common services provided by the 11-community center cover catchment areas.
 - Specific services are provided through the community centers and they serve in collaboration with the school districts.
 - If the child meets state eligibility guidelines, they will be given treatment no matter the extenuating circumstances.
 - Contact Jennifer Humphrey at Jennifer.Humphrey@state.sd.us for handouts or more information.

DOE Updates:

- Discussed legislative updates of having a table with other federal programs at Legislative Day.
 - Handouts that will be there that day will include: dyslexia, autism spectrum disorder and the multi-tiered support systems.
 - Linda shared with the panel how to access the Legislative webpage and bills.
- Interagency Agreement (DOE SpEd and Department of Social Services; DOE SpEd and Department of Corrections) – Presented by Linda Turner
 - Linda Turner presented the two interagency agreements to the panel for input.
 - The panel would like the state to reach out the respective agencies for their input on the agreements before the panel gives their input at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

- April 2nd, 2020 located at Department of Education (DOE), MacKay Bldg located at 800 Governors Blvd. in Pierre, SD 57501
- Agenda items:
 - Priority Area: Mental Health for the whole child and emotional health goal setting
 - ACES Presentation
 - IDEA Budget
 - Homeschool Service Plans
 - Interagency Agreements
 - Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest Policy for Panel Members to sign and return

Take away noted from this meeting:

- Mental Health services available to districts, parents and students is more prevalent than the panel was aware of, even district panel members.

Meeting Adjourned at TIME:

- Kaitlyn Ryan motioned to adjourn, and Stacy Nemec seconded
- Motion Carried
- Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm