

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

**Education Committee
MINUTES**

LOCATION

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

Meeting Date

**August 20, 2015
1:35 p.m.**

Attendees:

Margaret Kossler - Chair
Don Enoch
Cassidy Jones
Angie Fraize
Taylor Gregg
Clayton Holland
Mallory Hamilton
Terese Kashi
Patrick Pillai
Jim Kreatschman
Ernie Manzie
Amber Parker
Adrainne Thomas
Amy Westfall
David Tarcy

Staff:

Christie Reinhardt
Kristin Vandagriff
Patrick Reinhart

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CALL TO ORDER – 1:35 p.m.
ROLL CALL

Welcome

Margaret Kossler welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

Announcements and Good News

Christie Reinhardt reported that the Council will be welcoming new staff member, Ric Nelson, who will begin work at the Council August 31st.

Christie Reinhardt reported that she is now the parent of a high school student.

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Agenda

Mallory Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the agenda. The motion was **SECONDED** by Don Enoch. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED**.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mallory Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the amended minutes. The motion was **SECONDED** by Patrick Pillai. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED**.

Correspondence

Christie Reinhardt stated that correspondence will be discussed under upcoming meetings and conferences.

Reports

Chair's Report

Margaret Kossler stated that as new chair, she hasn't had anything to report yet.

SESA

Patrick Pillai reported the following activities for SESA:

- SESA hired two autism specialists.
- SESA has served 190 students in 31 districts in 40 locations.
- SESA is currently working with an individual to process their certification, and they will be hired for the Disabilities Program with a subspecialty in assistive technology.
- SESA's emotional disability specialist is now a board certified behavior analyst.
- Life crisis intervention training was provided to all SESA staff in 2015.
- The Alaska Autism Research Center funding will be reduced by \$25,000 for FY17, and a further reduction of \$25,000 for FY18 as part of the Trust's reduction of seed money to start programs.
- Exempt, classified, and mentor manuals were updated during the summer.
- SESA's lease ends June 30th, and they are working with the landlord on lease terms.
- SESA union negotiations begin in December.

Patrick Pillai stated that Taylor Gregg and Terese Kashi will be leaving the SESA board, and he thanked them for their service. SESA anticipates the announcement from the Governor's Council for replacements in September.

EED

Don Enoch reported the following activities of the Department:

- The Telepractice Committee meeting was postponed. A memo was prepared of the Department's stand based on regulation that telepractice is not prohibited.
- The Department participated in the SPDG teleconference for the incorporation of the SSIP.
- The Secondary Transition Capacity Building Grant training was held in Anchorage last week.

- The compliance monitoring schedule is posted on the Department's website.
- The no-cost extension was granted for the GAINS grant.
- Discretionary grants were substantially approved.
- Phase II of the SSIP will begin implementation.
- The Department is still researching new monitoring software.
- The supplemental workbook was distributed July 15th.

CASE

Clayton Holland reported that the hot topics for CASE at their upcoming meeting in October will be teacher shortages, teacher qualifications, training, the AMP scores, and graduation rates. Clayton invited Christie Reinhardt to speak at the CASE meeting regarding other health impairments, transition, and suspension and expulsion.

Autism Ad Hoc Committee Update

Christie Reinhardt reported that the committee met in July with representatives from around the state around providing stakeholder input for covering ABA services by Medicaid under the Early Periodic Screening Detection and Treatment (EPSDT) provision.

The committee has a teleconference scheduled for September, and a face-to-face meeting October 6th, 2015 to finish their five-year plan.

FASD

There was no FASD report available for the meeting.

Old Business

New Chair and Member Introductions

Margaret Kossler, as the new chair for the Education Committee, opened the floor to committee members for introductions.

Community Forums

Christie Reinhardt noted that the Council will be conducting community forums in order to garner stakeholder input into the development of the State Five-Year Plan. The Council plans on holding forums in approximately 15 communities, and they are asking for assistance from Council members to help facilitate and promote these forums in their communities.

New Business

Part B State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report Indicator 14 on Post-School Outcomes, Competitive Employment/Post-Secondary Enrollment

David Tarcy, with Alaska Research Evaluation Services, presented a slide show outlining the Indicator 14 Post-School Outcomes Status Report. He stated that Indicator 14 measures are based on the percent of youth who are no longer in secondary school, had IEPs in effect at the time they left school, and were enrolled in higher education within one year of leaving high school; enrolled in higher education or competitively employed within one year of leaving high school; or enrolled in higher education or in some other postsecondary education or training program, or competitively employed or in some other employment within one year of leaving high school.

David Tarcy reviewed the definitions of higher education and employment. He discussed the methods, survey protocols, and data reliability, and demonstrated results based on data from 2005 through 2013. He described the timeline as follows:

- February through March..... Collect contact information from districts
Prepare for data collection

- April through September..... Fielding period
Process surveys

- October through December..... Analysis and reporting

David Tarcy noted that they are in the fielding process at this point in time, and expect to follow the timeline with a report by the end of the year.

State Board of Education (SBOE) Update

Christie Reinhardt reported that there is a State Board of Education quarterly meeting scheduled for September 16th through the 19th in Sitka where the topic of the new regulation that was requested by the Council for the definition of physician will be discussed. Christie noted that at 8:00 a.m. on the 18th is when public testimony will be held, and she encouraged committee members to participate in public testimony. She will send the draft regulation when it is received along with talking points to Council members for review.

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- **September 16-19, 2015**
State Board of Education Quarterly Meeting
Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Sitka, AK
- **September 18-19, 2015**
- New Special Education Directors Training
Dimond Center Hotel, Anchorage, AK
- **October 6, 2015**
Autism Ad-Hoc Committee Face-to-Face
Anchorage, AK
- **October 7-8, 2015**
Fall Council Meeting
Special Olympics Building, Anchorage, AK

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next Education Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 17, 2015, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Mallory Hamilton **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. The motion was **SECONDED** by Jill Burkert, and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.