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Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

July 23 '08

Wichita Airport Hilton

Website <http://www.kansped.org/ksde/advisory/seac.html>

Attendees:

√	Luanne Barron	√	Lesli Girard	√	Larry Meyer (Chair)
√	Kendra Bittner	√	Neil Guthrie	√	Dale Rawson
√	Susan Clayton	√	Mary Lou Heller	√	Colleen Riley (Secy)
√	Keith Dise	√	Penny Hoffman		Anne Roberts
√	Ann Elliott	√	Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer		Vicki Sharp
√	Janice Frahm	√	Karen Kroh		Sean Smith (Chair-elect)
				√	SueAnn Wanklyn

Guests: Patty Gray, John Copenhaver, Chelle Kemper, Linda Geiger

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Welcome

Chairperson Neil Guthrie called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm welcoming new members to the first Council meeting of the 2008-09 year. Members provided brief introductions of themselves. This meeting was held in conjunction with the KSDE Leadership Conference.

Approval of agenda and minutes of April '08 meeting

The agenda was approved with the addition of an update on virtual schools.

The April '08 minutes were approved as written on Janice Frahm's motion and Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostemeyer's second.

Orientation

John Copenhaver, Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center (MPRRC), lead members in an orientation of information regarding SEAC responsibilities under IDEA 2004. He distributed a manual with information to assist Council members and KSDE staff in the development and implementation of an effective and efficient advisory panel.

Integrated Accountability overview

Colleen Riley provided an overview of changes to the Integrated Accountability system taking into account what legally is required, and what data is required for the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR). OSEP requires reporting of every district, every year. Input was provided by both an outside and internal group of stakeholders to determine data needs to be developed. Local districts (directors & superintendents) receive results of the data & Levels of Determination (LOD) for their districts; coops & interlocals receive reports for the

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districts they serve. The first year LODs were sent April '08. A group of stakeholders will assist with determining next year's targeted assistance levels.

Gifted Education

KSDE staff Linda Geiger provided an overview of assessing & meeting the needs of gifted students in Kansas, which Kansas state statute provides that Special Education services be provided through development and implementation of an IEP for eligible students identified as gifted and needing special instructional support. Handouts included a Gifted IEP checklist of minimal requirements for compliance & consideration. KSDE will pilot an electronic review based on gifted requirements of IDEA 2004. Members expressed concern that minorities be represented sufficiently in gifted programs. Supports can be met through the Multi-Tier System of Support (MTSS) with gifted students needs falling into all continuums of MTSS.

SES Updates

Legislative update:

Colleen Riley reported that a Special Education Funding Task Force has been appointed to look at education funding – member Neil Guthrie serves on this committee.

SPP/APR & LOD:

Colleen Riley report that the first year LODs were sent to districts, coops and interlocals in April '08.

Seclusion update:

Larry Meyer provided an historical overview: During 2006-07 concern was expressed by parents and advocacy groups that Kansas needed a system of handling students in seclusion. The State Board of Education members (SBOE) heard public comment from citizens; KSDE was directed to develop a best practice guideline; the SBOE asked SEAC to review the issue of implementing guideline or statute – resulting in adoption of a guideline - within that document contains requirement that all schools provide data on the use of seclusion in their buildings. On behalf of SEAC Larry will provide to the SBOE a report on the work done around seclusion and what has been learned from the data. The SBOE will provide SEAC direction on where to proceed in the coming school year –what to do with the data. Member Lesli Girard commended SEAC on the seriousness taken and discussions held during the guidelines vs. regulation discussions.

MTSS update:

Colleen Riley reminded members of the upcoming MTSS Symposium being held in Wichita on September 3-4 '08. The SBOE continues to receive monthly updates from programs throughout state. Colleen affirmed that MTSS is a good system for ALL kids. The MTSS team is being funded through Special Education's KSTARS projects. The ultimate goal is for implementation through general education.

Statewide Professional Development Grant (SPDG) Update:

Colleen Riley reported that many good things are going on to support Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) in professional development.

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Virtual Schools Update:

Colleen Riley reported that she has been appointed to a newly created advisory board to address special education issues/concerns around virtual schools. Member Susan Clayton sits on a virtual schools directors committee.

Council member reports

None received

Public Comment

None received

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned after dinner at 6:00 pm.

