

The Arc Michigan Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
6/1/2022

Meeting came to order at 3:35pm via Zoom.

Present: Maggie Kolk, Sue Lind, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Michelle Driscoll

Meeting Minutes from April 6 were previously sent out to committee members. Meeting Minutes were approved with no changes. There was no meeting in May.

SEAC Report- Notes from Andrea Beachnau and Kenya Harper

Dr. Scott Koenigs knecht, Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Deputy Superintendent, provided an update on the completed priority work of the SEAC for the school year 2021-22 and shared thoughts regarding the upcoming priority work of the SEAC for the 2022-23 school year. The Path Forward Strategic Action Plan Progress Updates were shared. He talked about what we should look forward too.

- On June 28, 2018, the United States Department of Education notified states of their federal determinations (IDEA), that Michigan was the only state to be determined “Needs Intervention”. Michigan has been in the “Needs Assistance” Category from 2014-2017.
- This plan is not about making minor adjustments to the system to increase our reporting data and simply improve Michigan’s federal determination status. This is an outcome-focused plan not to be admired but rather implemented to bring about transformative change to improve the entire system and support post-school success. The outcomes of this plan are not negotiable – the educational community has an obligation to do whatever it takes to support learners and address opportunity gaps throughout the system.

Teri Pettit: Path forward Steering committee

The committee will arrive at a set of recommendations regarding additional pathways to a diploma for students with IEPs.

Legislative Updates

Committee Updates from Charlie Hollerith, Legislative Chair; Stacie Rulison, Operating Procedures Chair; and Teri Pettit, Ad Hoc & National State Advisory Panel

- Charlie Hollerith provided a Legislative update on behalf of Dr. Sheryl Kennedy, MDE Legislative Liaison.
 - Learning Loss Policy Ideas
 - <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2022-HB-5859>
Learning Loss Recovery Grant
 - <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2022-SB-0832>
Learning Loss
 - <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2022-HB-5795>
Learning Pods
 - [Whitmer Proposes MI Kids Back on Track Tutoring Plan \(michigan.gov\)](http://michigan.gov)

- <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2021-HB-5190>
Financial Literacy
 - [2022-HCVBS-5781-0N295.pdf \(mi.gov\)](2022-HCVBS-5781-0N295.pdf)
MDE Appropriations
 - [2022-HCVBS-5795-0O4010.pdf \(mi.gov\)](2022-HCVBS-5795-0O4010.pdf)
School Aid Appropriations
 - [2022-SCVBS-0832-0B736.pdf \(mi.gov\)](2022-SCVBS-0832-0B736.pdf)
School Aid Appropriations
 - [2022-SCVBS-0833-00B74.pdf \(mi.gov\)](2022-SCVBS-0833-00B74.pdf)
MDE Appropriations
 - [Michigan Legislature - Senate Bill 0845 \(2022\)](#)
School Aid Appropriations
 - [Michigan Legislature - Senate Bill 1012 \(2022\)](#)
SMART Internship Grant Program
- Signed into Law
 - <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2021-HB-4953>
Information Packets-an electronic “packet” that will have multiple sources to help students navigate future options for post high school graduation.
- Stacie Rulison provided an update on the work of the Operating Procedures Committee, giving thanks for all the work this year and forecasting continued work next year.
- Teri Pettit provided an update on the Ad Hoc committee work in finalizing recommendations resulting from SEAC membership Priority 1-3 work.
- Teri Pettit additionally reviewed the work of the State Advisory Panel with particular focus on General Supervision which will be a topic of conversation at the SEAC Fall Working Retreat.

SAP Committee

What the Council and Panel Members should know about a System of Special Education General Supervision.

Our Purpose

A national workgroup assists in planning and facilitating national professional learning and capacity building activities to support states in organizing, orienting, and providing learning opportunities for SICCs and SAPs across the country.

- Interagency collaboration
- Leadership
- Engagement with families and other stakeholders
- Emerging issues

The Advisory Panel and Interagency Coordinating Council members should have a working understanding of the eight functions under IDEA and their relationship with various aspects of special education general supervision.

