

**SD ADVISORY PANEL ON
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
MINUTES**



Date: 9.21.23

Time: 8:30am – 4pm

Location: Library Commons MacKay Bldg 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501

Board Members Present

Haley Carey, LeAnne Bawek, Renee Bostick, Katie Gran, Katie Larson, Kelsey Weismantel, Michelle Martin, Stacey Meyer, Meaghan Neuberger (virtual), Darcy Peterson, Brian Poelstra

Board Members Absent

Emily Quick, Charlotte Walking Eagle, Ashley Reints, Angie Brown, Elizabeth Welfl

Call to order at 8:31am central time:

Chairperson Meaghan Neuberger called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item: Questions or thoughts from previous day

- Linda Turner proposed revoking the substitute teacher reimbursement pending further research
 - Katie Gran motioned to revoke and discuss at the next meeting in January and Haley Carey seconded
 - Motion carried
- Meaghan informed the panel that a new law on testing children’s hearing will go into effect in December

Agenda Item: Elementary to Middle School Transition Share-out, Wendy Trujillo

- Majority of schools in SD have some sort of transition activities for all students that include a visit to the new school. Including a one-page document to share with the new school about the student and their needs. At times, the students IEP team will set up additional time or activities to assist student in individual transition activities based on their needs.

Agenda Item: Lifespan Presentation, Julie Hand

- Julie Hand presented activities the Division of Developmental Disabilities has for students with disabilities
 - Charting their life course
 - Person centered thinking practices
 - Programs available to people with developmental disabilities
 - Navigating Resources and access to services

- Self-Advocacy

Agenda Item: DOE Initiatives (Virtual), Lori Kwasnieski

- Lori presented on several initiatives the Department collaborates on such as:
 - School district requirements for transition age students – Indicator 13 and 14
 - Transition Services Liaison Project
 - Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)
 - Project Skills collaboration with Vocational Rehabilitation

Agenda Item: SD Parent Connections, Carla Miller and Betsy Drew

- Betsy services as a transition specialist with SD Parent Connections. She provides specialized training for parents and districts.
- Provided several handouts and resources to the panel that are also available on their website

Agenda Item: Center for Disabilities, Eric Kurtz

- University of South Dakota 5 year strategic plan to include training, conduct research and disseminate information
- Oyate' Circle initiative that serves Native Americans with disabilities, their families and those who serve them across South Dakota
- Healthcare transition clinic
- Pre-employment Transition Summer Program (Pre-ETS)
- Community based transition planning project

Agenda Item: Priority and Goal Setting, Norm Ames

- Panel priority statement is:
 - To support student Special Education teams in starting transition discussion upon entering special education services
- Goals:
 - Create tools for engaging students in the IEP process over time and enhancing student centered planning
 - Develop a strategy to support “buy in” of the importance earlier transition and self-advocacy discussions
 - Invite certain teachers/team to test the tool

Meeting Take Away for Annual Report:

- Subcommittee will present findings to the panel and panel will determine next steps
- Transition presentations
- Reimbursement rates
- Annual Business
- DOE Special Education Determinations

Next Meeting Dates:

- Schedule dates/location for following meetings
 - January 11th or 26th, 2024 depending on room availability
 - April 3rd

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Dispute Resolution overview
- State Performance Plan
- Priority Area Updates/Results
- B-3 Program Presentation
- Substitute and childcare reimbursement

Meeting Adjourned at 2:42pm central time:

- Katie Gran motioned to adjourn and Brian Poelstra seconded
- Motion Carried