

**State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC)  
February 18, 2021  
Virtual Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The SAPEC virtual meeting was called to order by SAPEC Chair, Ron Rogers. All members were welcomed. Ron went over the virtual meeting protocol and reminded members to complete the evaluation form that is now through SurveyMonkey.

Sandy Kaufman, Office for Exceptional Children (OEC) conducted roll call. Members absent were Valerie Alloy, Tina Evans, Liesl Gyrko, Beth Harrison, Tony Huff, Jennifer Kobel, and Jessica Minor. Sandy welcomed our new SAPEC member Aaron Bernstein who is representing the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.

Ron Rogers SAPEC Chair, welcomed all guests to the meeting and reviewed guest responsibilities. Barb McKenzie, representing Ohio TASH attended as a guest during today's SAPEC meeting.

**Panel Business**

Ron Rogers, SAPEC Chair, asked for a motion to approve the January 21 meeting minutes. Traci Arway moved to approve; Shannon McGowen seconded. Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Barb McKenzie representing Ohio TASH provided public comment during today's meeting regarding the 11 District Plan and Office for Exceptional Children's efforts on the 11 district narratives for the plan. The Office for Exceptional Children will take Ohio TASH's comments back to the team working on the DOE plan.

**SAPEC Learning Topic (11 Districts Overview)**

Monica Drvota, Associate Director and Andrea Faulkner, Assistant Director, Office for Exceptional Children, provided a brief overview on the 11 Districts Plan prior to SAPEC members reviewing the plan's eight narratives in facilitated breakout discussions.

Some background on the 11 Districts Plan. Doe originally filed a lawsuit in 1993 regarding funding. Students with disabilities was later added to the lawsuit filed by Disability Rights Ohio. The settlement agreement was finalized in March 2020. The agreement is a five-year plan with the goal to improve state support and make improvements in student performance.

Moving forward the Office for Exceptional Children will continue to engage in quarterly meetings with the 11 Districts Advisory Council. The advisory council along with OEC will continue to work to develop and review the 11 Districts Plan. The information will be folded into a larger document which will be close to 100 pages. This document will be due in June which is a requirement of the settlement.

Following the 11 districts overview, SAPEC members were broken into facilitated breakout rooms to review and provide feedback on the eight narratives. SAPEC members spent an hour in their breakout rooms to review the first 4 narratives; Parents understanding of Rights Past Grade 12, Professional Development and Technical Support to IEP Teams, Professional Development for Leadership and Teachers regarding Least Restrictive Environment, and Universal Design for Learning and Assistive

Technology. Following a brief break, members returned to their discussions for another hour to review the last 4 narratives; Capacity of the Urban Team, Evidence-based Multi-Tiered System of Supports, Sanctions, and Supporting Districts with the Development of Their Own Plans. Following the facilitated discussions, members reconvened to debrief as a larger group. Monica thanked everyone for the feedback that was provided. All feedback received today will be brought back to the team and reviewed.

**Closing Remarks & Meeting Adjourn**

Ron reminded members to complete the meeting evaluation through SurveyMonkey. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned. Our next SAPEC meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 1:00pm.