Next scheduled meeting: September 10 '08 @ 9:00 am – KSDE 2nd fl conference room



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September 15 '08

KSDE 2nd fl conference room

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Guests: Patty Gray, Doug Bowman, Kevin Davis, Gayle Stuber, Carol Ayres, Lucy Campbell, Kerry Haag

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Action Taken

Welcome

Chairperson Larry Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:00

Approval of agenda and minutes of April '08 meeting

The agenda was approved as written on Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer's motion and Janice Frahm's second.

The July '08 minutes were approved as written on Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer's motion and Janice Frahm's second.

Report on attendance at OSEP meeting

Colleen Riley reported that this year's USDOE Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) conference combined the Annual Leadership Conference and the National Accountability Conference. SEAC members Larry Meyer and Neil Guthrie attended, as well as several KSDE Special Education Services Team (SES) members. Not a lot of changes from OSEP this year for data collection requirements. Kansas provided presentations on Indicators 9 & 10 (Disproportionality), and Secondary Transition.

Larry Meyers commented that his priority at the conference was geared toward Part C – he attended a Texas DOE session that looked at solving OT/PT networking problems in an effort to meet the needs of students in rural areas.

Neil Guthrie appreciated the opportunity to network with other states, and how much further ahead Kansas is as compared to other states in meeting the needs of all students.

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MTSS Update

Colleen provided an overview of the Multi-System of Support (MTSS) that supports tiered academics for ALL students and the first Symposium that was held last week in Wichita. The Symposium provided an overview of MTSS and breakout sessions by schools who are implementing MTSS; strands in Reading and Math, and Leadership & Behavior and how to implement the tiered system into those core curriculums; how to provide intervention strategies for tier 2 & 3. Three State Board members attended the Symposium. All handouts from symposium are available at www.ksmtss.org .

Kevin Davis, from KSTARS Project SPOT, and has helped oversee implementation of MTSS, provided an overview of the district pieces involved such as trainings. Service Centers are providing the facilitators – making the capacity 13 facilities & 22 trainers (vs. only 3 trainers last year). He noted that Kansas is looking at ALL students, not just struggling students. Kansas is not supporting any one product or curriculum. Instead MTSS forces districts to have discussions on leadership philosophies, etc.

Members voiced concern about the implementation and funding of MTSS, suggesting that KSDE gets the word out thru Council of Superintendents and Families Together. Colleen voiced hope that barriers to funding can be eliminated in order to implement this project.

Seclusion Update

Larry Meyer provided a handout overview of the Seclusion Update that he presented on behalf of SEAC to the State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting in April '08.

KSDE SES staff Patty Gray reported that the SBOE has requested SES staff follow up with them in October on the reporting process. Beginning next year Seclusion reporting will be done by districts via KANDIS. This will allow teachers to report this information on an on-going basis. Professional development will be provided this year to districts on KANDIS for next year's reporting. Patty says majority of efforts will be geared toward preventing seclusion. Members stressed reporting be done before end of the school year.

Public Comment

None received

Council member reports

None received

Early Childhood initiatives overview

Gayle Stuber, Director of KSDE Early Childhood Unit (ECU), introduced new staff administrative assistant Lucy Campbell, and provided an overview of the ECU projects. Gayle announced the latest edition to the ECU is Janet Newton, PAT program consultant, and that the Migrant/Even Start project will also be moving to the ECU in the near future. ECU consultant Carol Ayers provided an overview of work being done to the Early Childhood Outcomes Indicators 7 & 12.

Council members expressed the need for a timeline of ages document be provided by EC unit. Another current issue is LRE & whether or not parents can access in-home services to preschoolers (age 3-5). Gayle will share this with the ECU.

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SES updates:

- **SPP/APR
Timeline** Colleen referred members to the Accountability notebook’s data collection timeline noting the status of the data collection.

- **SES
organizational
chart** Colleen provided an organizational chart of the SES team noting that four open EPC positions are currently being advertised.

- **SPDG Grant
Update /
KSTARS
Resources
Brochure** SES Assistant Director Kerry Haag provided an overview of the KS Statewide Technical Assistance Resource System (KSTARS) Projects which allows districts to improve learning for children with disabilities, using IDEA set-aside funds to support, with no cost to schools.

