

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL MEETING



Chairperson
Sara Carda

Vice Chairperson
Shelly Shaw

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
 - a. Transition
 - b. Highly Qualified Teacher
 - c. Service Providers

Minutes
October 15th, 2012

Members Present	Members Absent
Jody Carpenter	Heather Stettichs
Laura Johnson-Frame	Bernie Grimme
Mark Krogstrand	Kerry Larson
Shelly Shaw	
Judy Hoscheid	
Penny McCormick-Gilles	
Lisa Heckenlaible	
Marie Ivers	
Sara Hoogheem	
Greg Cooch	
Greg Riley	
Elaine Roberts	
Roger Bowie	
Traci Glanzman	
Sarah Carda	
Doug Herrmann	
Michelle Greseth	
Todd Christensen	

Department of Education	
Melissa Flor	Special Education Programs
Alicia Schoenhard	Special Education Programs
Merle Doolittle	Special Education Programs
Ann Larsen	Division of Educational Supports and Services

Public	
John Copenharver	TAESE
Gloria Pluimer	BHSSC
Jill Foster	Dept of Labor
Heather Schopp	BHSCC

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

Agenda

October 15th, 2012

Opening Remarks

Alicia Schoenhard, welcomed members and Sara Carda, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Approval of the Agenda

Action Item - Members to accept agenda for October 15-16, 2012.

Motion to accept: Marie Ivers

Second motion to accept: Mark Krogstrand

Panel Vote:

Yes All Members

No None

Abstain None

Approval of Minutes

Action Item - Members to accept the **June 20th, 2012** Minutes.

Motion to accept: Laura Johnson-Frame

Second motion to accept: Judy Hoscheid

Panel Vote:

Yes All Members

No None

Abstain None

Public Comment

There was no comment from the public.

Minutes Approved (As Read) (As Amended)

Chairperson _____

Signature

Date

Post High School Survey

**Presented by
Gloria Pluimer**

Gloria reviewed the results of the online Post High School Survey conducted in 2010. The survey was implemented in order to identify secondary training needs for students with disabilities. The survey report was sent to vocational agencies across the state. Face-to-face interviews were also completed with parents and advocates of students with disabilities. Overall results from parents indicated that their sons and daughters would like to remain in South Dakota communities, but needed assistance in service areas such as financing for independent living. South Dakota has spent the last three years looking for similar post-secondary options for students in South Dakota to SAVE at IowaLakes and Beyond Academics in Greensboro, NC.

Disability Employment Initiative (DEI)

**Presented by
Jill Foster and Heather Schopp**

The Disability Employment Initiative originating from the Department of Labor and Regulation, and is a three-year grant to help recruit and enroll 18-24 year olds across seven West River counties to improve the coordination and collaboration among employment and training programs, as well as build effective community partnerships to better serve individuals with disabilities and improve employment outcomes. Integrated Resource Teams were created as IEP teams with employment focus. These teams included family, teachers, Vocational Rehab, counselors, job coaches, and employers. Governor Dennis Daugaard helped introduce the training piece by shooting a short video about the initiative, which is available on www.sddei.org. A Career Development Forum was held in June 2012 at Western Dakota Technical Institute. Topics presented at the forum were learning self-advocacy tools, developing employment goals and a career plan, employment skills, understanding employers' expectations, and coordinating resources. There are plans to hold three more forum events in the summer of 2013.

Due Process and Dispute Resolution

Presented by

Ann Larsen, SD Dept of Education

Ann covered recent issues brought forward through due process. South Dakota had four due process complaints filed, two of which were dismissed or withdrawn without a hearing. Ann discussed the specific issues in which the complaints were issued. There was a conclusion drawn that none of the instances were related or had relating issues. This particular information will be submitted through Table 7 reporting to USEd.

National/Regional Updates

Presented by

John Copenhaver, TAESE

John started by summarizing services provided by TAESE to the South Dakota Department of Education: Technical Assistance, Indicator 8 collection and analysis, IEP Facilitations, Mediators, Due Process Hearing Officers, and Conference Call Trainings (most recently with Jim Walsh). Information regarding the Special Education Advisory Panel website was discussed. Panel members are encouraged to participate in the quarterly meetings held over webinar. Information for these meetings is sent out through TAESE and forwarded to panel members from SEP.

