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State Advisory Committee (SAC) for Children with Disabilities
Wednesday, March 8th 2023

In Attendance

In Person:, Rep. Lorie Ball, Alyson Eberhardt, Carin Daddino-Rogers, Dayle Boyle, Erica Peaslee, Esther Kennedy, Gregory Magoon, Janet Reed, Jennifer Jordan, Joanne Grobecker, Kara Buxton, Karen Rosenberg, Kari Grimes, Kathleen Talbot, Marion Hanson, Melissa Mckee, Michelle Lewis, Sharon Devinent, Jennifer Blagriff, Rebecca Fredette

Virtual: Rep. Katelyn Kuttub, Darlene Gildersleeve, Holly Carman, Jennifer Pike, Katherine Shea, Moira Ryan, Tracy Walbridge

Absent: Alicia Houston, Christina Dotson, Christopher O'Reilly, Joy Sabolevski, Joe Costanzo, Karen Stokes, Lance Paquette, Leah Lucier-Pike, William Caruso

Guests: Steven Grady, Senior Performance Audit Manager for State of NH

4:30 – Meeting called to order with attendance taken

Welcome / Meeting Norms: Welcome to new members (Darlene Gildersleeve, Representative Katelyn Kuttub, Representative Lorie Ball, Liz Cannon), Meeting norms discussed

Public Comment: No members of public present or online

Speaker: Steven M. Grady, MPA, MSS, Senior Performance Audit Manager for State of New Hampshire Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division

Steven said he will be designing a survey to assess the effectiveness of SAC and the department of education in regards to special education. He will be emailing the members of SAC this survey and will offer an opportunity to speak. Survey will go out around May.

Past audits are available at <https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/>

Correspondence: Member email requesting that meetings be recorded as disability accommodation was received.

Discussion around the request and clarification that members can record the meeting themselves.

Motion: Made by Joanne Grobecker and seconded by Esther Kennedy. "Request the chair responds requesting explanation for need for accommodation and if the member recording the meeting themselves meets that need". Discussion. Motion Passed. Roll Call Vote count: Yes 16, No 7, Abstain 3

NH Department of Education Updates

Legislative Update: Legislation discussed regarding SAC membership, quorum updates, restraint and seclusion, background checks for educational surrogates, adequate education amounts for pupils receiving special education, state aid for special education students.

Past Meeting Minutes:

Approve meeting minutes. Motion made by Esther Kennedy, Seconded by Alyson Eberhardt. Discussion. Motion passes. Roll count vote: Yes 15, No 1, Abstain 8

NH Department of Education Policies and Procedures Updates: Rebecca Fredette gave an update. The Department of Education hired another IEP Meeting Facilitator. She will get information on mediation, state complaints, and due process decisions to present to the committee.

Correspondence: Member resignation. If anyone has feedback on the Chair Welcome Letter please email the chair. Letter emailed to Commissioner Edelblut regarding Ed1100. Committee agreed to discuss Melissa White's letter at the next meeting.

Subcommittees: Discussion. Subcommittees can meet. Please email the chair your notice to have a meeting. Sub Committees must have an in person quorum.

Melissa McKeon will create a google form so each SAC member can sign up for a subcommittee.

Motion made by Alyson Eberhardt, Seconded by Marion Hanson. "Have each four existing subcommittees focus on the four priorities identified at the November 7, 2022 NH SAC Meeting." Discussion. Motion passes. Roll call vote: 19 yes, 4 no, 2 abstain.

Current committees:

(1) Reading Subcommittee

• Chair: Alyson Eberhardt

Members: Esther Kennedy, Jennifer Blagriff, Joanne Grobecker

(2) By-laws Subcommittee

• Chair: No Chair at this time

Members: Esther Kennedy, Tracy Walbridge, Janet Reed, Karen Rosenberg, Moira Ryan, Holly Carmen, Karen Stokes

(3) Due Process Subcommittee

• Chair: Moira Ryan

Members: Alicia Houston, Jennifer Pike

(4) Family Engagement and Community Outreach

• Chair: Tracy Walbridge

Members: Holly Carmen, Karen Stokes, Moira Ryan, Jennifer Pike

Current Priorities: The 2022-2023 priorities decided at the November 7, 2022 NH SAC meeting were as follows:

(1) Achievement Gap / Proficiency in Reading

(2) Personnel Shortage / Special Education Teacher and Paras

(3) Barriers / Mental Health / Parent Support / Most Vulnerable

(4) Student centered high achievement goals towards a standard high school diploma and beyond

Motion made by Esther Kennedy and seconded by Karen Rosenberg. "Subcommittees meet first in person and go for the first 55 minutes. Five minute report out and the general meeting starts at the 60th minute." Discussion. Motion passes. Roll call vote: 18 yes, 2 no, 4 abstain.

Joanne Grobecker made a **motion** to adjourn, Janet Reed seconded. Motion passes. Roll call vote 22 yes, 2 abstain.

7:00 PM **meeting adjourned**

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