Utah Special Education Advisory Panel Minutes September 22, 2011

Present: Christine Evans, Cindy Nigbur, Dawn Armstrong, Echo Cunningham, Eric Stoker, Heather Read, Karla Stoker, LaNae Stout, Laura Anderson, Max Lang, Natalie Williams, RaeAnne Thayne, Rebecca Turley, Roz Welch, Connie Crosby, Glenna Gallo, Rebecca Donovan

Guests: Susan Loving

Welcome and Introductions: Glenna Gallo, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Public Input: Roz Welch provided panel members with a copy of the USEAP procedure for public input from the USEAP website. Roz also provided a copy of the Davis School District brochure, *Maintaining the Right to Privacy and Confidentiality*" which is part of their confidentiality training for school volunteers.

Utah Parent Center Update: Rebecca Turley reported that the Parent Center has moved to a new location at the Royal Wood Plaza, 230 West 200 South in Salt Lake City. They share a suite of offices with the Utah Personnel Development Center.

Transition: Susan Loving gave an informative presentation on transition, which included Utah data on the 16 predictors of improved school outcomes in the areas of education, employment, and/or independent living for students with disabilities. Following Susan's presentation was a discussion period; Susan asked that the panel come up with three predictors of post school success that the panel feels need to be areas of focus in the coming year. The panel felt that transition needs do not look the same for all students and agreed that they should break this down further and take into account what predictors they feel need to be the focus for students with severe disabilities would be and what predictors they feel need to be the focus for students with mild/moderate disabilities.

Karla Stoker will draft a letter of recommendation to the Utah State Office of Education, Special Education Section based upon committee input. The committee decided that for students with significant disabilities the focus should be community experiences, self-care/independent living skills, and social skills. For students with mild/moderate disabilities, the focus should be on career awareness, occupational courses, and self-advocacy/self-determination.

USOE Update: Glenna Gallo

- **APR Progress** The staff is currently in the process or reviewing and analyzing data and results.
- **Determinations** OSEP has asked for additional information twice since our initial response to their determination. We are waiting for their response to our last submission of information.
- **Dispute Resolution Data** At this time, we have two state complaints and one due process hearing request.
- **Draft State Technology Standards** Glenna presented a draft copy of Utah Public Education Technology Standards. The purposed is to provide a standard for schools/districts to determine clear goals for achieving increased technology capacity. A copy of the draft will be sent to all members of USEAP with a request to submit any comments by the end of October. USOE will meet with twenty-five stakeholder groups over the next three months to obtain feedback on the standards.

USEAP Business:

• Minutes of July 28, 2011 – The minutes from the Summer Workshop were presented for approval.

Motion: Natalie Williams – Made a motion to accept the minutes of July 28, 2011, as presented.

Second: Echo Cunningham

Motion Passed. Minutes will be posted online.

• **UEAP Operating Procedures** - Proposed changes to the USEAP Operating Procedures were briefly discussed. One change was suggested: Article III, Section 4, add the phrase "in accordance with Article VIII".

Motion: Connie Crosby – Made a motion to accept the changes to the Operating Procedures as amended.

Second: Cindy Nigbur

Motion Passed. The Operating Procedures will be posted online.

• **Training Video:** The panel discussed the possibility of viewing the video for resource officers on dealing with students with invisible disabilities at the December meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Karla asked for a motion to adjourn. **Motion:** Natalie Williams – Made a motion to adjourn.

Second: Heather Read

Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Regular Meeting: December 1, 2011 Jones Center – 382 E 3605 S, Salt Lake City, UT