Maryland SESAC

SPECIAL EDUCATION STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SESAC General Meeting
Johns Hopkins University/Center for Technology in Education
6740 Alexander Bell Drive, Columbia, MD 21046
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
December 4, 2012

MINUTES

Attendee: Kelly Meissner, Co-Chair, Rachel London, Immediate Past Chair - DDC, Cindy Hettinger, Dorie Flynn - Nonpublic, Denise Stamp, Special Educator, Donna Riccobono, Patricia Shelly, Dawn Koplos, Creecy and Sandra Newcomb


Guests: None

Staff: Marcella Franczkowski, Donna Riley and Clara Coleman

Ms. Kelly Meissner, Chair opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

I. Welcome Remarks and Introductions
Ms. Kelly Meissner welcomed all members and guests.

II. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 20th
A. Minutes were distributed via packed for approval/edits.
B. To spelling errors were corrected.

III. Presentation - State of the State: the Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services & the Maryland Leadership Conference: Marcella Franczkowski, Assistant State Superintendent
a. Marcella Franczkowski discussed MSDE's vision with regards to special education services in Maryland, including achievement, progress, and gap reduction.
   i. She discussed how MSDE provides leadership, support and accountability for results to local school systems, public agencies and stakeholders through a seamless, comprehensive system of coordinated services to children and students with disabilities, birth through 21, and their families
ii. She presented the new division restructuring to support the Vision:
   1. Policy and Accountability Branch
   2. Family Support and Dispute Resolution Branch
   3. Interagency Collaboration Branch
   4. Programmatic Support and Technical Assistance Branch
   5. Fiscal Management Branch
   6. Specialized Services Branch

iii. She presented the State’s updated special education data including, child counts and least restrictive environment and natural environment data.

iv. She discussed MSDE’s Birth to 21- Local Leadership Teams
   1. Quarterly meetings; teleconferences as needed
   2. Data sharing, hot topics, best practices
   3. Assistant State Superintendent’s Advisory Council
      a. 8 Local Directors of Special Education and a Birth-Five Leader
      b. 1 year term; new cohort appointed each year
      c. Robust discussions on State and local factors that impact results

v. Marcella presented both state and local determination results from FFY2005 to FFY2010.

vi. Marcella discussed the changes to MSDE monitoring
   1. Birth-21 Monitoring for Continuous Improvement and Results (MCIR)
   2. A new data system will be developed in collaboration with the Mid South Regional Resource Center
   3. The Part B Self-Assessment will be retired and the comprehensive review cycle will be changed to 4 years.
   4. Division staff has created a new Record Review document that includes Part C.

IV. SPR/APR Indicators Update: Donna Riley shared a Draft Status Report Part B FFY 2011
   SPR/APR (12/3/12) Indicator Performance At-A-Glance, December 3, 2012, and reviewed preliminary results for the following indicators:
   - 4a – Suspension-Expulsion: Target not met (16%)  
   - 4b – Suspension-Expulsion (Race/Ethnicity): Target not met (4.1%)  
   - 9 – Disproportionate Representation (Race/Ethnicity): Target met (0%)  
   - 10- Disproportionate Representation (Race/Ethnicity & Disability: Target met (0%)  
   - 15 – General Supervision: Target not met (98% v 100%)  
   - 18 – Resolutions: Target met (70.5%)  
   - 19 – Mediations: Target met (76.6%)  
   - 20- State Reported Data: Target met (100%)

V. Comments/Open Discussion: Ms. Kelly Meissner opened the floor for public comment and discussion. None was provided.

Ms. Meissner adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

General Meeting January 17, 2013
JHU/CTE
10:00 am – 12:40 p.m.