Kerry also provided an update on the State Professional Development Grant on the Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support Project (SPBS), along with a handout listing dates for trainings and timelines for reporting. SES staff has worked to include PBS into the MTSS – where behavior fits into the matrix.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

Next scheduled meeting: November 12 ‘08 @ 9:00 am – KSDE 2nd fl conference room



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Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

November 20 '08

KSDE satellite conference room

Website <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2466>

Attendees:

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Guests: Rebecca Rosenthal, Patty Gray, Linda Geier, Gayle Stuber, Pam Coleman, Diana Stephan, Mark Ward, Jeanne Fredriksen, Doug Bowman, Linda Geiger

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Action Taken

Welcome

Chairperson Larry Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:00. Larry welcomed guest Jeanne Fredriksen., Director St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf. He announced the resignation of Keith Dise due to health issues. Larry also reviewed with members the functions of the SEAC keeping focused on issues of the SBOE.

Approval of agenda and minutes of September '08 meeting

The agenda was approved as written.

The September '08 minutes were approved as written on Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer's motion and Neil Guthrie's second.

Teacher Preparation & Licensure update

Pam Coleman and Diana Stephan, KSDE Teacher Education & Licensure (TEAL) provided an update on current issues noting that there are many teachers on waivers; transitional license is new, exchange license, one-year non-renewable license. She suggested members review the licensing regulations on the website <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=295> Certification for Special Education licensure does not require Masters degree. For expired licenses, call TEAL directly. Deadline for waivers is Nov. 1 for anyone starting before the fall semester, otherwise the deadline is February. Out-of-state licensure is only provided if from an accredited teacher ed. program. All licensed teachers can file a plan to earn professional development points in order to keep their license. Pam noted that the Professional Standards Board asked for future SEAC participation.

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Parent perspective on legal issues of IEP

Mark Ward provided an overview of Special Education Law from a parent perspective by citing court cases responding to basic principles: Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE); Least Restrictive Environment (LRE); other parent issues; attorneys & attorney's fees; discipline; procedural safeguards.

Public Comment

Leslie Girard announced that Colleen Riley will be a keynote speaker at the Families Together annual conference in Wichita on December 13th. Information available at www.familiestogetherinc.org.

Council member reports

None received

SES updates:

• **SPP/APR**

Linda Geier provided an overview of the alignment and on-line communications living database of the State Professional Development Grant activities. This database links data from the KSTARS projects with the State Performance Plan indicators, while serving as a resource for greater collaboration activities and state monitoring activities.

• **Act on target changes to SPP Indicators**

Members provided feedback on target set for Indicator 2 – Dropout rates for Special Education students, electing to use the MIS 618 data to set the new baseline on the last two years' data. This new data will be available on the SES website March '09. In addition, Indicator 1, Graduation was discussed. No change in target or baseline. Indicator 4A, suspension & Expulsion was discussed. Only one district out of 295 did not meet the target. The state target for this indicator will be at 0% beginning FFY08. For Indicator 14, Post School Outcomes, baseline data from FFY07, 81%, will be used at the new target for engagement rate due to the change in how data is obtained for this indicator.

• **Early Childhood Unit**

Gayle Stuber provided an overview of communications resulting from the Pre-K Pilot and other Early Childhood projects.

• **Overview Parent Guide to Special Education & FAQ**

Patty Gray provided a FAQ document that addresses frequent questions concerning consent, IEP teams, and formal complaint procedures. Members were provided a copy of the Guide to Special Education, a resource for parents, also available on-line at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3334>.

• **Gifted Guideline update**

Linda Geiger solicited member participation in a stakeholders group that will review and update the current Best Practices to Gifted Education Guideline. The stakeholders group representation will come from KGTC, KASEA, SEAC, General Ed, Special Education, and higher education. Additional information will be sent via e-mail. Contact Deb Burns to participate.

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• **Autism**

Colleen provided an update from the LEPC Committee on Autism Task Force: the final report still not completed; the Committee plans to request the legislature extend the life of the task force another year.

Seclusion update

Colleen shared with members the update she presented to the State Board meeting last week, as an update to Larry Meyers SEAC report to the board last year which responds to the SBOE specific request for information. Schools only report and provide information on seclusion rooms if they: have a seclusion room per the directory update AND have an incidence of secluding a student. Of 1389 schools in 196 schools reported having seclusion rooms in 2008-09, 67 schools reported use in first quarter of the school year.

