

**Iowa Special Education Advisory Panel**

**September 5, 2014**

**Facilitators: Nancy Ankeny-Hunt**

**Panel Secretary: Mary Bartlow**

**Present:** Ruth Allison, Valerie Baker, Carma Betz, Craig Barnum, Kurtis Broeg, Jan Collinson, Billie Jo Cowley, Donita Dettmer, Margaret Joan Ebersold, Susan Etscheidt, Ruth Fush, Cari Higgins, Dawn Jacobsen, Amy Liddell, Susie Lund, Stephanie Mahoney , Larry Martin, Joseph McAbee , Keri Osterhaus, Melanie Patton, Beth Rydberg , Sandra Smith, Emily Sopko ,Mary Stevens, Karen Thompson, Kathleen Van Tol, Kelly Von Lehmden, Kelly Wallace, Joel Weeks, Heather Davidson (for Doug Wolfe), Jason Yessak

**Department Staff Present:** Barb Guy, Nancy Ankeny-Hunt, Mary Bartlow

**Absent:** Ron Koch

**Guests:** Dr. Carl Smith, Mike Cavin

**Public Comment:**

Carl Smith, Professor at ISU and associate director at the School of Education. He is commenting regarding the proposed change in special education endorsements.

Reasons:

While there are a lot of things happening in education, the critical and central role of teachers doesn't change. If a similar change were proposed in general education, it would not be supported.

Why should we accept a lower standard for teachers working in special ed and students with disabilities?

If this comes to fruition, ISU may consider discontinuing their program because of the ethical issues.

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**Handouts for the September 5, 2014 meeting:**

- Agenda
- Minutes from May 23, 2014 meeting ([LiveBinder](#))
- Updated Bylaws ([LiveBinder](#))
- Listing of members ([LiveBinder](#))
- Special Ed Team Members
- Home cities for SEAP members ([LiveBinder](#))
- Meeting dates for 2014-2015([LiveBinder](#))
- SEAP Summary for Results Area: Graduate from High School
- SEAP Summary for Results Area: Reading Proficiency
- SEAP Summary for Results Area: Enter Kindergarten Ready to Learn to Read
- Part B Indicators
- Update PowerPoint ([LiveBinder](#))
- Iowa Part B compliance Matrix: 2014 ([LiveBinder](#))
- How the Department Made Determinations under Section 616(d) of the IDEA Act in 2014 ([LiveBinder](#))

## **Welcome/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kurtis at 9:02am.

## **Approval of Consent Agenda (May 23, 2104)**

Motion made to approve the minutes by Kelly Von Lehmden, second by Karen Thompson. Motion approved.

## **Updates**

**Karen Thompson:** Child Find work group is meeting each month to have conversations about child find and parent/family issues. They've updated a brochure from the PEC for distribution. They are waiting for final edits from the DE. The communication piece has been developed between special education directors at the AEAs, the PEC, ASK Resource Center and Disability Rights Iowa to help resolve issues quickly. The training is still being worked on but scheduled for completion by November. This will provide a consistent message across the state.

**Kelly Von Lehmden:** The IEP/IFSP Task Force has collected input from a large audience. Official recommendations were given to the oversight committee. They are hoping to create a document that starts with general education, linking to Iowa Core. There is much work left to do. The latest discussion included offering the opportunity to use 'sticky notes' to make sure topics are covered at meetings. They will also be looking to make it more obvious when it is a draft versus a final. There was discussion about amendments and how they are done and issues around editing versus the need for another IEP meeting. Beth expressed concern about a high tech system that is not available to all parents.

**Craig Barnum:** Got permission to start a study process to go with a statewide unified data system.

**Barb Guy: SDI (Specially Designed Instruction).** Next is to design the measures, try them out and then plan from there.

## **Update on Outcomes, OSEP**

- Under building capacity, it is important to clarify that 'coach families' doesn't encompass the concept, this needs to be a collaborative relationship (Co-collaboration).
- Results Driven Accountability. When reviewing both process and results, Iowa was rated 'Needs Assistance'

## **Result Presentation/Discussion**

We are working on developing a plan: One plan: All students graduate ready for college or career

### **Proposed Task Groups:**

Birth – 3 years

3-5 years

K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

7-8th grade

9<sup>th</sup>-12th grade

SEAP may not be involved in the task groups, but will be involved in the next step of reviewing what the task groups find.

**Update on Board of Educational Examiners (BOEE) endorsements (Mike Cavin)**

Regarding status of special education endorsement proposals: The BOEE Board retreat was held in June. In August, they decided to move forward with the K12 universal endorsement status. It is now in the rule making process. Public comment is on the 24<sup>th</sup> in the Board Room.

**Future agenda items:**

- Engage information from the SDI meetings.
- Linking SEAP members with the mental health work groups
- Linking SEAP members and data from IEP/IFSP
- Seven results areas
- Emerging issues: Such as kids in foster care
- Upcoming conferences

Motion to adjourn by Dawn Jacobsen, Amy second. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:40.

Next meeting is scheduled Friday, October 10 at the Grimes State Office Building.