

State Advisory Committee (SAC) for Children with Disabilities
Wednesday, February 1st 2023

In Attendance:

- **In-person:** Alyson Eberhardt, Carin Daddino-Rogers, Christina Dotson, Christopher O'Reilly, Dale Boyle, Esther Kennedy, Gregory Magoon, Jennifer Blagriff, Joe Costanzo, Karen Buxton, Karen Rosenberg, Karen Stokes, Kari Grimes, Marion Hanson, Melissa McKeon, Michelle Lewis, Rebecca Fredette, Kathleen Talbot, Lance Paquette
- **Virtual:** Jennifer Pike, Katherine Shae, Marrissa Chan, Moira Ryan, Katelyn Kuttub (came in late and indicated that she has recently been appointed to NH SAC)

Absent: Alicia Houston, Becky Owen, Darlene Gildersleeve, Erica Peaslee, Holly Carman, Janet Reed, Jennifer Jordan, Joanne Grobecker, Leah Lucier-Pike, Sharon DeVincent, Tracy Walbridge

Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 4:39pm with attendance taken
Members present in person - 17 (need 18 for a quorum)
Quorum met at 4:50pm

Representative Cordelli is being replaced. Representative Katelyn Kuttub stated she was assigned to SAC committee

New parents were introduced: Marian Hanson, Exeter NH - parent representative

Meeting Norms discussed

Remote attendance has been reinstated. It is required to have persons remotely keep their cameras/video on during the meeting. Remote meetings are to allow accessibility for committee members. Remote members are asked not to use the chat option.

Motion

Kathleen Talbot motioned to not record virtual NH SAC meetings - Esther Kennedy seconded the motion.

Discussion about recording ensued. Per Rebecca Fredette, the zoom account is not a NHDOE account. It is an account paid for by the DOE but it is managed by the SAC committee (chair or designee) **Roll Call vote:**

Yes - 16 No - 3 Abstain - 2

Motion Passed

Correspondence

A former member of SAC reached out to the Chair interested in rejoining. The Chair recommended reaching out to Governor Sununu

Email from a SAC member was discussed about conflict of interest in who was giving legislative updates.

House Representative Katelyn Kuttub offered to give SAC legislative updates as well. Rebecca Fredette stated she would continue to update the committee on the legislative updates until the committee could find someone.

Motion made by Karen Stokes to allow Representative Katelyn Kuttub to give the committee legislative updates. Seconded by Jennifer Pike. After discussion, **motion was rescinded** by Karen Stokes and Jennifer Pike

Legislative Updates

Rebecca Fredette gave the committee updates on the legislation that concerns the SAC committee. These included, but not limited to HB 437, HB 501, B147, and HB 467.

Karen Stokes asked if the Chair was sending out letters per the bylaws to committee members that had unexcused absences for more than 3 committee meetings. Jennifer stated she did send an email, but no formal letter. Attendance is an issue, especially in person. Quorum was not met in December.

Past Meeting Minutes

Motion

Motion made by Karen Stokes to accept the December meeting minutes as is. Seconded by Christina Dotson. Yes - 12 No - 0 Abstain - 9

Motion passed

Motion

Motion made by Ester Kennedy to accept the January meeting minutes as is. Seconded by Kari Grimes
Yes - 13 No - 0 Abstain - 9

Motion Passed

NH DOE Updates - Rebecca Fredette updated the committee on the performance audit with the office of the legislative budget assistant, audit division

The Doe is also still going through the audit process with the dispute resolution process

NH DOE policies and procedures updates - Rebecca updated the committee on the rules for inclusive of 21 years of age. Currently the DOE is unable to find someone to fill the position of the office of the special ed advocate

Due Process, Mediation, and State Complaints - Rebecca stated she has not been able to do this yet

Joe Costanzo explained the difference between the Department of corrections and County of corrections

Correspondence with Melissa White - Discussion on letter written to Ms. White on behalf of the committee. As of today, the DOE has given SAC access to be able to have remote meetings but the concern is maintaining the zoom account, Right To Know requests, and RSA 91:a implications. The SAC committee does not have funds for legal counsel if needed.

Motion

Motion made by Marion Hanson to send the letter to Melissa White with the following modifications:

recognize NHED now providing zoom account, with concerns, we ask for a response no later than March 1st and consider a variety of options as discussed. Seconded by Esther Kennedy Yes - 14 No - 2 Abstain - 3

Motion Passed

Motion made by Esther Kennedy to send the presented letter on behalf of NHSAC on Ed 1100 on special education eligibility. Seconded by Marion Hanson.

Discussion ensued leading to the following amendments to change the motion to read.

Motion

Motioned to accept the letter from Jennifer Pike with the changes made at the February 1st SAC committee meeting - second by Marion Hanson to add "That the ed 1100 accurately reflect all changes that have been made in the NH special education law"

Motion amendments approved by Esther Kennedy and Seconded by Marion Hanson

Yes - 19 No - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion Passed

Motion made by Esther Kennedy to move the March 1st SAC committee meeting to March 8th and end the current meeting. Second by Karen Rosenberg

Yes - 19 No - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion Passed

Meeting ended at 7:09pm