The new technical assistance guideline is now on-line at:

<http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=K7cj9wBVQno%3d&tabid=3119&mid=7422>

A web-based seclusion system through KAN-DIS will be piloted in the spring 2009.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

Next scheduled meeting: January 13 & 14 '09 @ 9:00 am – KSDE 2nd fl conference room



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Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

January 13 & 14 '09

KSDE 2nd floor conference room

Website <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2466>

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Guests: Rebecca Rosenthal, Patty Gray, Kerry Haag, John Green, Carol Ayres, Tiffany Smith-Birk, Carolyn Nelson, Doug Bowman

Tuesday, January 13 '09

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Action Taken

Welcome

Chairperson Larry Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of agenda and minutes of November '08 meeting

The agenda was approved following a motion by Colleen Riley to add discussion regarding the 2:15 meeting today with the State Board.

The November '08 minutes were approved as written on Neil Guthrie's motion and Kendra Bittner's second.

Discussion Regarding the Meeting with the State Board

Neil Guthrie will present the 2007-08 SEAC annual report to the State Board. The presentation today will be part of the State Board minutes. As introductions are made, the SBOE will see that there is a good balance by whom and by what we represent. The consensus was to do introductions as had been done in the past.

Attrition Report/KS Education Employment Board (KEEB)

Kerry Haag and John Green presented the report *Attrition of Special Education Personnel in Kansas for the School Years of 2006-07 to 2007-08* by Paul McNab, Ed.D. Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer made a motion that the department provide resources to drill down this report into a variety of subsets. Vicki Sharp seconded the motion.

Sean Smith compiled the final notes for the motion: Move that the department provide resources that focus on data mining special education personnel report in the following sub-categories:

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- What are the number of leavers that are going to retirement?
- What are the number of leavers that leave to take a general education position.
- Where the leavers are in their career?
- Number of individuals who have left and where they are in their endorsement process (e.g., emergency, provisional)?
- Separate out related service personnel from actual endorsed special education teachers.
- Separate out data so that it represents the endorsement areas in special education by the state of Kansas (e.g., functional, adaptive, early childhood, vision, hearing, and gifted).
- Understanding rural and urban employment leavers.
- What percentage of our employed special education personnel are above the age of 50.
- Understand the employment trends of individuals in related service personnel (e.g., music therapy) that appear to be under employed based on need and actual employment.

Kerry Haag reminded members that the Kansas Educational Employment Board (KEEB) is a key tool for job seekers in Kansas with online applications, district marketing videos, as well as used for data analysis.

Seclusion Update

Patty Gray provided a seclusion checklist of criteria and definitions, and reported that the first seclusion training took place in Salina. Email invitations will be sent statewide regarding future trainings which include: conference calls, regular administration trainings, training of trainers, training targeted to staff highly qualified in MANDT.

School districts are required to report annually to the State Director of Special Education, the number of students placed in seclusion and the number of times that a student is placed in seclusion. Each incidence of seclusion is then verified by KSDE.

Members passed a motion presented by Dale Rawson to *require an affirmative response on each quarterly report from each building concerning the use of seclusion rooms regardless of whether the building/district had previously confirmed that they had a seclusion room. Such report to include a response of yes or no as to use of seclusion from all buildings.* This motion was forwarded to SES staff to determine if it would be feasible to add this to data collected during 2008-09 year. If not, it is to be included in data collected during 2009-10 year.

Council Member Reports

None received.

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

Colleen provided a presentation on MTSS stating that MTSS is a framework that includes all RtI and more; MTSS is not Special Education but education for all children; MTSS belief system equates to State Board initiatives. Tier I is all students accessing core curriculum in a general classroom; Tier II is not a general classroom (or Special Education); Tier III is not a general classroom (or Special Education). Larry Meyer stated that a simplistic definition would be “what supports and resources does a child need to be successful”. Colleen is available for any specific information that is needed. Lesli Girard from Families Together,

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Inc. is also working in partnership with Colleen.

Public Comment

None received.

