

Utah Special Education Advisory Panel
Minutes
September 20, 2012

Present: Neesha Killpack, Tyler Jolley, Celeste Forman, Connie Crosby, Leonard Dunn, Kay Clark, Leslie Buchanan, Rebecca Turley, Dawn Armstrong, Roz Welch, Linda Stalliviere, Christine Evans, Rebecca Boucher, Heather Read, RaeAnne Thayne, Laura Anderson, Lanae Stout, Chris Timothy, Suraj Sayal, Wendy Carver, Glenna Gallo, Rebecca Donovan

Excused: Elizabeth Banner, Max Lang, Echo Cunningham, Eric Stoker, Natalie Williams

Guests: Linda Barnes

Welcome and Introductions: Neesha Killpack, Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Review of Recent Due Process Decision: Glenna reported on a recent hearing in which it was alleged that the district failed to provide an appropriate education and also claimed several violations with numerous procedural safeguards.

The hearing officer upheld the districts position that the student was provided an appropriate education and also determined there were no violations with procedural safeguards.

Public Comment: Linda Barnes was present to address concerns regarding her views on the importance of IEPs and how they are written. Ms. Barnes provided written comments to the panel.

Annual Performance Report: Glenna Gallo

- Progress on APR for FFY 2011 – Work is progressing and approximately fifty percent of the compliance indicators and fifty percent of the performance indicators are being worked on.
- FFY 2010 APR Appeal and Hearing – The appeal is still in process and team will be going to Washington in October for a hearing. The team will be made up of Superintendent Larry Shumway; Associate Superintendent Judy Park; Carol Lear, USOE’s Law and Policy Advisor; Lisa Arbogast, Coordinator for Special Education Law and Policy; and Glenna Gallo, State Director of Special Education.

Glenna is taking with her letters from school districts and charter schools in support of Utah’s appeal. Based on USEAP’s previous support of the State Office of Education pursuing a hearing on OSEP’s determination for the FFY 2010 APR, Glenna asked USEAP if they were willing to provide a letter of support for the appeal.

Motion: RaeAnn Thayne made a motion the USEAP write a letter supporting Utah made a motion to support the State Office of Education’s appeal of OSEP’s determination of Needs Intervention” and their efforts in pursuing an investigation of the reasons and needs found in examining Indicator 13 data..

Second: Connie Crosby

Motion passed.

Standards-Based IEPs: Suraj Sayal of the Utah Personnel Development Center (UPDC) discussed the new online course on writing standards-based IEPs that is newly developed and available on the UPDC

website. As stated online, “The purpose of this course is to provide special educators with a framework for developing Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance statements (PLAAPFs) and Measurable Annual Goals (MAGs) that consider student performance data sources and align with the Common Core State Standards.”

Discussion following the presentation resulted in USEAP requesting further information on Standards-Based IEPs and a follow-up presentation at the next USEAP meeting (December 18, 2012).

Utah Parent Center Update: Rebecca Turley reported that the UPC is developing some DVDs on

- Getting and Keeping Your First Job
- The Journey to Adulthood
- Bullying
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

The UPC’s COURIER Project (Child Outreach—Utah’s Referral, Information, and Education Resource) is designed to provide information, training and referral services for parents, educators, youth and young adults (ages 15-26) with all disabilities and other special needs. The program focus is transition services and how to work with and access Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Update: Connie Nink reported that the ICC working on putting policies in procedures in writing with the goal of the agencies being more collaborative. Working toward inclusion of all early childhood and expanding opportunities in Utah.

USOE Updates: Glenna Gallo

- Glenna Gallo reported a position opening on the special education staff created by the retirement of Janet Gibbs, whose focus is access to the general curriculum for special education students.
- USDB, LEA and USOE Interagency Agreement is in the process and ready with final draft. USEAP will be provided with a copy as soon as an agreement is reached.
- **Accreditation for Special Schools:** Some of Utah’s special schools are accredited and do qualify as schools, others are not accredited and, as such, are actually “programs”. With that in mind discussions were held with LEA and USOE staffs which resulted in reaching an agreement on Special School Accreditation.
- **Extended School Year Services (ESY):** The ESY TA Manual was disseminated to members present and is posted online at the special education website.

Essential Elements (EE) and Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) for Alternate Assessment: Chris Timothy and Wendy Carver. The new assessment will replace the UAA for Language Arts and Math, but the UAA remains in place for Science. The DLM is an effort to create an alternate assessment that is linked to the CORE in math and English Language Arts. Utah is one of thirteen states involved in this effort.

USEAP Business:

- **Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2012.**
Motion: Tyler Jolley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented
Second: Christine Evans
Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: December 18, 2012
USOE – 250 E 500 S, Salt Lake City, UT