

# SD ADVISORY PANEL ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES MINUTES



**Date:** September 14, 2022

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

## **Board Members Present**

Erin Schons, Dr. Donna Johnson, Brian Poelstra, Steve Helgeland, Kim Wadsworth, Katie Gran, Eric Grover, Darcy Peterson, LeAnne Bawek, Angie Brown (virtual), Meaghan Neuberger (virtual), Dawn Smith (virtual).

## **Board Members Absent**

Michelle Martin, Elizabeth Welfl, Stacey Meyer, Eric Anderson, Larry Ayres,

## **Call to order:**

Chairperson Erin Schons called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m.

## **Agenda Item: Approval of the Agenda**

- No changes to the proposed agenda.
- Dr. Donna Johnson moved to approve the agenda and Katie Gran seconded
  - Motion Carried

## **Agenda Item: Approval of June meeting minutes**

- LeAnne Bawek moved to approve the minutes and Steve Helgeland seconded
  - Motion carried

## **Public Comment:**

- None

### **Agenda Item: Election of Officers**

- Erin Schons was nominated by Darcy Peterson for Chairperson and seconded by Kim Wadsworth.
  - Motion carried. Erin Schons will continue as the Chairperson.
- Kim Wadsworth nominated Katie Gran to be the Vice Chairperson. Darcy Peterson seconded.
  - Motion carried. Katie Gran will be the new Vice Chairperson.

### **Agenda Item: DOE Updates**

- Linda Turner gave updates at the department.
- Updates on the Administration Rules.
  - Change from Emotional Disturbance to Emotional Disability
  - Development Delay ages 3 to 5 changed to ages 3 to 9.
- Updates on determinations.
  - SD Department of Education received notification from the Office of Special Education that we met requirements.
  - Determinations are based on the State Performance Plan submitted in February of each year.
- Special Education Programs has a new team member Stacy Holzbauer. Stacy replaced Jessica Ahlers, who has left the department. Stacy will oversee the alternate assessment and parent surveys.

### **Agenda Item: Dispute Resolution Report**

- Wendy Trujillo presented information regarding the Dispute Resolution Report.
  - Numbers of disputes continue to be low in South Dakota.
  - Issues noted for 21-22 include IEP development and implementation, placement, evaluation, behavior and discipline, prior written notice, meaningful parent participation, and IEP team members.

### **Agenda Item: Priority Setting**

- Norm Ames from TAESE facilitated Panel members in setting priorities for the 2022-23 school year.
- Panel members gave suggestions regarding areas for possible priority setting.
  - Mental health, supporting transition earlier for secondary students, efforts to locate, evaluate, and serve students with disabilities, literacy, more sped teachers in South Dakota, communication to ensure deaf and hard of hearing students are identified and served, independent living, ensuring Special Education is made a priority for all ages.
- Panel members voted and chose transition as the priority
  - The panel worked to develop the priority work statement
- The Panel Priority for 2022-2023 is to support student Special Education teams in starting transition discussions upon entering special education services.

- How is the team setting the student up to succeed during their educational career and after high school.
- Panel will send two samples of other state transition guidance to Melissa Bothun by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Melissa will compile and send to panel members prior to the January meeting

**Support IEP teams in starting transition discussions when special education services begin.**

**Dismiss for Lunch – 12:00pm – 12:30pm**

**Agenda Item: Annual Business**

- Annual Report review of draft
  - Changes were noted and will be made prior to the final report being emailed to panel members
- Review/Sign Code of Conduct for panel members
- By-Laws will be discussed in next agenda item
- Service Rates

**Agenda Item: By-Laws Revision**

- Panel discussed possible changes to the by-laws to allow for virtual attendance at panel meetings
- Panel members are expected to attend all scheduled meetings in the arranged format unless prior arrangements are made to participate in an alternative format.

**Next Meeting Dates and proposed agenda items:**

- January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Library Commons of the MacKay building in Pierre, SD
  - By-Laws
  - State Performance Plan presentation
  - Orientation for new members
  - Priority work goal setting
- April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Library Commons of the MacKay building in Pierre, SD

**Take away noted from this meeting:**

- Revision on By-Laws for 2023
- Priority Setting

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:45pm:**

- Kim Wadsworth motioned to adjourn, and Katie Gran seconded
- Motion Carried