

**State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC)**  
**September 26, 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 call by Sandy Kaufman. Members Absent: Valerie Alloy, Tina Evans, Shannon McGowan, Jessica Minor, Judith Sgambati, Cynthia Walker, Lisa Woods.

All attendees introduced themselves to the group. Monica Drvota introduced Parise Callahan to the members as the new program administrator involved with SAPEC. Will see future communication from her.

Ron provided a few announcements for the day. Asked that anyone who would like to speak, be sure to use the microphone and state your name first so that everyone can hear any comments or questions. Ron introduced Daniel Boahen as a new member replacing Michelle McCallister with the state Juvenile Correctional Agency,

**Panel Business**

First order of business; Ron asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August 22, 2019 meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.

No comments or unmet needs presented.

Membership applications will be available October 1<sup>st</sup> for terms beginning July 2020. Applications will be posted on the website by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Panel Discussions**

Operating standards rules revision will be discussed during the SAPEC meetings this year. Discussion and review during this meeting will be on Child Find, Free Appropriate Public Education, and Confidentiality.

John Magee presented Rule 3301-51-02; Free Appropriate public education (FAPE) and Rule 3301-51-03 Child Find. Bernadette Laughlin presented Rule 3301-51-04; Confidentiality. Both John and Bernadette discussed the proposed changes to the rules and reasoning behind the changes. Most changes were definitions and language removals.

Following short presentations, members divided up into small groups to discuss and provide input on the three rules. Each table had a facilitator and notetaker. Facilitators asked the table guided questions and the notetaker recorded any feedback.

Concluding the small table discussions, the group came back together to give highlights of what was discussed. Monica Drvota lead the discussion by asking 4 guiding questions to garner feedback on the

changes to the three rules. Initial thoughts, issues or concerns, and the option of a supplemental document to coincide with the new rules were discussed amongst the group.

#### **Office for Exceptional Children Update**

Monica gave an update on the 5-year rule review process. The remaining meetings will cover the rest of the rules; three rules will be presented each meeting. The November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will cover ETR, IEP, and Nonpublic rule. Plan to have stakeholder meetings during the week of October 21<sup>st</sup>, to gather additional feedback from stakeholders across the state. Rules will then go to public comment after November for 30 days. A link will be shared with SAPEC members to comment as well. Once reviewed and revised the rules will go to the board in February to be voted on in March.

Joe Petrarca gave an update on Ohio's Plan to Improve Learning Experiences and Outcomes for Students with Disabilities. Roadmap process involves a steering committee, internal staff committee, and four workgroups that cover Post-Secondary Outcomes and graduation, Disproportionality, Inclusive leadership and instructional practices, and Literacy. Workgroups have been meeting over the past few months with sessions ending in October. Joe also gave a recap regarding the workgroup summit. Which included all the workgroups coming together to discuss commonalities and their recommendations.

Amy Szymanski gave an update on the graduation and secondary transition work. Informed members to review the website for any updates or questions regarding graduation requirements. Projects that are ongoing for secondary transition in 2019 include, the family engagement strategy, Ohio's secondary transition plan, and the innovative strategies Grant Cohort 3. The team is working across offices within ODE and outside of the agency to collaborate on the secondary transition plan.

#### **Adjourn**

Following the Exceptional Children updates, Rom Rogers reminded everyone to complete the evaluations and asked for a motion to adjourn.