Iowa Special Education Advisory Panel  
January 9, 2015  
Facilitators: Nancy Ankeny-Hunt  
Panel Secretary: Mary Bartlow

Present: Valerie Baker (z), Carma Betz (z), Craig Barnum (z), Kurtis Broeg, Jan Collinson (z), Donita Dettmer (z), Margaret Joan Ebersold, Susan Etscheidt (z), Ruth Frush (z), Cari Higgins, Dawn Jacobsen (z), Ron Koch (z), Amy Liddell, Susie Lund (z), Larry Martin (z), Joseph McAbee, Keri Osterhaus, Melanie Patton (z), Beth Rydberg, Sandra Smith, Emily Sopko (z), Mary Stevens, Karen Thompson, Kathleen Van Tol (z), Kelly Von Lehmden (z), Kelly Wallace, Joel Weeks (z), Doug Wolfe, Jason Yessak (z), Kendra Jochimson (replacing Ruth Allison).

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

Absent: Billy Jo Cowley

Guests: Sandy Nelson, Meredith MacQuigg, Kim Drew, Rhonda Ketels

Handouts for the January 2015 meeting:
- Agenda ([LiveBinder](#))
- Minutes from October 10, 2014 meeting ([LiveBinder](#))
- Article: College & Career Readiness & Success Center ([American Institutes for Research](#))
- Preschool SSIP work ([LiveBinder](#))
- K-5 SSIP Work Group ([LiveBinder](#))
- 6-8 SSIP work Group ([LiveBinder](#))
- 9-12 SSIP Work Group ([LiveBinder](#))
- PEC Program Evaluation ([LiveBinder](#))
- Barb Guy Powerpoint
- Department of Education work groups with SEAP participation ([LiveBinder](#))

Welcome/Introductions
The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am. by Chair Kurtis.

Approval of Consent Agenda (October 10, 2014)
No public comments.
Karen asked to double check the September minutes to make sure ASK, PEC/DRI are all included. (Checked and they are correct.)

Motion made by Amy L to approve the minutes, second by Mary Stevens. Motion to approve minutes with correction if needed.

The group welcomed Kendra Jochimson, Bureau Chief for Vocational Rehabilitation. Kendra replaced Ruth Allison due to Ruth’s retirement.
Barb Guy did a review of the OSEP State Performance Plan (SPP), Indicators (Part C 10, Part B 17). A new indicator is the state systemic improvement plan (SSIP). In the future, we will only report indicators that are below target.

- Will have multiple indicators from birth to graduation.
- Multiple improvement activities around priority areas.
- SIMR as one small portion
- SSIP will evaluate SIMR

**Meredith**

Presented on the results of the survey.

B2 Dropout Rate Proposed Target: 93.3% agreed, 6.67% did not agree  
B3A: Districts meeting State’s AYP targets for the disability subgroup: 86.67% agreed, 13.33% did not agree  
B5 & B6: Least Restrictive Environment: 93.3% agreed, 6.67% disagreed  
B7 – Early Childhood Outcomes: 86.67% agreed, 13.33% disagreed  
B8 – Parent Survey: 93.33% agreed, 6.67% disagreed  
B14- Post Secondary Outcomes: 86.67% agreed, 13.33% agreed  
B15- Resolution sessions resulting in agreement: 100% agreed  
B16- Mediations resulting in mediation agreement: 100% agreed

**Report from the SSIP Workgroups**

- **Preschool SSIP Work Group** (Betsy Lin)  
- **K-5 SSIP Work Group** (Rhonda Ketels)  
- **6-8 SSIP work Group** (Sandy Nelson)  
- **9-12 SSIP Work Group** (Kim Drew)

Attendance was a common theme with all of them. Other critical items include removals (suspensions, expulsions), parent expectations and involvement and self-determination/advocacy skills.

It was suggested that perhaps a statewide data base that tracks attendance may help identify issues quicker and allow for interventions sooner.

**Proposed structure (LiveBinder) for setting outcomes:**

Suggestions were made to change outcome to Measurable Outcomes. Results are the words about what you want to accomplish. Outcomes are measurable changes. Goals and objectives would identify how we were going to change the outcome.

Questions:

- How will we share information with other state agencies (DHS, Foster Care, etc)?
- How to link to other state groups working on similar projects.

The state is planning to apply for State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG). The plan is to start with groups working with phase 1 schools, need to focus work on specially designed instruction. The grant is grant would be 90% of funds go to professional development and 10% innovative practice. This would be imbedded in theory of action and this would be connected with everything else already in progress.
The group was in favor of the proposed structure and process.

**Updates:**
SDI: Amy, working on a rubric, trying to be very inclusive. The work is out for national review. Have this whole work brought back when done and identify what will be done with it, or what is next.

IEP/IFSP: No updates, the data group met once, nothing new.

Child Find: Karen reported the training piece for parents, educators, administrators,( 4 modules) are being previewed by Jim Gorman and Fay DeSmit at ASK next week. The brochure is at the Department of Education waiting for edits. The communication piece is done.

New Group
PEC work group: This group is to build on the results of the PEC evaluation (They will use an outside facilitator.) Representation from SEAP on this work group: Carma, Kelly, Melanie.

At the last meeting, Kelli had requested a listing of people on different groups and the focus of the group. See LiveBinder (DE groups with SEAP participation)

**Future agenda items:**
None

**Other**
Kenda reported that since Ruth is leaving Voc Rehab, the organization is restructuring and doing capacity building. We will now have three resource managers who will work with all our partners. They will meet weekly to discuss what has happened in the week so staff will have information across content areas.

Motion by Karen to adjourn, second by Sandra. Motion approved.

Next meeting is scheduled Friday, February 13, 2015 at the Grimes State Office Building