

# Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)

## January 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Lisa Colon, Brandy Funk, Beth Eloe-Reep, Wendy Fitch, Robin Greenfield, Donna Farmer, Ted Oparnico, Angela Lindig, Keith Allred, Dalene Banks, Richard Henderson, Ruth Garfield, Amanda Pena, Stephanie Hoffman, Brian Darcy

**SEAP Welcome and Update, Minutes Review and Approval:** (Donna Farmer, SEAP Chair)

- Donna welcomed the panel and members introduced themselves
- Review of minutes was postponed until later in the morning

**SEAP/ SPED Manual Update/ MTSS:** (Richard Henderson, SDE Special Education Director)

- SDE Updates: Legislature is in session and Superintendent Luna released budget with 5% increase for the state education funding. Accountability, outcomes, and results are the themes of educational system
- SBAC waiver was approved by US Department of Education to test 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Results will not be used for accountability purpose or reported to parents because of pilot status
- SDE is waiting for OSEP to tell them what they want them to use from the pilot.
- Jeff D case continues as a topic of discussion. Case was filed in 1980 against the state of Idaho regarding appropriate services for students labeled with severe emotional disturbance issues and state services.
- There is no update from OSEP on technical requirements of SSIP. There will be tools developed for states to use and they will be expected to meet designated timelines. The SDE has started stakeholder groups around the state to get input on MTSS
- Indicator 13 will be dropped and not a requirement as part of the MTSS planning process. The SSIP is due to OSEP February 2015 with regards to the first phase of the three part MTSS plan. Phase two will be submitted in 2016 and Phase three in 2017. MTSS is a model developed in Kansas that other states including Michigan, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee have followed. Each state is able to design their own system based on the tiered model.
- The Department is in the process of updating the SPED manual. A draft is on the website for SEAP members and Sped Directors to review. The purpose of the update is for clarifications and not a major rewriting of the manual



- Approval process includes reviews by the Attorney General's office and the Idaho State Board of Education
- SEAP will review the final draft of the manual before going to Attorney General's office

**Change in SEAP Meeting Locations**

- Due to catering issues/per diem with the Hampton Inn future meetings will be held at another location TBD

**Review of Minutes** :(Donna Farmer, SEAP Chair)

- Minutes from November meeting were reviewed and corrections were made
- Stephanie Hoffman moved to accept the minutes and Amanda Pena seconded the motion

**Annual Performance Report (APR):** (Richard O'Dell, SDE Quality Assurance and Reporting Coordinator) –

- Dr. O'Dell reviewed a "Preliminary Annual Performance Report Update" which is due on February 3, 2014 to OSEP
- The Report included data on 20 indicators minus 16 and 17
- New data indicates that more students are staying in school until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday
- There are incomplete data sets and as some districts refuse to report for reasons of confidentiality
- Data will be posted to the SDE website

**Indicator Review:** (Richard Henderson, SDE Special Education Director and Richard O'Dell, SDE Quality Assurance and Reporting Coordinator)

- New target rates for 14 Indicators need to be set for submission for Feb 2015
- Some Indicator rates are set by ESEA/Waiver and some can be set by state

**Parent Survey:** (Donna Farmer, SEAP Chairperson)

- The panel members reviewed the cover letter that will accompany the annual parent survey and corrections and edits were made to letter content
- A final draft will be sent out for final review
- The panel reviewed survey questions and made additional edits/deletions/additions to the survey
- A final draft will be sent to panel for final review
- TASE needs additional information for completion of final survey.



- Survey will be given on half districts one year and half the next year – based on child count and a percentage in each of the districts
- Meridian and Boise will be off- set years
- Suggestion made by panel to send 5,000 surveys to families

**Member Update:** (SEAP Members)

- Amanda Pena reviewed their current practices to further refine child safety decision making practices
- IPUL sponsoring a Leadership retreat for 15 parents in southeast Idaho for parents of children under 8
- CDHD is presenting future webinars on autism (February) and UDL(April)
- Keith encourages SEAP to write a letter about how sped teachers are evaluated –and be involved in this process
- Lisa Colon is the DDC representative from the SDE
- Beth Elloe-Reep reported that because of the design of the MTSS the current state consultant regional programs will be dissolved as of June 30, 2014.
- Brian Darcy reported that a the IESDB budget was presented to the governor and approved. The budget includes a 9.8% increase that will provide funding for three outreach positions and give teachers a pay raise.

Next agenda –

- The panel requested the Rich Henderson give an update on the MTSS and the changes that will occur at the SDE as a result of the new system
- The panel would also like a report on how many teachers are on letter of authorization, fully certified, vacancies in state, and alternate routes of certification both in special and general education
- Wendy Fitch reported a major increased in classroom size in the district and the challenges teachers are facing with less money and more requirements

**SEAP Membership review and Recruitment** : (Donna Farmer, SEAP Chairperson)

- Donna will meet with Rich to go through terms and move items to the March meeting

**Next meeting-** March 10, 2014 – Location TBD

