

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

Education Committee

LOCATION

**Governor's Council Conference Room
3601 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska
Teleconference**

Meeting Date

**November 21, 2013
1:30 p.m.**

Attendees:

Taylor Gregg – chair
Terese Kashi
Angie Fraize
Heidi Haas
Don Enoch
Justine Sheehan

Community Members:

Brianna Brian
Patrick Pillai
Debbie Banaszak
Starr Marsett
Fred Villa
Ernie Manzie
Amy Westfall

Staff:

Christie Reinhardt

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CALL TO ORDER – 1:30 p.m.
ROLL CALL

Welcome from the Chair

Taylor Gregg welcomed the committee members and guests to the meeting.

Announcements and Good News

Taylor Gregg announced that she will be spending Thanksgiving with her grandfather in Washington.

Approval of the Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes

Justine Sheehan **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the October 17th, 2013 meeting. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

Angie Fraize **MOVED** to approve the agenda. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

Correspondence

Christie Reinhardt reported that the committee received correspondence related to the draft restraint and seclusion bill, and she will incorporate it into the restraint and seclusion update later in the meeting.

Reports

Chair's Report

There was not a report from the chair at this meeting.

SESA Report

Patrick Pillai reported the following activities for SESA:

- SESA has chosen a contractor to rebuild the SESA database.

- The LID program served 303 students across 41 districts. 731 activities were student consults, and 118 were training, for a total of 1,062 activities. 168 were web-based, and 18 were using video teleconferencing.
- SESA received the new DSI Grant reward, and completed and submitted the previous five-year cycle performance report.
- SESA has new board members: Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus from the Governor's Council; Jack Walsh from the Superintendent's Association, and Laraine Adams from the Council for Special Education Administrators Association.
- SESA board meeting is scheduled for December 12th and 13th, 2013.

EED Report

Don Enoch reported that the compliance monitoring is complete for the following districts:

Kenai	Denali	Juneau
Iditarod	Unalaska	Pelican
North Slope	Petersburg	Haines
Kashunamiut	Sitka	Southeast Island

Don noted that the four districts remaining - Mat-Su, Anchorage, Fairbanks and Skagway - will be monitored after the intensive season is over.

Don Enoch reported that the MOA the Department has been working on with Part C is nearing completion. Alaska was chosen as one of five states to work with the Daisy Center on the Part C to Part B transition database development project.

Don Enoch stated that the Department is preparing their presentations for the ASSEC Conference, which is scheduled for February 2014.

Don Enoch stated that the intensive reviews are the presently the main

focus for the Department.

Old Business

Restraint and Seclusion Update

Christie Reinhardt reported that they have received the current draft of the restraint and seclusion bill, and there are a few corrections that need to be made. One of the corrections was related to putting physical escort and seclusion limitations together. She noted that there was concern that physical escort was going to be limiting for school personnel. The definition of physical escort is going to remain the same, but it is going to be removed from the limitations piece.

Christie Reinhardt stated that Representative Millett's staff met with Commissioner Hanley to discuss the bill, and Christie related that the Commissioner expressed his appreciation for some of the changes that were made after listening to the Department's concerns. The Commissioner presumed there would be a fiscal note attached to it, but was unclear as to the amount, and he asked for specific information about the cost of crisis intervention training programs.

Christie Reinhardt led a discussion regarding the reporting piece of the restraint and seclusion bill stating there was concern from the Department that reporting every instance of restraint and seclusion would skew data and look like there was an excessive amount of restraint and seclusion in the state because of the behavioral needs and concerns of a few children. Most of the committee members weighed in that the reporting piece was important and recommended that the reporting include the number of individuals involved.

New Business

Restraint and Seclusion Planning

Christie Reinhardt reported that the timeline for the bill is on schedule. The bill has been pre-filed but still needs additional changes, particularly around the physical escort piece. The bill can be filed the second week of

December when it will be given a name and a number. Representative Millett is the sponsor, and Representative Lynn Gattis is the co-sponsor of the bill. There will be a companion bill introduced on the Senate side put forward by Senator Coghill.

As far as organizational support, the lead agency is the Governor's Council. There are pledges of support from a variety of agencies including Disability Law Center, The Center for Human Development, and Key Coalition. Teresa Holt is scheduled to have a meeting with Jeff Jesse at the Mental Health Trust Authority to talk about the Trust's position. The Governor's Council is in the process of talking with Stone Soup Group, LINKS, the State Board of Education, the Department of Education and Early Development, the State School Board Association, and individual school districts and special education directors to garner support from those individuals and agencies. The committee members volunteered to contact groups or individuals they have a personal connection with to gather support for the bill.

Christie Reinhardt noted that the Council is working on position papers and developing a template with talking points related to the bill that will be ready in approximately a week. Christie encouraged committee members to e-mail her with any ideas, suggestions, and contacts they may have once they have a chance to review the draft bill information.

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

There were no upcoming meetings or conferences on the schedule.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Education Committee is scheduled for December 19th, 2013 at 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Justine Sheehan **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**. Taylor Gregg adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.