Michigan’s Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, MI 48917

Participants

Organizational Delegates Present

Organizational Alternates Present
Lisa Bacsikin, Eileen Brandt, Michelle Driscoll, Rebecca Gibson for Lois Lofton-Doniver, Kathleen Kosobud*, Kim Primus, Cindy Shinsky, Anne Marie-Sladewski, Sarah Winslow

Members at Large Present
Anne Barna, Michelle Frederick, Lily Schulting, Kara Tiethof, Regina Umpstead

Ex-Officio Members Present
Teri Chapman, Melissa Isaac, Janet Kaley, Cara Lougheed, James Thomas

Ex-Officio Alternates Present
Adrienne Gates for Belle Bodell, Anne Rossi, Terri Mileski
Absent

Charlie Hollerith

MDE Staff Present

John Andrejack, Jerry Cullum, Aaron Darling, Rebecca McIntyre, Ashley Reed, Julie Trevino

Guests Present

None

Facilitator

Teri Pettit

*Participated via phone.

Minutes

Call to Order

Jennifer Headley-Nordman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Opening Roll Call

Aaron Darling performed roll call.

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Donna Case moved, seconded by Kathy Krause that the SEAC approve the November 6, 2019 agenda. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of October 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Kara Tiethof moved, seconded by Kathy Krause that the SEAC approve the October 3, 2019 meeting minutes. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

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1 Neither the delegate nor the alternate was physically present, nor did they participate by phone.
Introduce Featured Members

1. Autism Society of Michigan - Delegate Amy Trahey; Alternate Ann Carpenter
2. Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) - Delegate Kathleen Moore; Alternate Don Myers
3. Student Advocacy Center of Michigan (SAC) - Delegate LaKeya Martin; Kathleen Kosobud
4. Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) - Delegate Belle Bodell; Alternate Adrienne Gates
5. Member at Large - Lily Schulting

Activity – Stand & Declare

In lieu of member reports, members participated in an activity to get to know one another and to demonstrate the importance of valuing all perspectives and working together to advise the state agency.

Chairperson’s Report by Jennifer Headley-Nordman

Jennifer reviewed the agenda and today's focus. She summarized a report from Executive Committee Meeting.

Understanding the Data – Graduation Cohorts by Jerry Cullum and Julie Trevino

1. Understanding graduation cohort data using the Data Use Process.
   a. Examine changes in graduation – 4-year and 6-year timeframe.
      i. How do things change and for whom?
      ii. Useful comparisons.
   b. Identify key drivers of graduation rates for Special Education students.
   c. Notice consequences of policies or practices for high school outcomes and beyond.
Data Activity

1. Examine ISD level graduation data in table groups.
   a. Note any surprises in the data.
   b. Determine if/how 4-yr and 6-yr cohort data is helpful or confusing and provide reasoning for your answers.

Report from the Michigan Teacher of the Year by Cara Lougheed

1. 2019-20 Michigan Teacher of the Year Cara Lougheed of Rochester Community Schools shared the Proud MI Educator video.

Report on Membership Committee Work by Kenya Harper-Black

1. Reviewed attendance expectations.
2. SEAC is accepting applications for:
   a. 2 Member at Large in Reserve openings.
   b. 1 Organization opening.
3. Reviewed need for state level diversity reflected in SEAC membership

Public Comment

No public comment.

$30 Million – Blessing or Curse and HB4675 – Pros and Cons by John Andrejack and Rebecca McIntyre

1. Assurances within the state grant award.
2. Financial impacts if assurances are not met.
4. Strict Discipline Academy review.
5. Assurances that may be impacted by this law are: child find, least restrictive environment, discipline protections.
Michigan Merit Curriculum by Rebecca McIntyre

1. Proposed changes include no personal curriculum option and alignment with student’s educational development plan (varies year to year)

Due Process Update and Hearing Reports Received by Rebecca McIntyre

1. Personal Curriculum (PC)
2. Information Desk Report

State Performance Plan (SPP) Annual Performance Report (APR) by Julie Trevino

1. The SPP/APR is a requirement that describes the State’s efforts to implement Part B requirements of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
2. Setting targets for results indicators requires stakeholder input.

MDE Office of Special Education (OSE) Update by Teri Chapman, Director

1. Federal
   a. USED onsite visit, initial feedback
2. State
   a. General supervision system development
      i. Cohort 0 self-review and assessment will occur this fall
3. Office of Special Education
   a. Indicator B-13 Secondary Transition – New sampling plan
      i. New collection cycle

Sharing & Wrap-Up by Jennifer Headley-Nordman, SEAC Chair

1. Within the next week:
   a. Complete online meeting survey/evaluation.
   b. Communicate with your constituents about take-away issues.
Closing Roll Call

Aaron Darling performed roll call.

Adjourn

Donna Case moved to adjourn and Annette Hobrecht seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 2:42 p.m.