

**The Arc Michigan Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2021**

Meeting came to order at 3:30pm via Zoom.

Present: Maggie Kolk, Michelle Driscoll, Kenya Harper, Chesley Giertz, Deb Moffat

There is no SEAC Report for this meeting. SEAC Retreat is September 12th and 13th.

Discussion:

- Joint comments were submitted in July on behalf of Disability Rights Michigan, The Arc Michigan and Michigan Alliance for Families in response to the US Department of Education Request for Information Regarding the Non Discriminatory Administration of School Discipline. Arc Michigan Education Committee members received a copy of the comments.
- **Update from Christin Nohner, RWC Advocacy, on the Read by Grade 3 and Dyslexia Bills-** It's been quiet on the legislative front since the end of June but expect activity to ramp up. Read by Grade 3 Bill is dead. This was an attempted update to the current law that just had too much push back. Will watch for the Dyslexia bills to pass out of committee." Education Committee will follow up/provide comments as appropriate.
- Sherri would like the committee to review and update The Arc Michigan Position Statements. The most recent updates were on Transition and Universal Design for Learning (UDL).
- Kenya shared Arc Michigan and Michigan Alliance for Families Representatives and Alternates serving on SEAC for 2021-2022-
 - **Andrea Beachnau** (Arc Michigan Representative)
 - **Kanika Littleton** (Arc Michigan Alternate)
 - **Stacie Rulison** (Michigan Alliance for Families Representative)
 - **Kenya Harper** (Michigan Alliance for Families Alternate)

Work Priorities for 2021-2022:

- **Review and stay up to date on education legislation and education issues related to the COVID 19 Pandemic.** Provide comments when necessary. Anything related to the COVID-19 Pandemic is a priority.
- **Review and update Arc Michigan Position Statements.**

The next meeting will be held on October 6th from 3:30-5pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Driscoll