

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

April 25th - 26th, 2012
Instructional Planning Center (201 E 38th St)
Sioux Falls, SD



[Chairperson](#)
Sarah Carda

[Vice Chairperson](#)
Jolie Tostenson

[Panel Functions](#)

- Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities
- Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities
- Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618 of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities
- Review and comment on final due process hearing findings and decisions
- Advise on eligible students with disabilities in adult prisons- The advisory panel also shall advise on the education of eligible students with disabilities who have been convicted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons

[Panel Priorities](#)

- Transition
- Child Find
- Ensuring quality service providers are available to children with disabilities

Minutes
 April 25th - 26th, 2012

Members Present	Members Absent
Mark Krogstrand	Bernie Grimme
Greg Cooch	Nora Svatos
Sarah Carda	Lori Dennison
Laura Johnson-Frame	Doug Hermann
Lisa Heckenlaible	Guests
Greg Riley	John Copenhaver, TAESE
Gail Eichstadt	Department of Education
Kerry Larson	Ann Larsen
Elaine Roberts	Alicia Schoenhard
Sara Hoogheem	Melissa Flor
Shelly Shaw	Merle Doolittle
Judy Hoscheid	
Jolie Tostenson	
Marie Ivers	
Roger Bowie	
Todd Christensen	
Michelle Greseth	
Heather Stettnichs	

Acronyms used:

SPP: State Performance Plan
 APR: Annual Performance Report
 SEP: State Education Program
 OSEP: Office of Special Education Programs
 SD DOE: South Dakota Department of Education
 TSLP: Transition Services Liaison Project

Opening Remarks

Sarah Carda, chairperson, began with welcoming members, reviewing the agenda and the minutes with the panel.

Approval of the Agenda

Action Item - Members to accept agenda for the **April 25th - 26th, 2012** Meeting upon

Motion to accept:	Elaine Roberts
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Second motion to accept:	Mark Krogstrand
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Panel Vote

Yes	All Members
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No	None
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Abstain	None
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Approval of the Minutes

Action Item - Members to accept minutes for the **January 19th, 2012** Meeting.

Motion to accept:	Judy Hoscheid
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Second motion to accept:	Greg Riley
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Panel Vote

Yes	All Members
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No	None
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Abstain	None
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Public Comment

Elaine shared information regarding the upcoming Autism Conference, Dare to Dream Conference (June 10-12), and the Parent Education Support Series. Rebecca Cain will be presenting on "What Schools Should Be Doing About Behavior". [Parent Connection] will be working on creating a list of agency resources for families in transition.

Minutes Approved (As Read) (As Amended)

Chairperson _____

Signature

Date

State Application for Funds

Presented by - Ann Larsen

South Dakota Department of Education

Ann presented to the group the 2012 State Application for Federal Funds. Panel members with questions may submit those to Ann prior to the May 10th submission deadline.

Updates from John

Presented by - John Copenhaver

TAESE

John reminded panel members there would be a SEAP teleconference on May 18th, and that more information would be sent to Alicia to pass along.

John informed the group about some reauthorization Issues at hand:

Additionally, John discussed Regional and National Hot Topics:

- RTI may be removed from IDEA and placed in ESEA
- Dyslexia and Autism Spectrum Disorder as separate disability categories
- The future of Virtual Special Education
- Highly Qualified Teacher to Highly Effective Teacher
- Nationally there is seen to be a lack of training on IEPs and IFSPs, and Secondary Transition
- In the near future, the SEAP may be asked to advise concerning Common Core

Elaine recommended that the SEA look into a mentoring program for first-second year teachers to provide support, especially for special education teachers where they may be the only one in the school.

Transition Workgroup Progress

Presented by -Melissa Flor

Special Education Programs, SD Dept. of Education

During the 2011 Federal Review, South Dakota had a chance to choose one performance indicator to work with OSEP and stakeholders following the review. The SEA developed a Community of Practice and is working in collaboration with the Office of Learning and Instruction to inform districts regarding SDMyLife and School to Work opportunities. The SEA has also pushed support for the use of the TSLP website to access resources and information regarding transition services. A survey was sent out and completed by over 180 parent respondents on how they access and use the TSLP website.

A recommendation was made to include Project SEARCH on the website as an additional learning opportunity for students of transition age.

Special Education Programs Updates

Presented by -Alicia Schoenhard and Ann Larsen

Special Education Programs, SD Dept, of Education

Ann provided a brief summary of the legislative updates that effect education in SD: HB 1234; SB: 5, 25, 130, 139, 186; HB: 1005, 1006, 1007, 1124, 1128, 1147, 1189, 1195; and the K-12 Education Funding Summary for FY 13

Alicia provided updates from SEP including: DOE Calendar of Events, DHS Guardianship Program, SPP/APR Indicator collection/training reminders, Manual updates, and Training/PD announcements.

Person-Centered Thinking - Families Planning Together

Presented by -Heather Stettinichs, Kerry Larson, and Elaine Roberts

Heather, Kerry, and Elaine have been part of a group to bring activities to families regarding Person Centered Thinking. In all, there are six facilitators working with the Division of Developmental Disabilities and the SD Council on Developmental Disabilities. Some of the activities introduced by the facilitators have been one-page introductions, which may vary from situation to situation, but briefly describes a person's strengths/needs, wishes/desires, likes/dislikes in a one-page description to teachers, coworkers, or employers. This activity is introduced as "if you only had 2 minutes to tell someone about yourself..." This is the individuals chance to talk about routines and daily rituals, personal communication needs, and relationships.

Annual Planning and Priority Work

The panel members discuss topics of issue across the state in Special Education and individuals with disabilities. From discussions across the group, new priorities were established: Behavioral Health; Funding; and Unmet Needs, to include: Transition, HQT, and Service Providers. Subgroups were formed to include those members that were not present. Subgroups will communicate through email correspondence to determine meeting needs and agenda items beginning June 2012.

Action Item- New priorities as listed above

Motion to accept: Mark Krogstrand

Second motion to accept: Greg Cooch

Panel Vote

Yes All Members

No None

Abstain None

Schedule Upcoming Meeting

- The panel decided to meet in **Pierre, SD** next time. The meeting will occur on **June 20th, 2012**.
- Elaine suggested to add by-law revisions to June meeting, to include decision about panel member term limits.
- Subgroups will report to Alicia any suggestions for activities, presentations, and issue clarifications.

Adjourn

Action Item- Adjourn the meeting at **(12:15) PM** until **June 20th, 2012**

Motion to accept: Lisa Heckenlaible

Second motion to accept: Marie Ivers

Panel Vote

Yes All Members

No None

Abstain None