

State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC)
August 22, 2019
Quest Business and Conference Center
8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH 43240

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by SAPEC Chair Ron Rogers. All members were welcomed.

Roll was called by Sandy Kaufman. Members Absent: Jessica Minor, Kristen Mitchem, Judith Sgambati, Melissa Sowers, Gregory Taylor, Lisa Woods, Tami Wozniak-Smith, Bonnie Brown, Tony Cochren, Liesl Gyurko, Michelle McCollister. Nathan Dedino attended for Kimberly Hauck.

All attendees introduced themselves to the group.

Ron Rogers provided a couple of procedural items asking that anyone speaking, please state your name first and be sure to use the microphone, so everyone in the room can hear comments and questions. New SAPEC Members, Noah Trembly, Michelle Christman, and Traci Arway were introduced.

Panel Business

First order of business approved the minutes from the May 9, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously, no corrections.

No Comment or unmet needs presented.

Panel Discussions (SAPEC Learning or Information Items)

Heidi Kleinman presented Rule 3301-35-15 Standards for the implementation of positive behavior intervention supports and the use of restraint and seclusion. This rule opened for public comment August 1, 2019, and will remain open until September 20, 2019. Some of the changes to the rule reflect the policy set by the state board. Some of the changes reflect the new requirements for House Bill 318.

Facilitated Table Discussion

The members divided up into small groups for discussion to provide input. Each table will have a facilitator and a note taker. The facilitator asked guiding questions and the notetaker recorded feedback.

At the end of the small group discussion the members came back together to share small-group outcomes. The members preferred this process of reviewing the rules over previous discussion processes. It was requested that federal language be identified or highlighted in some way, so the group would know what cannot be changed. It was shared that the federal language piece is being reworked into a new template that will be easier to read. The changes we have made for this review process based on SAPECs comments.

At the next meeting three rules will be reviewed using the same process.

Question regarding student personnel versus district personnel and why the change. Jessica Shields, Legal Counsel for the Office for Exceptional Children will look into that and respond later.

Table discussion shared with the larger group.

Thanked everyone for input. Operating Standards will be coming over the next several months.

Office for Exceptional Children's Report

Monica Drvota and Joe Petrarca provided an update from the Office for Exceptional Children. We are in the 5-year review of rules. Kim has left to care for family and will be retiring. We have an interim, Jo Hannah Ward. Monica is interim for Assoc Dir. Taking that role since Becky Furbay has left. The department is working on filling positions the open positions. We are in a transition period as we have also had two assistant directors leave, Kalinda Watson and Wendy Stoica who is working in another area at the Department of Education. Joe reported that

Related Service Workgroup has moved along. Student with Disabilities Improvement Plan workgroups are continuing to meet and are planning a Summit of all the workgroups for end of September. Plan for completion is December with a roll out planned for summer. There is a need for a meeting with the Related Services meeting possibly to be scheduled in the fall.

Jody Beall from the office of Early Learning provided an update. She explained her team is working collaboratively with the Office for Exceptional Children to help provide guidance in some districts and also be a part of the consistent messaging.

Matt Loesch will be presenting for Kara. Annual Special Education determination. Ohio met requirements in 2019. One of 21 state receiving this determination. This is the 2nd year for this determination. Reviewed assessments and participation scores. We are seeing positive results we still have shown progress in areas. Assessment is scored differently than participation scores.

The graduation and drop out rates are higher than the target. This is an area of focus for ODE and OEC.

Ohio's district ratings are in the process of be finalized for 2019 and will be sent out to districts soon.

Ratings and profiles are accessed through the ODE Portal. Please send any comments and questions to the determinations@ohio.gov email.

Chrissy Cline Asst Dir for Urban Supports Team. The team is 9 people with 2 more to be hired. They support 11 urban Ohio Districts. Chrissy explained the role of the team. Moving to a more supportive role to help our partners improve processes. Also works on internal monitoring with districts.

Early Learning is partnering with Supp & Mont and Urban for a collaboration in working with the schools. Early learning is working with OEC on IEPs and ETRs on transitioning from early leaning students to school age students.

Working on consistent messaging with districts and SSTs. Teams will be doing comprehensive monitoring in urban districts.

SAPEC Learning Topic

Brad Ingraham presented budget highlights. Student wellness and Success funding. Shared allowable uses of the funding. Graduation requirements changes.

Jo Hannah Ward, Executive Director, Center for Continuous Improvement and Interim Director, Office for Exceptional Children, was introduced. Jo Hannah addressed the group and shared her story and support of the important work SAPEC does.

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