

APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting Place: Virtual Meeting

Address: Microsoft Teams Platform

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2021 (4:30 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.)

Agenda:

- 4:30-4:35 Come to Order, Review Meeting Expectations, Approve Minutes
- 4:35-4:45 Welcome Back & Plan for the Year
- 4:45-4:55 Story Share: Katie Ballard
- 4:55-5:05 Subcommittee Updates
- 5:05-5:45 Closing the Achievement Gap
- 5:45-6:25 Target Setting: Indicator 3 (Participation and Proficiency in statewide assessments)
- 6:25-6:30 Break
- 6:30-7:00 OSEP SEA Determination, LEA Determinations
- 7:00-7:30 Revisions to State Performance Plan
- 7:30-7:35 Public Comment
- 7:35 Adjourn

Present: Crista Yagjian, Jacqui Kelleher, Rachel Seelig, Jamie Crenshaw, Scarlett Duncan, Molly McFaun, Sara Kruk, Kristen Bigelow, Joy Wilcox, Sandra Chittenden, Cassidy Canzani, Katie Ballard, Ana Kolbach, Carrie Lutz, Barbara Joyal, Susan Aranoff

Come to Order, Review Meeting Expectations, Approve Minutes:

4:30 Panel Came to Order; Motion to Approve minutes for June and August meetings made by Katie Ballard, Seconded by Scarlett Duncan. Minutes were approved.

Welcome Back & Plan for the Year:

Rachel discussed the plan with a focus on closing the achievement gaps, bringing in guest speaker for each disability category and ensuring unmet needs is a regular agenda item. We will also be sure to include success stories in our meeting agendas

Story Share: Katie Ballard:

Katie Ballard shared her story of becoming a parent to students with disabilities, and the challenges she has experienced. Everyone was very grateful for her willingness to share.

Subcommittee Updates:

Unmet Needs announced a new chair and its plans to provide new unmet needs information at the next meeting.

Evaluations & Reporting met and wanted to hear the Indicator 3 presentation before making recommendations. They have also discussed some of the indicators we will be reviewing in October.

Rules & Regulations is meeting monthly again instead of quarterly in order to provide recommendations for feedback on materials developed by AOE to implement the upcoming rules changes. Some special meetings may be necessary depending on AOE deadlines, and the Executive Committee may be called on to meet and approve those recommendations if they cannot wait for a full panel meeting.

Closing the Achievement Gap:

Rachel explained that she and Jacqui agree this should be a focus for the year, and it will be an agenda item every month. Jacqui gave a presentation and shared information about closing the gap and work that Jacqui and her team are doing with a national TA center to focus on this.

Target Setting: Indicator 3 (Participation and Proficiency in statewide assessments):

Ana & Cassidy presented on Indicator 3, Participation and Proficiency in statewide assessments. This is a complex indicator, and the way it is being measured is changing. They reviewed past historical data, and the group discussed participation rates, discrepancy between students with and without disabilities, and “double-counting” students with disabilities in both the “all students” and the “students with disabilities” categories. This is not something we can change. Also discussed the Alternative Assessment. Agreed the Evaluations & Reporting Committee would look through these materials again and make a recommendation on this measure’s target at our next meeting.

OSEP SEA Determination, LEA Determinations:

Jacqui Kelleher shared that VT special education has been found to need intervention. Jacqui provided detailed information and data regarding how the OSEP makes the determinations and the data involved.

Revisions to State Performance Plan:

Tabled to a future meeting.

Public Comment:

Susan Aranoff provided public comment. She spoke about transition services and that the VT Developmental Disabilities Organization is seeking input and/or stories from families. Rachel asked that Unmet Needs take up the transition services issue as a potential unmet need caused by the pandemic.

Adjourn:

Adjourned at 7:17 p.m. Scarlett motioned; Carrie seconded - all in favor

Meeting Schedule (Hold the Dates):

October 18, 2021 4:30-7:30 (Monday)

November 17, 2021 4:30-7:30 (Wednesday)

December 16, 2021 4:30-7:30 (Thursday)

January 18, 2022 4:30-7:30 (Tuesday)