

Utah Special Education Advisory Panel
Minutes
November 29, 2010

Present: Lloyd Pendleton, Leonard Dunn, Eden Gillespie, BillieJo Petersen, Heather Read, Kay Clark, Roz Welch, Kris Rice Amy Weyrich, Rebecca Turley, Eric Stoker, Karla Stoker, Melanie Hatch, Natalie Williams, Dawn Armstrong, Linda Stalliviere, Tanya Albornoz, Helen Post, Janet Gibbs, Susan Loving, Peggy Milligan, Glenna Gallo, Rebecca Donovan

Welcome and Introductions: Mark Thompson, Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Priority 2: RtI for Instruction: Janet Gibbs gave an overview of the RtI process and the application it has to regular education students as well as special education students. RtI may also be used for the accelerated student.

Priority 1: Transition: Susan Loving was present to address advisory panel questions and concerns regarding transition and graduation. There is no simple answer to the dropout question (a major concern of the panel). The reasons for dropping out are many and varied.

USOE Updates:

- Glenna reported that the OSEP visit went well. There have been some requests for additional information since the visit. However, things still sound good. All that can be done now is to wait for their report.
- ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds– Glenna reported that requests continue to come in for approval to use these one-time funds for various projects and purchases. However, only a small portion of the funds have been allocated at this time.
- APR/SPP (Annual Performance Report/State Performance Plan) – Peggy Milligan reported that staff is working on the twenty indicators of the APR in preparation for submission of the report on February 1, 2011.
- Common Core: Janet Gibbs reported that the Multi-State Common Core was adopted by Utah in August of 2010. The Common Core will impact how teachers teach and will apply to students with disabilities as well as regular education students.

A concern was raised by a panel member that professional development for the common core will be needed by both regular and special education teachers and administrators.

Utah Parent Center Report – Helen Post reported that in preparation for the OSEP visit to Utah, the Parent Center surveyed a sampling of parents of students with disabilities in an effort to respond to the questions from OSEP. The information from the survey will be considered with other data available to help determine and prioritize training and information needs for parents.

Confidentiality Training: Mark asked panel members what they had found when they made inquiries regarding confidentiality training. Answers were varied; ranging from districts that do train to districts not doing any confidentiality training. The higher education, personnel preparation representative reported that their university trains their students on confidentiality.

Karla Stoker asked if the panel wanted to draft a letter of recommendation addressing confidentiality training. Karla and Mark Thompson will draft a letter and bring it to the panel at the next meeting.

Motion: Natalie Williams – Moved the meeting adjourn.

Second: Eden Gillespie

Passed

Meeting Adjourned

**Next Regular Meeting: January 11, 2011
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