

State Advisory Committee (SAC) For Children with Disabilities

Advising the NH Department of Education per RSA 186-C:3-b

December 7, 2022, 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: In Person and Virtual

Alyson Eberhardt, Carin Daddino-Rogers, Christina Dotson, Christopher O'Reily, Erica Peaslee, Gregory Magoon, Holly Carman, Jennifer Blagriff, Jennifer Jordan, Jennifer Pike, Joanne Grobecker, Kara Buxton, Karen Rosenberg, Karen Stokes, Kari Grimes, Kathleen Talbot, Lance Paquette, Marissa Chan, Melissa McKeon, Michelle Lewis, Tracy Walbridge, William Caruso

Absent:

Rep. Cordelli, Alicia Houston, Becky Owen, Dale Boyle, Esther Kennedy, Janet Reed, Joe Costanzo, Katherine Shea, Leah Lucier-Pike, Moira Ryan, Rebecca Fredette

Guests:

Brittany Davis-Shaffer, Maureen Tracey, Liz Cannon, Lisa Moody-NHED, Melissa White-NHED, Elizabeth Brown-NHED, Mary Ellen Hamilton-NHED

Welcome and Roll Call:

Roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum according to the Bylaw change but Elizabeth Brown said there was not a majority present, so we did not have a quorum.

Joanne Grobecker volunteered to take the Informal outline of the meeting minutes.

Department of Education Presentation:

Melissa White introduced herself as Division Director for the Division of Learner Support for the Department of Education.

Attorney Elizabeth Brown introduced herself - council to the Department of Education, reports directly to the commissioner and works very closely with the Division Directors. She joined the department in June replacing Chris Bond and is here at Becky Fredette's request to talk about and answer questions regarding Open Meetings Held by Public Bodies and Agencies.

Attorney Brown did a PowerPoint presentation on Open Meetings Held by Public Bodies and Agencies. A copy of this PowerPoint will be sent out to members.

- Quorums – if there is not a quorum present there should not be a meeting. She suggested that the chair send out an email asking members to RSVP prior to the meeting so if there will not be a quorum present that the meeting can be rescheduled. She also suggested that the meetings dates be listed on the website for the full SAC year (September to June). Sub-committees should also have a quorum present at their meetings and should take minutes. If there is not a quorum in

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attendance, the meeting should end. She stated that there was not a quorum present at tonight's meeting.

- Meetings and Records are public information and Atty Brown stressed that everyone should have a designated email address for work on the SAC committee. If you ever are subject to a Right to Know request, which is an outside civilian/agency asking for all your correspondence dealing with your participation in the Special Education Advisory Council, you will not have to go through all your target ads to be able to find the correspondence that deals with this. Also, you will not end up using this email address for personal things.
- A majority of the committee membership shall be composed of individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities. She suggested that the committee recruit for empty spots.

Melissa White and Elizabeth Brown have a list of questions that they will follow up on.

Legislative Update:

Karen Rosenberg gave the Legislative Update as from the sheet that was sent to members prior to the meeting.

- Topics of proposed bills include:
 - ❖ Changing 91-A to include remote access
 - ❖ Special Ed Funding
 - ❖ Restraints and Seclusion
 - ❖ Reading

No motions or votes were taken as there was not a quorum present in person.