SPP/APR

Colleen reported that this is our six year plan with twenty indicators which sets a baseline and targets. The first APR was submitted in 2007. The Annual Performance Report (APR) submitted to OSEP shows the performance met on each target. Levels of Determination (LOD) are based on the APR using file review findings and history, nature and length of non-compliance. All states and school districts will be placed in 1 of 4 categories: 1) meets requirement, 2) needs assistance, 3) needs intervention, and 4) needs substantial intervention. Kansas does not have a district in either category 3 or 4.

Prepare for tomorrow's State Board breakfast

Topics for discussion will include: Deaf Ed Bill of Rights, SPP/APR, Seclusion, accessibility for students with disabilities, retention/recruitment, and No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

Review & adopt 2008-2009 Action Plan

Members reviewed the draft Action Plan. Some activities that were suggested for the new Action Plan include: provide SEAC flyers to superintendents; receive a report from TEAL on the Teachers Summit. Administrative Assistant, Deb Burns will edit the document for final adoption at the February meeting.

Wednesday, January 14 '09

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Host SBOE members for informational breakfast

Larry Meyers thanked everyone for attending. Discussion between the State Board members and SEA members centered around current initiatives and other concerns including: MTSS; disability groups for parents; legislative issues.

Overview of Part C

Carol Ayres reported on SPP Indicators: Indicator 6 – Preschool LRE, reporting not required to OSEP this year; Indicator 7 – Early Childhood Outcomes, collecting baseline data this year to set targets; Indicator 12 – Early Childhood Transitions, the percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B and have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthday - this year Kansas will report 99.44%. Carol expressed interest in hearing from the field regarding any obstacles.

Tiffany Smith-Birk and Carolyn Nelson, Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE), reported that there are 36 local networks serving infants and toddlers to age 3: Tiny K, Infant and Toddler Services, Early Childhood Intervention Services. Federal and state IDEA funds pass through KDHE to the networks annually. The formula is based on a three year birth rate for that area and child count. Each local network can receive additional assistance through agencies such as United Way. Promotion and advertising is done through public awareness announcements. Local committees regularly do public statements. Flyers/brochures are placed in doctors' offices.

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**State Interagency
Coordinating
Council (SICC)**

Doug Bowman related that the SICC covers children from birth through age 5 with or at risk of a disabling condition. The SICC serve as a liaison to local committees through their website and emails. There must be one local ICC in 36 networks. SEAC and SICC are coordinating a joint orientation of new members next summer and also a joint meeting in the fall. Colleen extended an invitation for Doug Bowman to attend a Special Education Services team meeting.

Other information

Colleen announced that the KSDE Annual Leadership Conference is July 30-31st at the Wichita Airport Hilton. July 29th will be the SEAC meeting & orientation.

Next meeting:

February 11 '09 @ KSDE 2nd floor conference room



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February 11 '09

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Guests: Rebecca Rosenthal, Jeanne Fredriksen

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Welcome

Chairperson Larry Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of agenda and minutes of January '09 meeting

The agenda was approved on Mary Lou Heller's motion and Penny Hoffman's second.
The January '09 minutes were approved on Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer's motion and SueAnn Wanklyn's second.

Update on KVC Behavioral HealthCare, Inc.

Anne Roberts presented an overview of KVC Behavioral Health Care and its view of foster care in education & agencies. Child welfare services were moved to a private system in 1996 by the Governor as a result of a 1989 ACLU lawsuit. The state was divided into 5 regions and agencies bid on 4 year contracts. Staff consists of licensed counselors, therapists, case workers, social workers. Physical responsibility for the child is guaranteed within 4 hours of request; no case is rejected and children are guaranteed one year aftercare post-permanency; KVC operates a psychiatric treatment facility for children (taking over for Rainbow's United). They not only facilitate foster care but also adoptions totaling 1,000 since 2005, with 65% by fostering families and more recently with significant increases. Safety rates are maintained at the highest in the nation – currently 99.7%.

Overview of Kansas Integrated Accountability System (KIAS)

Colleen Riley reported that the KIAS process includes: data collection, verification, compliance of noncompliance. This new system has been in place one year and encompasses all the information from the current SPP. KIAS was developed using the requirements from the previous FAM, CIM and IDEA 2004. Every year each school district will receive on-line District Status Reports and Level of Determination (LOD) reports.

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KSDE seeks feedback from SEAC and districts on Rewards & Enforcement. Comments are due back to Stacie Martin by 2/19/09. The SES team will finalize the document on Feb. 23rd.

