

# SD ADVISORY PANEL ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES MINUTES



**Date:** June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

**Location:** Virtual ZOOM Meeting

Recording located at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=16>

## **Board Members Present**

Linda Turner, Donna Johnson, Kaitlyn Ryan, Laura Johnson-Frame, Brad Otten, Peggy Waltner, Larry Ayres, Kim Wadsworth, Stephanie Caron, Marie Ivers, Larry Puthoff, Katie Gran

## **Board Members Absent**

Erin Schons, Kristi Eisenbraun, Heather Trefz, Jennifer Carda, Steve Helgeland, Stacy Nemece

## **Call to order:**

- Vice Chairperson Larry Ayres called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

## **Approval of the Agenda:**

- **Kaitlyn Ryan** moved to approve the agenda and **Marie Ivers** seconded
- Motion Carried

## **Approval of April meeting minutes:**

- **Peggy Waltner** moved to approve the minutes and **Brad Otten** seconded
- Motion carried

## **Public Comment:**

- None

## **Transition back to School Presentation by Sean Hegyi, DRSD:**

- DRSD serves anyone in assistance for daycares, schools and beyond by either providing an advocate or direct you through the process: drsdlaw.org, or 1-800-658-4782
- There are three things that DRSD is going to be doing to help transition to school:
  - Transition services for high school kids (college bound and current high school students): if additional courses are required for secondary students for a better transition to the collegiate level.

- Extended School Year: safety of doing ESY services; children meeting their IEP goals to get back on track.
- Work with Parents for children on a Behavioral Improvement Plan: no regression in students.

## **Family Transitioning Presentation by Paula Souhrada, SDPC:**

- 6 Part Video Series:
  - Getting ready for school: Effectiveness of ZOOM meetings and packets?
  - IEP documentation readiness: Where is my child at?
  - IEP Process: working as a team? Agenda for the parents to focus.
  - Health/Safety: Mental Health and sanitizing. Traumatizing with the abrupt closing.
  - Relationship: Communication with the school
  - Procedural Safeguards
- Collaborative project with SD DOE
- Feedback from the panel:
  - Paula discussed with the panel on where to find the videos when they become live and how they are being distributed to the parents and the school districts. The DOE will be linking through the Parent Connections link on the DOE website and through district listservs and the SDPC will be sending it out through their newsletters and emails.
- Reach out to SD Parent Connections with any feedback or unique situations within the districts
- [www.sdparent.org](http://www.sdparent.org) [sdpc@sdparent.org](mailto:sdpc@sdparent.org) ; (605)361-3171 ; [psouhrada@sdparent.org](mailto:psouhrada@sdparent.org)

## **DOE Updates:**

- **Interagency agreements**
  - Looking to work on those during this summer, because of COVID and staff changes within the School for the Blind and Deaf. They are being reviewed this year based on precedence.
  - Draft(s) will be drawn up before the next meeting.
- **ECF Applications**
  - The Extraordinary Cost Fund board met on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This board reviews applications from school districts for extraordinary costs due to high cost students, high cost programs or supplemental costs. This year the board includes a newer member: Legislative Representative, Lana Greenfield. They reviewed and approved 20 requests from across the state.
  - Types of requests:
    - High costs student; high costs program; supplemental.
- **SPP Public Reports**
  - They have been submitted and posted on the SD DOE website.
  - They showcase the state and district level of target levels and whether they were met or not.
- **Funds:**
  - Cares Act, Flow-through, and Gears Funds processes and intents were discussed.
  - Total Fallout/Transition:
    - Discussion about what to call it, training school staff/parents in how to transition and how to practically get them caught back up with no rush.

### **Next Meeting:**

- September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> located at the Department of Education (DOE), MacKay Bldg located at 800 Governors Blvd. in Pierre, SD 57501
- Wendy proposed that there will need to be 2 days set aside to work on the Priority Area: Mental Health for the whole child and emotional health goal setting.
- The panel discussed on if there would be a change of venue for meetings which was tabled until the next meeting due to addition of new panel members by the next meeting and the uncertainty of in-person meetings.
- Agenda Items:
  - Annual Election of Officers
  - Dispute Resolution Report
  - Annual Report
  - Orientation

### **Take away noted from this meeting:**

- The use of the information from the presentations on transition today will help in the making of the panel's action plan.
- Linda will be bringing the updated interagency agreements for the panel to review.

### **Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 AM:**

- Vice Chairperson Larry Ayres motioned to adjourn, and Peggy Waltner seconded.
- Motion Carried