Hot Topics:

Sequestration, \$1.2 trillion deficit reduction if there is no agreement reached in federal government, cuts may be seen as soon as January 2013. Cuts may take place in Head Start, Title I and SPED. Congress must send the President a balanced budget reduction plan before January 2013. Stakeholders and panel members are encouraged to let their congressional representatives know where they stand on the issue.

Common Core State Standards, 47 states have signed on to national CCSS. This will help level the playing field for children transferring from school to school, state to state.

Professional development pieces are being held to train teachers, special education staff, and parents.

Results Focus, Compliance on the national level will now be geared toward Results work, which will initiate a results-oriented monitoring process.

Fiscal Accountability, general supervision responsibilities of SEA, LEA must maintain equal or greater amounts of fiscal effort from one year to the next.

SEA Waiver, as South Dakota's been one of the states approved, John recommended a presentation to the panel to outline the new accountability model.

School Climate and Safe Schools, #1 OCR issue of complaints being filed

Virtual Special Education, OSEP may be coming out with a "Dear Colleague" letter to address before reauthorization, as virtual schools are on the rise.

Autism, not all teachers have been properly trained to provide adequate services to students diagnosed with Autism. Should be addressed in training needs assessment.

Students At-Risk, Response to Intervention seeing more focus as Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, starting to see reduction in numbers of referrals for SPED, may see less IEPs and more 504s.

Penny and Elaine spoke to the issue that Mental Health is an additional issue on the rise in South Dakota.

OSEP Survey - Panel Questions

Presented by

Ann Larsen, Dept of Education

Ann presented information on the TBI survey recently conducted in which 43 state directors completed the NASDSE Survey. 93% responded by saying they were using the federal definition of TBI, and over half of them responded that their states TBI count is inaccurate. The survey also inquired about SEA personnel dedicated to brain injury in their state, initiatives, specific certification options, and PD.

Updated Forms

Presented by

Melissa Flor, Dept of Education

SEP has updated the Prior Written Notice, Notice for Consent, Meeting Notice, and Notice to Invite Outside Agencies. Melissa reviewed those changes with the panel as they've been presented during monthly director calls and at IEP workshops across the state. The new forms are available on the DOE website: http://doe.sd.gov/oess/sped_IEP.aspx

Special Education Program Updates

Presented by

Alicia Schoenhard, Dept of Education

Alicia covered hot topics discussed with directors on the monthly calls. Specific topics covered were trainings, initiatives, changes to Indicator information, Eligibility Guide updates, online Parent Surveys available for 2012-2013 school year, and resources available through the SEP office.

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PCT for Educators

Presented by

Elaine Roberts, SD Parent Connection

Elaine presented an update on Person-Centered Thinking for Educators. Parent Connection wrote a grant with SEP to provide training to teachers on how to support students and individuals in education, life, and transition. 20 teachers from Sisseton, Aberdeen, and Watertown, participated in the training. They were given tools through the school-based model of PCT, which now includes student examples. These tools are to help others view children and students beyond their disability. But, will also help transitioning students, not only from high school to post-secondary/independent living, but also elementary to MS, and MS to HS.

DakotaLink

Presented by
Pat Czerny

Pat reviewed the history of DakotaLink, which was a 4 year grant that began in 1992, but they are still providing assistance and awareness in Assistive Technology across the state. The organization provides many services, such as closed-circuit programming, recycling medical equipment, short-term loans on AT equipment, lending libraries, and much more. Staff at DakotaLink also provide presentations and demonstrations on available equipment. Pat demonstrated a number of devices used for students with disabilities. Over 60% of DakotaLink's business is done with college students.

Schedule Upcoming Meeting

The panel agreed to hold the January meeting via LiveMeeting on the 10th, beginning at 9:00 AM Central, and the April meeting in Sioux Falls on the 29th -30th, beginning at 10:00 AM Central. Location for the Sioux Falls meeting is still pending. Proposed topics for discussion at upcoming meetings : APR, By-Laws, school financing, iPad demonstration, Center for Disabilities TBI presentation.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn	
Motion to accept:	Todd Christenson
Second motion to accept:	Marie Ivers
Panel Vote:	
Yes	All Members
No	None
Abstain	None

Reminder

Next Meeting: We will meet via LiveMeeting on January 10th, 2013, beginning at 9:00 am CST