

**COUNCIL ON SPECIAL EDUCATION
January 25, 2016
MINUTES**

**Department of Public Instruction
125 South Webster Street, Madison
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Members in attendance: Dara Atandare, Patricia Becker, Judy Braun, Margaret Carpenter, Elsa Diaz-Bautista, Pam Foegen, Sue Larsen, Jennifer Mims-Howell, Santiago Navarro, Wendy Overturf, Julie Quigley, Caroline Rossing, Mary Swifka, Carla Witkowski

DPI staff in attendance: Kay Guberud, Julia Hartwig, Courtney Reed Jenkins, Nancy Molfenter, Daniel Parker, Marge, Resan, Christina Spector, Barbara Van Haren, Patricia Williams

10:00 – 2:30 BUSINESS MEETING #308

Room P41

1. Public Appearances: None
2. Minutes of Meeting #307: Council reviewed and approved the minutes from Meeting #307.
3. Correspondence/Chairperson's Report; Chair Caroline Rossing reminded the group that there is a Google survey about the council and we will discuss the results next April.
4. Council Member Reports and Issues: Council members discussed school-based Medicaid billing, discussed, the overlap between Section 504 and IEPs, and the possibility of participating in meetings via conference calls.
5. Presentation of 2014-2015 Annual Report: Chair Rossing presented the council report for the previous school year.
6. IDEA Complaint Findings & Decisions and Due Process Hearing Findings & Decisions**: Council reviewed 8 complaint findings and decisions and 2 due process hearing findings and decisions.
7. Department of Public Instruction Report: Information and Discussion: Barb Van Haren presented information in a number of areas.
 - a. Special Education Team Staff Changes: Marge Resan will no longer be staffing the council, Christina Spector will be taking her place. Rachel Fregien will serve as the coordinator of the State Personnel Development Grant. Dr. Becky Collins will be the new Director of the Student Services Prevention and Wellness Team.
 - b. Council Meeting in the fall: We are considering whether to separate the council meeting and forum from the leadership conference. Council members will still be invited to the Leadership Conference, but we are looking to increase participation at the public forum.
 - c. State Assessment Update: Results from the 2014-15 school year were released earlier this week. It is difficult to make comparisons because we only have one year of data. We will continue to work on the gap between students with and without disabilities. Also discussed upcoming assessments and timeline for spring 2016.
 - d. Review of [recent guidance](#) from the Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education
 - i. [Dear Colleague letter on Free and Appropriate Public Education \(FAPE\)](#) that clarifies that individualized education programs (IEP) for children with disabilities must be aligned with state academic content standards for the grade in which a child is enrolled. WDPI has been using this letter in our college and career ready IEP work.
 - ii. Presented [Preparing Youth with Disabilities for Success: IDEAs That Work website](#)
 - iii. [Dear Colleague letter on Dyslexia](#). WDPI is updating our guidance in light of this letter.

- e. Cross-team/Cross-divisional work
 - i. Reauthorization of ESEA. Act is now called Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). No word on IDEA reauthorization. No regulations yet, but WDPI is working on providing comments.
 - ii. Academic and Career Planning. New video called [Why ACP Matters](#) was just released on our website.
 - iii. Promoting Excellence for All. Additional resources from the [State Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council](#) were released.
 - iv. Wisconsin School Mental Health Framework. Council would like a presentation from Kathryn Bush in April.
- 8. Special Report: State Implementation of Scaling-Up Evidence-Based Practices (SISEP) and Results Driven Accountability (RDA) Update: Julia Hartwig and Patti Williams updated Council on the Department's efforts related to Results Driven Accountability and solicited the Council's feedback (strengths, cautions, and questions) for each of the four RDA Improvement Strategy Areas.
 - i. Coordinated district improvement planning across Title I and special education.
 - ii. Professional learning resources in partnership with Literacy & Mathematics team.
 - iii. Results-focused compliance practices.
 - iv. Coaching
- 9. Special Report: Promoting Excellence for All Family Engagement: Chrishirella Warthen and Ruth Anne Landsverk presented on the seven strategies added to the Promoting Excellence for All resources from the State Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council. Council would like Chrishirella and Ruth Anne to come back and present on dual capacity-building framework for family-school partnerships.
- 10. Special Report: College and Career Ready IEPs: Daniel Parker updated Council on the Department's efforts on college and career ready IEPs and solicited the Council's feedback on the shared vision for college and career IEPs.
- 11. Special Report: Co-Teaching: Molly Bever, Nancy Molfenter, Kay Guberud, and Terry Ehiorobo updated Council on the Department's work on co-teaching and presented a new DPI co-teaching video, "[Co-Teaching at Its Best](#)."
- 12. Special Report – New resources: [Functional Behavioral Assessment/Behavior Intervention Plan Toolkit](#) and [Using Data to Decrease Physical Restraint and Seclusion](#): Terry Ehiorobo and John Bemis presented basic information on FBAs, BIPs, and showed where the new information is located on the webpage.
- 13. New Business
- 14. Unfinished Business
- 15. Announcements
 - a. Next meeting date: April 15, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Department of Public Instruction Room P41 – 125 S. Webster St., Madison; 608/266-1781).
- 16. Public Appearances: None
- 17. Adjournment