

# Special Education Advisory Committee

## MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

4039 Legacy Parkway, Lansing, Michigan

### Participation

Delegates Present: Heather Bird, Barbara Brish, Jim Corr, Paulette Duggins, Latika Fenderson, Maggie Kolk, Andy Kowalczyk, Kimberly Love, Mark McKulsky, Nicole Miller, Wendy Minor, Sara Park, John Patterson, Sue Pearson, Kira Rockman, Amy Sanderson, Ronna Steel, Steven Stoner, Lori Torres

Alternates Present: Terri Henrizi for Jane Shank, Richard Spring for William Young

Guests Present: Michelle Driscoll, Tom Greene, Lois Lofton-Doniver, Marcia O'Brien, Michelle Peckham, Holly Sasso

Ex-Officio Present: Teri Chapman, Laquita Featherstone, Pam Kies-Lowe, Amy Schelling, James Thomas, Benjamin Williams

MDE Staff Present: Oren Christmas, Meredith Hines, Jayme Kraus, Deb Maurer, Julie Trevino, Lisa Wasacz, Jan Weckstein, Joanne Winkelman

Facilitator: Fran Loose

### Minutes

#### I. Call to Order

A. Maggie Kolk called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### II. Roll Call

The SEAC Secretary, Meredith Hines, read the roll call. A quorum was present.

#### Introduction of Guests

Guests were introduced.

#### III. Approval of Proposed Agenda

Mark McKulsky moved, seconded by Barbara Brish that the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the amended December 2 agenda. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

#### IV. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Barbara Brish moved, seconded by Lori Torres that the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the November minutes. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

V. Public Comment

None presented.

VI. Chairperson's Report

A. Committee work – SPP Indicator 6 target recommendations, SPP Indicator 7 target dialogue, Identify question for a presentation on M-STEP, and Bylaw procedure work.

B. Report from Executive Committee Meeting

1. Membership Changes

a. Executive Committee: Caryn Pack Ivey was elected as the new executive committee member. Maggie Kolk was elected as the SEAC Chairperson and Jennifer Trackwell was elected as the SEAC Vice Chairperson.

b. Organizations: MASSP and MAISA

c. Ex-officio: EPI, Corrections, Community Health

2. Due Process Hearing Reports Received - 3 complaints filed between November 1-18, 2015

3. Status of Annual Report

a. 2014-2015 Report was received by SBE at the November 10 meeting

b. Second element in 2015-2016 Report: Public Comment on new Michigan SAT – Committee work in process

4. Norms reminder – Our professional community commits to:

a. Listening for understanding

b. Asking questions to learn

c. Being present and engaged at meeting

d. Respecting all views and perspectives

5. Survey/Evaluation

a. November results

- b. New version in effect, all members reply, including those absent on December 2. The new first question asks about attendance at the meeting. Those absent will only answer this first question.
- c. The registration survey for January will be early because of the Christmas holiday.

VII. MDE, Office of Special Education Report

- A. The House Education and Workforce Committee has posted the conference report on Every Students Succeeds Act (ESEA), 1069 pages.
- B. Janis Weckstein was introduced as the new Assistant Director of the Office of Special Education.
- C. Lieutenant Governor's Task Force has been meeting since October. Expecting legislation on seclusion and restraint. The task force is looking into many areas:
  - 1. New Board policy that could establish timeline for length of public comment.
  - 2. Engagement with parent groups on how to establish policy.
  - 3. There may be ongoing committee work after December.
- D. Internal Reimagining of the OSE – Pingora Consulting will work with staff to help them to work with districts to improve the system.
- E. CEC awards ceremony deadline for nominations is January 6. Looking for teacher and student nominations. Contact [Jdemarsh.mcec@gmail.com](mailto:Jdemarsh.mcec@gmail.com)

VIII. Ex-Officio Member Reports

- A. McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act – Pam Kies-Lowe reported on legislative provisions in supporting Homeless Children and Youth with Disabilities. 99% of LEAs have a homeless liaison and receive funds to support those children and their families. In 2014-2015 there are 43,971 homeless pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in Michigan. In 2013-2014, nearly 7,000 of homeless students were disabled.
- B. Department of Corrections – no report
- C. Educator Preparation Institutions – no report.
- D. Department of Health and Human Services

1. Community Health – No report.
2. Juvenile Justice- no report
3. Michigan Rehabilitation Services – No report.

IX. Information Items

Lisa Wasacz provided background information on Indicator 7. Targets for Indicator 7 were presented. The information given in this presentation will be used in the afternoon work group committee.

