

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
IDEA B State Advisory Panel
801 East 91st Street - Tulsa, Oklahoma – Tulsa Tech Conference Center (Riverside Campus)
12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m., December 1, 2016

MINUTES

Present:

Aaron Bullock, Andrea Kunkel, Becky Moore, Bryan Young, Cassie Nash, Chris Karch, David Bloese, Erika Olinger, Jamie Lahey, Jennifer Robinson, Jo Anne Blades, Jordan House, Kathy Wheat, Katy Young, Latisha Coats, Linda Jaco, Lori Wathen, Lori Wieder, Lydia Wilson, Mandy Seward, Marsha Herron, Michele Scott, Sharon Baker, Sharon Long, Sherri Coats, and Tiffany Jenkins

Absent:

Alicia Blair, Angela Chada, Ann Trudgeon, Ashlee Robson, Bonnie McBride, Cindy Carlton, Cindy Gould, Doris Erhart, Freida Burgess, Heather Hancock, Jaci Tolbert, James Martin, Janice Morris, Jennifer Collier, Jennifer Karner, Kayla Bower, Kaylin Coody, Kim Osmani, Kimberly Heard, Linda Whaley, Malarie Deardorff, Martin Barry, Melissa White, Michelle Koehn, Nancy Goosen, Noel Tyler, and Traci Cook

State Department of Education Employees:

Todd Loftin and Carrie Howell

Visitors:

Mirka Bullock, David Dickerson, Melissa Sublett, Jessica Claxton, Bobette Moisant, and Bruce Kulen

Jo Anne Blades: Welcome

Ms. Blades called the meeting to order @ 9:00 a.m.

Todd Loftin: Updates (PowerPoint attached for all updates)

Staff Changes

Christa Knight is still the SPDG Project Director; she has also been promoted to Assistant Executive Director. Jessica Collins has been hired as the Behavioral Specialist for SPDG and we are making a recommendation for Instructional Specialist for SPDG, and hopefully start January 3, 2017. Carrie Howell will be retiring February 1, 2017; we have posted Carrie's position and will begin interviews soon.

Child Count

Child Count went fairly well this year. The final count was 109,398.

Handbook Review Committee

Mr. Loftin would like to use the majority of the IDEA B Panel for the Handbook Review Committee. Please get your suggestions for the handbook to us by March 17, 2017.

Special Education Certification

Mr. Loftin discussed in detail about Special Education Certification. (See attached PowerPoint for specifics about Special Education Certification.)

Jo Ann Blades: Due Process

Ms. Blades discussed the Due Process requests in depth for 2016-2017. (PowerPoint Attached)

Jo Ann Blades: Trends

Ms. Blades discussed Special Ed issues such as placement, services to address behavior, discipline and behavior, and 504 claims. (PowerPoint Attached)

Todd Loftin & Jo Ann Blades: Panel Priorities (PowerPoint Attached)

We had 34 total responses. We are looking at guidance from you, to identify the priorities we want to focus on first. There was a motion by Mandy Seward to have 3 priorities and Lydia Wilson seconded the motion. Linda Jaco made a motion for each panel to meet in between the IDEA B meetings and that motion was seconded. The panel broke into 3 groups and chose a leader and recorder to discuss the 3 priorities chosen, which are: 1) Teacher Preparation, Knowledge & Practice, 2) Behavior & Suspensions, and 3) Lack of School Personnel. Each leader in the group reported back. Todd Loftin later decided that an employee from Special Education Services will facilitate each of the 3 groups for future meetings. Jacque Cullen will facilitate Teacher Preparation & Knowledge, Shawna Keene and Jessica Collins will facilitate Behavior & Suspensions and Christa Knight will facilitate lack of Sped Personnel.

Todd Loftin: Meeting Dates/Location

The next IDEA B Panel meeting is March 2, 2017 in Oklahoma City at 9801 North Kelley.

Jo Anne Blades: Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, meeting adjourned @ 4:00 p.m.

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