

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

April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Instructional Planning Center (201 East 38<sup>th</sup> St.), Sioux Falls, SD



## Chairperson

Heather Stettinichs

## Vice Chairperson

Mark Krogstrand

### 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

- State Performance Plan
- Child Find
- Ensuring quality service providers are available to children with disabilities

**Minutes**  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
<b>Elaine Roberts</b>	<b>Lisa Heckenlaible</b>
<b>Michelle Greseth</b>	<b>Bernie Grimme</b>
<b>Nora Svatos</b>	<b>Michele Cogley</b>
<b>Greg Riley</b>	<b>Nicole Haneke</b>
<b>Jim Dunston</b>	<b>Peggy Hargens</b>
<b>Todd Christensen</b>	<b>Guests</b>
<b>Mark Krogstrand</b>	<b>Kari Oyen, Lennox Elementary</b>
<b>Greg Cooch</b>	<b>Kristi Wallin, Lennox School District</b>
<b>Judy Hoscheid</b>	<b>John Copenhaver, MPRRC</b>
<b>Laura Johnson-Frame</b>	<b>Public</b>
<b>Heather Stettnichs</b>	<b>Deb Muillenberg-Wilson, Sioux Falls School District</b>
<b>Gail Eichstadt</b>	<b>Department of Education</b>
	<b>Ann Larsen</b>
	<b>Alicia Schoenhard</b>
	<b>Merle Doolittle</b>

**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**

Alicia Schoenhard, SD DOE, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009** Meeting.

<b>Motion to accept:</b>	Laura Johnson-Frame
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<b>Second motion to accept:</b>	Jim Dunston
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**Panel Vote**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>All Members</b>
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<b>No</b>	<b>None</b>
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<b>Abstain</b>	<b>None</b>
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**Approval of the Minutes**

**Action Item** - Members to accept minutes for the **January 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008** Meeting.

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

<b>Yes</b>	<b>All Members</b>
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<b>No</b>	<b>None</b>
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<b>Abstain</b>	<b>None</b>
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**Public Comment**

There was no comment from the public.

Minutes Approved (As Read) (As Amended)

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date

## Federal Updates in Special Education

Presented by - John Copenhaver  
Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center

- John's "Top Ten"
  - Keep an agenda of updates & discussion
  - Participant as a panel in public comment
  - Provide information, support, training & PD
  - Guidance on new regulations
  - Know CrEAG content, panel interview, keep it positive
  - Discuss training for districts in Level 2-3-4
  - TA & D placemats - how might they provide assistance?
  - Technology update every year, trainings
  - Use data to establish priorities
- Purple Packet information:
  - TA & Dissemination
  - TAESE, dyslexia = hot topic
  - 504 pamphlet
  - Critical elements analysis guide
  - Structure of Sped map
  - Top issues list
  - Performance plan
  - Provisions

## State Application for Funds

Presented by - Ann Larsen  
State Director, Special Education Programs,  
SD Dept. of Education

Ann Larsen presented an overview of the State Application and Funding Allocations

## Dyslexia Guide

Presented by - Alicia Schoenhard  
Special Education Programs, SD Dept. of Education

Alicia Schoenhard presented updates from Rebecca Cain, Special Education Programs, informing the panel members that the new Dyslexia Guide is available, and can be found on the DOE website. Alicia also updated the panel on PBIS: applications were still being accepted and letters should be expected the first week in May. (<http://doe.sd.gov/oess/specialed/forms/pdf/DyslexiaGuide.pdf>)

## Response to Intervention: Pilot Site Update

Presented by -Kari Oyen  
Lennox School District

Kari Oyen presented information on current RtI activities in Lennox, successes, & struggles. Kari illustrated how they have recently used data collected through the RtI process to assist in determining eligibility for one Lennox student.

### Panel Priority #3: Quality Service Providers

Presented by - Alicia Schoenhard

Special Education Programs, SD Dept. of Education

Alicia presented survey results collected from districts on retention and recruitment of qualified special education staff and service providers. Several districts advertise through the following sources: newspaper, university websites, local coops, and the state website. Districts will contact the certification office to verify that their teachers are highly qualified, and some have paid fees for PRAXIS testing to help their teachers become Highly Qualified. Many have reported they provide professional development opportunities, or will reimburse staff for attending conferences during the year.

### Annual Report: DRAFT

The draft copy of the 2008-2009 Annual Report was reviewed by the panel. The Chair and Vice Chairpersons, Heather and Mark, will provide a "Letter from the Chair..." to be included in the report. John Copenhagen suggested including a purpose statement at the start of the report, and a description of the completed activities and significant activity presentations. He also suggested an explanation of why we've illustrated Child Count in the report, and anticipated vacancies for the next year, those who may be leaving and which positions need filled.

### Miscellaneous Topics

Ann discussed Preschool information, and chatted about Voices for Children, training and follow-up throughout the year. The Parents Guide video will be shared at June meeting.

Parent Conference, Sept 25-26, Rapid City, Ramkota

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### Panel Reconvenes

### Legislative Updates

Presented by - Ann Larsen

State Director, Special Education Programs,  
SD Dept. of Education

Ann gave an overview of the bill summary from the recent legislative session. Panel members were also provided a copy of the bill summary.

### State Performance Plan & Annual Performance Report Update

Presented by - Ann Larsen

Special Education Programs, SD Dept. of Education

Ann presented the 2009 APR Submission to OSEP:

Ind 1, Governor's graduation rate: 4 years and summer to complete, if not completed within this time, does not meet Gov. graduation rate, and will receive diploma. New baseline will need to be set if this is going to go into effect.

Ind 2, Will need to use new NCLB for dropout terms, previously looked @ 1 yr, 9-12, will now need to look @ all 4 years, 9-12

Ind 3, Targets set by NCLB

Ind 13, Possible pilot schools for beginning transition planning @ MS level. What training are teachers getting in degree program for transition?

**Miscellaneous Topics**

Summer Symposium, June 8-11, Sioux Falls  
SPED Summer Conference, July 13-17, Pierre Ramkota  
Panel Applications have gone out, posted on the Special Education listserv  
Stimulus Updates: Ann is working on a Q&A document for districts and how they can use ARRA monies. She also informed the panel that flow-through applications are changing; Maintenance of Effort (MOE), money will need to be expended and then requested by the state and pulled down by the federal gov.

**Schedule Upcoming Meeting**

- The panel decided to meet in **Pierre, SD** next time. The meeting will occur on **June 18<sup>th</sup> and/or 19<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**Adjourn**

**Action Item-** Adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_ AM until **June 18<sup>th</sup> and/or 19<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Motion to accept:** **Jim Dunston**

**Second motion to accept:** **Nora Svatos**

**Panel Vote**

**Yes** **All Members**

**No** **None**

**Abstain** **None**

**Reminder**

**Next Meeting:** We will meet **Pierre** at **SDEA** on **June \_24\_, 2008**