# **Utah Special Education Advisory Panel**

#### **Minutes**

## **November 5, 2009**

**Present:** Taryn Nicksic-Springer, Lanae Stout, Joy Jansen, Kris Rice, Leslie Buchanan, Rebecca Turley, Roz Welch, Jean Mecham, Connie Crosby, Nancy Morrill, Kay Clark, Melanie Hatch, Michelle Griner, Lisa Wade, Aubrey Shepardson-Goodell, Eric Stoker, Karla Stoker, Caralee Earl, Leonard Dunn, Carol Anderson, Glenn, Dyke, Lowell Oswald, tom Johnson, Nan Gray, Rebecca Donovan

Welcome and Introductions: Taryn Nicksic-Springer welcomed everyone.

**Minutes of September Meeting:** The minutes of September 29, 2009, were reviewed by members present. Eric Stoker's name was listed incorrectly under members present. Joy Jansen, Charter School Representative, wanted the September minutes to reflect her concern (under the section on transition) that the district won't allow charter schools to dual enroll into their CTE Courses. They say to have access you must be a member of the consortium which costs \$25,000.

**Motion:** Karla Stoker – Move the minutes of the September meeting be approved as corrected.

**Second:** Kris Rice Motion Passed

**Alexa Posny's Address to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual NASDSE Conference:** Ms Posny was unable to be present in person at the conference, however, her message was recorded and Nan Gray played the DVD of the address for USEAP.

Seclusion and Restraint: Carol Anderson and Glenn Dyke reported that while other states may have had some problems as reported in the media, Utah has policies in place to avoid negative outcomes from the practice of using seclusion and restraint when needed. Utah's policies were presented to Washington DC in August of 2009. The health department and the fire department have specifications for how a "time-out" room must be constructed and maintained. Utah's policies also require parental consent except in an emergency situation for the safety of the child or others. Utah also has programs in place for the use of positive behavioral supports to prevent the use of seclusion and restraint.

### **USOE Update:**

- NASDSE Conference Nan reported that the conference was a huge success and that all who attended were pleased with their Utah experience.
- **Listening Tours** Alexa Posny, Assistant Secretary of Education, will be coming to Utah sometime in the near future for a approximately a day and an half on a "Listening Tour". During her visit we would like to arrange for her to meet with members of USEAP. There will be more information on this when we know the timing of her visit to Utah.
- **Trend Data-** Nan presented the APR trend data. Even though not all the data is in for all the indicators, things look pretty for good for Utah for this year's report.
- **ARRA Update** Nan reported that as we continue the approval/reimbursement process we continue to develop and refine our methods recording keeping and forms to help in the process. Utah will be having an ARRA audit in the near future. We will continue to update USEAP on ARRA as it applies to special education.

**UPDC Update** – Lowell Oswald, Tom Johnson, Glenn Dyke – reported on the restructuring of the UPDC and the exciting new look of the home page. Quality professional development continues to be the goal of the UPDC as they strive to meet the needs of special educators in Utah. There will be exciting resources being made available through technology. The UPDC exists for students with disabilities and is committed to supporting the districts and schools to help facilitate positive outcomes for students. There are many new faces and a few old friends at the UPDC and lots of creative ideas to help teachers do what they do best.

#### **USEAP Business:**

- Names and Addresses for Thank You Letters Nan will draft a letter to be sent to administration/supervisors of those USEAP members who are allowed to leave work and serve the students of Utah by being a member of USEAP.
- **Mentor Update** A one-sheet set of guidelines will be developed to help mentors give guidance to new USEAP members.
- **Date for Summer Workshop** Various dates were discussed. John Copenhaver will be contacted to determine whether or not he will be available to present and a final determination will be made.
- Chair Elect/Leadership Team With the resignation of Shari Lee, USEAP no longer has a chair elect to serve as chair in the next school year. Nominations were considered and voted upon.

**Motion:** Kris Rice – Move USEAP appoint Mark Thompson Chair-Elect.

**Second:** Connie Crosby

Motion Passed

Michelle Griner volunteered to serve and was accepted as a member of the leadership team.

• **Nominations for USEAP Vacancies** – Discussion was held and it was decided to this item aside and take it up again at a later date.

**Meeting Adjourned** 

**Next Meeting January 7, 2010**