X. MDE Office of Public and Governmental Affairs – Legislative Liaison Report by Benjamin Williams

A. Top 10 in 10 ideas have been compiled. The top 7 will be shared with SBE next week. Here are:

1. Provide children access to education early childhood through college.
2. Strong leadership at building level.
3. Teaching teachers how to teach students how to read.
4. Provide equitable resources to meet student individual needs.
5. Ensure parents and guardians are partners in child's education.
6. Create partnership with higher education institutions and jobs.
7. Develop cohesive state education agency in partnership with ISD and local schools.

B. HB 4059 has moved out of the Senate, gone back to the House. Have to wait for Gov. Snyder's action on critical shortage list.

C. Third grade reading bill not expected to be acted upon until 2016.

XI. Committee Work Group Report – Bylaws

A. Action Item: Challenge #1 – Assuring IDEA-required 51% consumer representation on the SEAC. The committee recommended that during every nine year period (3 three year terms) that each administrative and school direct service member organization will be represented by a defined member for at least one of those three terms. The SEAC voted to accept the recommendation for Challenge #1.

B. Action Item: Challenge #2 Three (3) vacant, unassigned seats projected for the 2016-17 school year. The committee recommended to implement existing SEAC procedures to invite other organizations, with memberships

of at least 200, to present to the SEAC in February about why they would be a valuable addition to the SEAC. The SEAC voted to accept the recommendation for Challenge #2.

- C. Information Item: Challenge #3 – Uneven SEAC member annual turnover. The committee recommends, for a vote in January, to amend SEAC bylaws to reflect that when a member vacates a position, the person filling that vacancy will complete the term of the person being replaced (rather than beginning a new three year term). For those current members directly affected by this change, they would be eligible to apply for a consecutive full three year term after completing the current partial term.
- D. Information Item: Challenge #4 – Going to the State Board of Education (SBE) every month for approval of replacement delegates or alternates or notification of new Ex-Officio member. The committee recommends, for a vote in January, to amend SEAC by laws to reflect that the (OSE) will go once, or possibly twice a year to the SBE. Those SEAC newly appointed delegates would fully participate in SEAC dialogue and planning, but would not have voting privileges until the semi-annual or annual communication occurs with the SBE.
- E. Challenge #5 – Five (5) month procedure for electing next year's Executive Committee. The committee recommends, for a vote in January, amending the SEAC bylaws/procedures to vote on-line rather than by U.S. mail, reducing the necessary time involved.

XII. Committee Work Group Reports – Indicators 6A and 6B, Indicator 7

- A. Action Item: SPP Indicator 6A (percent of children aged 3 through 5 with IPEs attending a regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program) targets. Michigan's most recent performance was 28%. The MDE proposed: 2016=28.3%, 2017=28.4%, 2018=28.5%. The SEAC voted to amend the 6A target recommendations to 2016=28.3%, 2017=28.5%, 2018=28.8%.

- B. Action Item: SPP Indicator 6B (percent of children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs attending a separate special education class, separate school, or residential facility) targets. Michigan’s most recent performance was 41.39%. The MDE proposed: 2016=42.7%, 2017=42.2%, 2018=41.7%. The SEAC voted to amend the 6B target recommendations to 2016=41.4%, 2017=40.9%, 2018=40.4% were accepted.
  - C. Information Item: SPP Indicator 7 target update – Learning and dialogue, Action on targets will take place in January.
- XIII. Committee Work Group Report – M-STEP
- A. Information Item: The committee identified questions for the January/February presentation on M-STEP. The questions will be sent to SEAC members, and responses are due to Joanne Winkelman by January 6. The committee also addressed how to enhance communication on this issue with SEAC organizations and other constituents.
- XIV. Member Questions/Comments Announcements
- None presented.
- XV. January Agenda forecast – Returning to LCC West
- A. Committees
    1. SPP Indicator 7
    2. Personal Curriculum to advise the OSE relative to transition coordinator training
    3. Native American students with IEPs
  - B. January SSIP update
- XVI. Adjourn
- Voted by acclamation to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.