

Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)

May 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held via Zoom.

Attendees: Charlie Silva, Ted Oparnico, Kerrie McNulty, Jenn Halladay, Sally Brown, Brian Darcy, Robin Greenfield, Jacob Head, Eric Lichte, Angela Lindig, Alison Lowenthal, Jill Mathews, Suzanne Peck, Carly Saxe, Debbie Siegel, David Vaughn, Laura Wallis, Robin Zikmund, Kristen Nate

SEAP Welcome: Ted Oparnico, SEAP Chair

Ted went over the meeting norms.

Approval of the February 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve by Angela Lindig and seconded by Debbie Siegel.

Update on Federal Laws and State Specific Information:

Dr. Charlie Silva, SDE Special Education Director

Federal

Received notification from US Department Education Secretary Betsy DeVos - Birth-3 year old waiver for the transition process is the only waiver granted and it is temporary while working through the pandemic-. (IEPs must continue, must continue best we can, etc.).

Federal: State application was due last Friday but States were granted an extension until 5/15/2020. Anticipating a small increase.

State

The State submitted the SSIP on April 1st.

Superintendent Ybarra is hosting weekly webinars on Monday and Wednesdays with district superintendents during the pandemic.

Some states (Not Idaho at this time) are getting hit with due process complaints for students not getting their services during the pandemic.

Compensatory Services- Recovery services. The State is looking at how other states are going to provide recovery services. This is separate from Extended School Year (ESY) which is based on the individual and is included in the students' IEPs.

Preparing for the fall: Working and talking about it but do not have a specific plan at this time. Some districts are planning for remote learning days.

COVID 19 Resources

Dr. Charlie Silva and Karren Streagle, SDE and Julie Mead, Idaho SESTA

Karren Streagle SDE: Refer to SPED COVID-19 PowerPoint. Specific Questions 109 received-separated into 7 different categories; Charlie commented that 109 is about half of the questions they have actually received given duplicated questions, etc.; Weekly webinars SPED COVID-19; a link online for Idaho COVID-19 Resources for Schools; PowerPoint has additional links regarding COVID-19.

Karren Streagle Medicaid: Refer to PowerPoint. 36 specific questions regarding Medicaid and COVID-19 separated in 9 different categories. Working collaboratively with Angie Williams at Health & Welfare. During the pandemic there has been some relaxation of policies just during this time (example-para providing services for speech). State is collaborating in weekly webinars, providing updated information weekly, Webpage and link to guidelines for providing Medicaid school-based services during the pandemic.

Julie Mead SESTA: SESTA has a page on the Idaho Training Clearinghouse for information regarding COVID-19. The page includes flowcharts on guidance on how districts can respond; forms and planning documents; guidance documents; padlet resources; behavior tools and resources; parent guide to IEPs and written notices during COVID-19.

Voting for new Executive Committee - 2020/2021

Chair: Jenn Halladay
Vice-Chair: Carly Saxe
Secretary: Kerrie McNulty

Review 2020/2021 meeting dates

September 14, 2020; November 9, 2020; February 8, 2021, and May 17, 2021.

Next Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.