



Idaho Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)

**Annual Report
2019 - 2020**

Ted Oparnico, Chair

Jenn Halladay, Vice-Chair

Advisory Panel Functions – CFR 300.169

- Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children and youth with disabilities. [300.169(a)]
- Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the State regarding the education of children with disabilities. [300.169(b)]
- Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under 618. [300.169(c)]
- Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in federal monitoring reports. [300.169(d)]
- Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities. [300.169(e)]
- The SEA, after deleting personally identifiable information must:
 - Provide the Advisory Panel with DPH findings and decisions.
 - Make those finding and decisions available to the public [CFR 300.513(d) and 300.514(c)]
- Waiver of non-supplant requirement. The State must consult with the Advisory Panel regarding provisions of FAPE. [300.164(c)(4)]
- Advise on the issue of disproportionality representation in special education and setting risk ratios. [300.647]

SEAP Membership Requirements

Categories of Required Representation

Excerpts from IDEA 20 U.S.C. 1412(a) (21) (A) (B) (D)

(21) State Advisory Panel –

(A) In General – The State has established and maintains an advisory panel for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the State.

(B) Membership – Such advisory panel shall consist of members appointed by the Governor or any other official authorized under State law to make such appointments, be representative of the State population, and be composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with, the education of children with disabilities, including --

1. Parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26);
2. Individuals with disabilities;
3. Teachers;
4. Representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel;
5. State and local education officials, including officials who carry out activities under Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.);
6. Administrators of programs for children with disabilities;
7. Representatives of other State agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities;
8. Representatives of private schools and public charter schools;
9. Not less than one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities;
10. A representative from the State child welfare agency responsible for foster care; and
11. Representatives from the State juvenile and adult corrections agencies.

Special rule. A majority of the members of the panel must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26).
(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(21)(B) and (C))



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Membership List 2019-2020

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*Indicates second term

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SEAP Priorities 2019-2020

To provide policy guidance to the Idaho State Department of Education with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities, the following priorities were established for 2019-20.

Priority 1: Assist the SDE with the State Systematic Improvement Plan (SSIP).

Priority 2: Assist the SDE with Parent Survey.

Priority 3: Assist the SDE with issues regarding securing and retaining Qualified Special Education Personnel.

SEAP Highlights 2019-2020

The Idaho Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) met and conducted business four times during the 2019-20 school year in the Barbara Morgan Conference Room at the Idaho State Department of Education. These meetings were held on September 9, 2019, November 18, 2019, February 10, 2020, and May 4, 2020. Panel meetings are open to the public, and meeting minutes are posted at <http://sde.idaho.gov/sped/seap>.

During the period covered in this report, Advisory Panel members participated in the following activities:

General Activities of the Panel

- Participated in four meetings to carry out the work of the Panel.
- Received updates from the ISDE concerning:
 - Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)
 - Federal Level – Birth to 3-year-old waiver for transition process
 - State Level - Superintendent regarding Priorities
 - Special Education Department – Idaho SESTA
 - COVID 19 Resources
 - Idaho Training Clearinghouse
 - Regional Behavioral Health Board
 - Healthy Minds Partnership Roadmap (non-profit)
 - Parent and Family Engagement Discussion
 - FACE Conference Debrief
 - TROKT – Cloud-based platform for sharing sensitive collected data

- Assessing Students with Disabilities
 - Medicaid
 - IDAA
 - IDEA Fiscal
 - ISAT vs. National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
 - The Annual Performance Plan (APR)
 - The State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)
 - The Data and Reporting Department
 - Early Childhood Data
 - Indicator 6 – Preschool Environment
 - Indicator 7 – Preschool Outcomes
 - Indicator 12 – Early Childhood Transition
 - Dispute Resolution data
 - The Parent Report for ISAT
 - Significant Disproportionality
 - Alternate Assessment
 - Early Childhood Special Education
 - The Optional IEP System Software
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- Participated in Professional Development.
 - Participated in workgroups targeting SEAP priorities.
 - Specific Training from TAESE on purpose, history, and responsibilities of SEAP.
 - Reviewed and updated priorities for SEAP.
 - Updated By-laws to reflect the current date.
 - Regularly updated on panel members' organizations and activities.
 - Conducted an election of new officers for 2020-2021
 - Chair – Jenn Halladay
 - Vice-Chair – Carly Saxe
 - Secretary – Kerrie McNulty

Advisements of the Panel

Priority 1: Assist the SDE with the State Systematic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

The SSIP is well thought out, well supported, and so far, well executed. The SEAP panel fully supports the work being done. The panel has participated in work groups, brainstorming, and discussions at the request of the SDE.

Priority 2: Assist the SDE with Parent Survey

The SEAP panel has received feedback, indicating that LEAs are having success with obtaining data regarding Indicator 14 (Post-Secondary Outcomes Survey). The SEAP panel is encouraging this to continue.

Priority 3: Assist the SDE with issues regarding securing and retaining Qualified Special Education Personnel

This is a new priority for the Panel this year. The SDE has been actively informing the Panel of the current data and trends.

Executive Committee

The SEAP Executive committee met four times via phone conference to review new member applications, make recommendations for membership, and plan agendas for upcoming meetings. Executive meeting dates were:

August 27, 2019
November 7, 2019
January 28, 2020
April 13, 2020.

Executive Committee members also reviewed by-laws and terminated one member from the panel due to non-attendance of meetings.