

# **SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL MEETING**

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
AmericInn, 312 Island Drive, Ft. Pierre, 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

- Behavioral Health
- Funding
- Unmet Needs
  - \* Transition
  - \* Highly Qualified Teachers/Certification
  - \* Service Providers

## Minutes

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<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
Sarah Carda	Greg Riley
Greg Cooch	Nora Svatos
Gail Eichstadt	Todd Christensen
Michelle Greseth	Lisa Heckenlaible
Bernie Grimme	Roger Bowie
Doug Herrmann	Lori Dennison
Sara Hoogheem	Jolie Tostensen
Marie Ivers	Judy Hoscheid
Laura Johnson-Frame	Heather Stettnichs
Mark Krogstrand	<b>Guests</b>
Kerry Larson	Traci Glazman, YLF Mentor
Elaine Roberts	<b>Department of Education</b>
Shelly Shaw	Ann Larsen
	Alicia Schoenhard
	Merle Doolittle
	Melissa Flor
	Linda Turner

### 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 began with welcoming members and introductions, reviewing the agenda and the minutes with the panel.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Action Item** - Members to accept agenda for the **June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012** meeting, with correction to the page #1, "Election for 12-13 school year".

<b>Motion to accept:</b>	<b>Elaine Roberts</b>
<b>Second motion to accept:</b>	<b>Mark Krogstrand</b>

**Panel Vote**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>All Members</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>None</b>

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Action Item** - Members to accept minutes from the **April 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012** meeting, with correction to spelling of Doug Herrmann's name.

<b>Motion to accept:</b>	<b>Laura Johnson-Frame</b>
<b>Second motion to accept:</b>	<b>Greg Cooch</b>

**Panel Vote**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>All Members</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>None</b>

**Public Comment**

**None were given**

Minutes Approved (As Read) (As Amended)

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

## Elections

Election of New Officers for the 2012-2013 School Year

Sarah was nominated for another year as Chairperson Elaine Roberts, second by Marie Ivers. A unanimous ballot was cast. Elaine also nominated Shelly Shaw for Vice Chairperson, second also by Greg Cooch. A unanimous ballot was cast.

Chairperson: Sarah Carda

Vice Chairperson: Shelly Shaw

## Community of Practice for Results Work

Melissa Flor was seeking input into the Community of Practice-Results workgroup. The CoP's main focus will be on Indicator 14 – Secondary Transition/Post-School Outcomes – Competitive Employment, specifically on improving competitive employment. Concerns were raised regarding two main issues, not inviting outside agencies and the need to provide resources for post-secondary education. The panel suggested inviting the following agencies to participate: Vocational Rehabilitation, Division of Developmental Disabilities, public school districts, Mental Health, Independent Living Choices/Centers, Youth Corrections (DOC), Community Service Providers, Court Services, Department of Labor, Child Protective Services, and Foster Care.

Objectives for the workgroup are: drive strategies, solve problems, and promote best practices. They would like to conduct a monthly conference call on the first Monday of the month, to include TSLP, SDPC, and SD Advocacy. Work has begun on the sharedwork.org website available for this purpose. It is used as a communication tool and collaborative workspace. Members logging in are able to access information from everywhere, not specifically just South Dakota, and they are able to post blogs, host events and include information related to topics such as transition.

Panel members recommended the workgroup include information regarding: Dividing agency groups into categories to include a brief description of what they do, and provide contact information for each

Include research-based practices that are known to be effective

Dr. Gregory's Cooch's research on complete employment should be included

Information to begin planning transition and post-secondary activities early in

MS/JH to make sure they are taking the appropriate classes and activities

Include a Frequently Asked Questions section and sample Transition IEPs

Direct links to: TSLP, Voc Rehab, DakotaLink, Job Corps, Job Service

Success stories, "What to avoid/not assume", "What I wish I would have known"

Events calendar for all agencies, council meetings

Final suggestion was for sharedwork.org to show up as a link on the other agency websites, as well as DOE's.

## Grant Assessment

Linda Turner gave updates regarding grants she is involved with to ensure students with disabilities are receiving proper and appropriate accommodations and modifications not only in the classroom but on statewide assessments as well as alternative assessments. Special education teachers have been invited and recommended to attend the Common Core State Standards trainings that have been taking place. Because there will not be a separate set of standards for

students with severe disabilities, DOE will continue to support teachers with students with disabilities in the Common Core.

