

The Arc Michigan Education Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2024

The meeting came to order at 10:02 am via Zoom.

Present: Debbie Whitford, Margarita Rodriguez-Curry, Amanda Thielen, Hayley Cason Grobbel, Lynn Kovalik, Maggie Kolk, Kim Faiman, Kelsey Biswanger, Emily Henderson, Sherry Kenworthy, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Michelle Driscoll

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes from June were previously sent out to committee members and approved with no changes.

Governmental Affairs/Legislative Update:

Emily Henderson, Governmental Affairs Consultant and Lobbyist for Arc Michigan with McCall Hamilton

Budget was sent out at the end of July. House and Senate adjourned all summer. Democrats are working on a plan for after the election. Waiting to see what lame duck session will look like. Waiting to see what happens with School Safety initiatives; not sure these or any other priorities will make it through this year.

Emily encouraged committee members to take the opportunity to talk with local legislators about Arc Michigan and Michigan Alliance for Families priorities.

SEAC Report Summary:

Kelsey Biswanger, Arc Michigan SEAC Representative

No formal SEAC Report Summary at this meeting. SEAC orientation will occur this month. MDE met with Cohort 1 for LRE Monitoring. Kelsey will give additional updates at the next meeting.

Position Statements

The Arc MI webpage with Position Statements has been updated. Current Position Statements have been translated into Spanish and Arabic. Position Statements can be found here [Arc MI Position Statements](#).

The committee continued work on the [2024 Arc MI Child Find Position Statement](#). Please continue to add your notes to this working google document. Debbie Whitford and Michelle Driscoll will compile notes from the working document and create a draft Position Statement that will be shared with the committee prior to the October meeting.

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No Additional Business

2023-2025 Arc MI Education Committee Meeting Dates

All meetings are 10-11:30am

September 5, 2024

October 3, 2024

November 7, 2024

December 5, 2024

January 9, 2025

February 6, 2025

March 6, 2025

NO APRIL MEETING

5/1/2025

6/5/2025

August TBD

ZOOM LINK (SAME FOR ALL MEETINGS)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89082807363?pwd=LZTrSO1lhabmGKEs1isEKxndCxx8Fa.1>

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The meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Driscoll for Debbie Whitford