1. State Performance Plan

2. Policies, Procedures, and Effective Implementation
3. Data on Processes and Results
4. Targeted Technical Assistance and Professional Development
5. Effective Dispute Resolution
6. Integrated Monitoring Activities
7. Improvement, Correction, Incentives, and Sanctions
8. Fiscal Management

Implementation of Policies and Procedures

States must have policies, procedures and effective implementation of practices aligned with IDEA and State Statutes. These are to be implemented by local programs and must include descriptions of methods the state will use to detect non-compliance with IDEA and state laws as well as ensure correction of noncompliance. Program improvement that will improve outcomes for students with disabilities should be encouraged through improvement planning and incentives. Current interagency agreements and memoranda of understanding must be included explaining mechanisms for determining effectiveness of the agreements and MOUs.

Conclusion

When the ICC and Panel have a better understanding of special education general supervision, they will be in a better position to provide advice to the Lead Agency and SEA.

Due Process/Info Line Data

Due Process Hearings: Data Report

July 1, 2021, through May 15, 2022

Due Process Complaints filed: 85

- Standard: 61
- Expedited: 24
- Dismissed (not adjudicated): 42
- Withdrawn: 15
- Final Decisions and Order: 4
- Pending: 24

Due Process Hearings: Data Report Carry Over

July 1, 2021, through May 15, 2022

Due Process Complaints Carried Over: 11

- Standard: 10
- Expedited: 1
- Dismissed (not adjudicated): 7
- Withdrawn: 2
- Final Decisions and Order: 1
- Pending: 1

July 1, 2020 – May 15, 2022, Information Desk Data

- Who Contacted Us?
- Parents/Guardians: 939
- School Personnel: 669
- Other: 141

- Advocate/Attorney: 133
- Medical Facility: 74
- Other Family Member: 51
- Government: 27
- Childcare Provider: 21

Total Contacts: 2058

Top 5 Topics:

1. Child Find (3-5): 53
2. Complaint Info: 34
3. IEP Implementation: 20
4. Adequacy of P/S: 18
5. IEP Development: 15

Teri Rink honored and recognized members whose three-terms are ending this June 2022.

Closing & Wrap-Up by Sarah Vander Baan

- Fall Working Retreat information for new and returning members
- New Member Orientation on 9/11/22
- All Member Working Retreat on 9/12/22

Discussion

Michigan Department of Education has submitted a Request for Rulemaking (RFR). In their review of MARSE requirements for homebound and hospitalized services and the State School Aid Act of 1979, the MDE’s Office of Special Education has determined that there is a misalignment between the rule R 340.1746 and the state statute MCL 388.1709. Since the rule predates the statute, OSE is actively working on amendments to R 340.1746 to ensure alignment of the rule with the state law.

MDE outlines the specific discrepancies between the MARSE and state law in this memo-

<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/Links/Homebound-and-Hospitalized-Services.pdf?rev=4ea36122c77e453e8cbd8eaf6d33c165>

We will be watching for updates on the rulemaking process and will pass along information to committee members as we receive it.

In preparation for our next meeting in September, please take a look at this information,

U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights Reaches Agreement to Resolve Restraint and Seclusion Compliance Review in Horry County Schools in South Carolina

https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-educations-office-civil-rights-reaches-agreement-resolve-restraint-and-seclusion-compliance-review-horry-county-schools-south-carolina?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

We will be digging into the Civil Rights Data Collection-

https://ocrdata.ed.gov/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

Based on requests from a few advocates, all MAF contracted advocates will be added to the Education Committee email list (unless they choose not to be added) so they can receive relevant education information, current legislation, and updates to MDE policy and guidance documents. At the same time, an invitation was made for any interested advocates to join the Education Committee. Four people expressed interest in becoming committee members.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Meeting dates for 2022-2023 are below. This is the standing Zoom link for each meeting.

**Arc Michigan Education Committee
First Wednesday of the month, 3:30-5pm**

- Sep 7, 2022, 03:30 PM
- Oct 5, 2022, 03:30 PM
- Nov 2, 2022, 03:30 PM
- Dec 7, 2022, 03:30 PM
- Jan 4, 2023, 03:30 PM
- Feb 1, 2023, 03:30 PM
- Mar 1, 2023, 03:30 PM
- Apr 5, 2023, 03:30 PM
- May 3, 2023, 03:30 PM
- Jun 7, 2023, 03:30 PM
- Jul 5, 2023, 03:30 PM (As needed)
- Aug 2, 2023, 03:30 PM (As needed)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88262109389?pwd=eTZ0UHZZdUo1aHhMa1dtNlk4SURaZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 6210 9389

Passcode: 416253

The meeting adjourned at 4:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Driscoll