Through another grant, Linda is working to ensure students with disabilities are equipped with adequate communication methods. Webinar trainings were held to better develop communications for students beginning in Kindergarten, in order to produce better outcomes for these students. Beginning in September, the grant project will begin piloting instructional modules in math.

Linda also provided information on standards-based IEP trainings that have been occurring across the state. This system was available for teachers who wished to improve standards-based instruction for students with disabilities. IEPq is an online tool for teachers to assist in writing IEPs aligned to SD state standards. 60 people participated in the trainings, and many found it extremely beneficial.

### YLF

Traci Glanzman, YLF Mentor, provided information about this year's Youth Leadership Forum. YLF provides an opportunity for young adults with disabilities to learn from successful adults, become self-advocates, learn about their particular disability and those of others, and about laws and legislation process related to individuals with disabilities. Northern State University hosts YLF in order to give students campus experience, living in dorms, and eating in campus cafeterias. This year there were 43 delegates from across the state. Delegates must go through an application process in order to attend.

This year's theme was "Survivor, Dream It, Do It, Be It." Students were able to hear from Miss Teen Great Plains, and LeDerick Horne, both who shared stories of overcoming obstacles as individuals with disabilities. Students also partake in events such as goal setting for post-secondary education, employment, and independent living. They receive information about resources that are available to them when attending post-secondary, such as a disability coordinator, alternatives such as Iowa Lakes Community College, Project SEARCH, and Transition Learning Center, as well as agency resources.

Students have an opportunity to participate in a community service project and volunteer at places such as the Salvation Army, Kids Against Hunger, Boys & Girls Club, the Humane Society, ASPIRE, and Safe Harbor.

Dr. Thom Flamboe shared his life story and roused the crowd with his "I AM Somebody" chant.

A Facebook page has been set up to help link the 2012 delegates with one another to continue communications and friendships.

### Special Education Updates

- SEP with the help of SD Parent Connection has redeveloped the Indicator 8 Parent Involvement Survey, which will also be available as an online option.
- The IDEA Part B Flowthrough Fund applications are now available on the e-grant system, and districts are beginning to submit for the 2013 Fiscal Year.
- SEP addressed the topic of sequestration, which would result in an 8% cut across the board for federal programs. SEP will provide more information to the panel and districts as more information is available.
- Changes have been made to federal language related to Part C referrals. As referrals are being made, the 619 coordinator must be notified and the districts must run a report every month to notify the coordinator of those

students 90 prior to turning 3. Decisions still need to be made about who will at the district level will receive notification.

**1-page**

Elaine and Kerry presented Person-Centered Thinking 1-page, and had the group begin a 1-page of their own as it would relate to the group working together in the capacity of the panel.

1-pages are used to help students with disabilities and their families to achieve better outcomes for post-secondary education, independent living, and employment for the best life possible. Resources with more information can be found at <http://helensandersonassociates.co.uk>. A PCT training for educators will be held August 8-9 in Watertown.

**Bylaws/Membership**

The panel was given information on the current executive order of the governor regarding the panel term limits. A term is defined as three years (no more than 3 consecutive terms). The group wishes to reflect the term limit set by the governor's executive order in the by-laws. Written notice of an amendment to the bylaws will be sent to the chairperson for a vote at the next panel meeting.

**Schedule Upcoming Meeting**

- The panel decided to meet in **Spearfish** for the next meeting. The meeting will occur on **October 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at Spearfish Canyon Lodge beginning at 10:00 AM.**  
**Those who wish to attend the Opening Keynote with Geri Jewell at the Voc Rehab/Transition Conference at the Holiday Inn in Spearfish are welcome to do so. She speaks at 1:00 PM.**

**Adjourn**

**Action Item-** Adjourn the meeting at 3:07 PM until **October 15, 2012.**

<b>Motion to adjourn:</b>	<b>Greg Cooch</b>
<b>Second motion to adjourn:</b>	<b>Sarah Carda</b>
<b>Panel Vote</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>All Members</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>None</b>