Special Education State Advisory Committee
General Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2019
10:00am-1:00pm

Attendees: Pamela Talley, Tiffany Williams, Miguel Reyes, Angie Auldridge, Wendy Balda, Leanne Carmona, Neal Lichter, Marjorie Guldan, Tyese Dillard, Kathy Kaufman, Sue Rattman, Kathy Barazotto, Samantha Carter, Peaches Wilson, Valerie Ashton-Thomas

Staff: Carmen Brown, Branch Chief, Interagency Collaboration, Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services (DEI/SES)

Guest: Audri Levering

Welcome/Introductions were offered by Leanne Carmona and Pamela Talley – SESAC Co-Chairs. All members in attendance in person and via webex were introduced.

Carmen Brown provided a membership update.

Leanne thanked members for feedback on the Specially Designed Instruction draft guide, and the Secondary Transition draft guide.

Leanne and Pam facilitated a discussion regarding subcommittees, gauging interest in topics suggested over the past year and during this meeting. Topics with most interest include: legislation, student outcomes, family and community engagement, and secondary transition. Pam will send out an email in the coming week for members to sign up to participate in the group of their choosing, and for a few to lead a discussion with SESACs in December.

Leanne and Pam also facilitated a planning discussion, with Rene on the phone, for the SECAC leadership meeting in December. The group discussed agenda items, flow of the meeting, plans for the Assistant State Superintendent to present to SECAC leaders on State level priorities and data, etc. Carmen will finalize the agenda, venue, and all supporting arrangements.

No public comment was offered.

The meeting was adjourned until January where the topic will be SPP/APR.