Member suggestions/concerns included: create non-compliance issue flags to appear on the building AYP report for greater interest in accountability at the building level; cross-walk the indicators with the AYP.

Parent Revocation of Consent

Patty Gray provided an overview of proposed changes to the State Regulations for Parent Revocation of Consent. KSDE is seeking feedback from local school districts and SEAC through March 4 '09. The proposed regs. go before the KS State Board at their April '09 meeting, then out for public comment before expected adoption by the legislature estimated in December '09. Patty reminds that districts are required to follow the Federal Regulations regardless of State Regulations.

Member discussion included: where will files be housed; how will related services requests affect remaining services (Colleen reminds that there needs to be a primary disability for a child to be eligible for related services); will KSDE track these services; some parent concerns with the implementation of these changes include seclusion; how is re-enrollment handled; what records need to be sent if a new district involved; how will home-school children be affected if services are needed

Overview of Fiscal Accountability

Patty Gray provided information about KSDE SES team's preparation for an upcoming federal monitoring visit by OSEP focusing on fiscal accountability and general supervision systems. She is creating a guidance document for districts to follow. OSEP will require a Q&A type conference call with SEAC prior to this visit. KSDE SES team will meet this month to review fiscal accountability documents in partnership with KDHE Part C staff. In an effort to be proactive KSDE will participate in a mock verification visit during week of September 21 '09. Ron Dughman, MPRRC's consultant on fiscal accountability, will provide expertise to KSDE's fiscal accountability team.

Review KSDE's VI-B Application

Patty Gray explained the process involved in the agency's application for federal VI-B LEA funds: 3-21 funds; Section 619 funds. Part of the application requires public feedback by April 17 '09. Application deadline is May 11 '09.

Public Comment

Rebecca Rosenthal extended an invitation to the Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Day At The Capital event, March 5 '09.

Overview of Families Together, Inc. (FT)

Lesli Girard provided an overview of FT mission: to encourage, educate and empower families to be effective advocates for their sons and daughters with disabilities. FT has grown from one center in 1982 to four with a \$1M budget, and is considered one of the largest Parent Training & Information Center's nationwide. Parent Centers are located in Wichita, Topeka, Garden City, Kansas City. Staff consists of parents or advocates of children with disabilities. There are currently 1,000 children assigned an education advocate. FT works with: KSDE projects; KDHE for early intervention & special health care needs; SRS and the Parent Assistance Network, and children & family services; keep

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the legislature updated on issues that affect children with disabilities. FT website: www.familiestogetherinc.org.

SES Updates:

- **SPP/APR** Colleen Riley provided an overview of the APR for 2007 that was submitted to OSEP on Feb. 1 '09, explaining indicator targets.

- **Legislative Update** Colleen provided a brief summary of the following House Bill hearings occurring this week:

H.B 2227 Autism Scholarship: a voucher bill for parents to take to the school of their choice.

H.B 2199 Dyslexia Coalition bill

- **KSBE Update** Colleen Riley provided copies of the Kansas Education Summary, a snapshot of Kansas data.

Review KS autism Task Force Report to the 2009 KS Legislature

Colleen distributed copies of the report and noted that the Autism Taskforce's Best Practices document is still under development. Members voiced concerns around the unintended consequences that may arise as a result of such guidelines.

Council Member Reports

Sean Smith discussed the need for changes to IHE & Personnel/Teacher Preparation noting that the work of MTSS is altering the roles of preparation of categorical, adaptive and functional Special Education teachers. He asks if SEAC should offer suggestions for best practices? Colleen responded that collaboration is on-going, noting the SES team participated with KSDE TEAL team in an IHE meeting to report about where we are and where we need to go to collaborate.

Colleen announced the next MTSS Symposium is Sept. 10-11 '09 - Wichita.

Review & approve 2008-09 SEAC Action Plan

Members adopted the Action Plan on Kathy Kersenbrock's motion, and Susan Clayton's second.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm

Next meeting:

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√	Lesli Girard	√	Larry Meyer (Chair)	√	SueAnn Wanklyn

Guests: Patty Gray, Kim Symansky, Connie Wehmeyer, Marcia Law (KGTC President), Ginger Lewman, Crystal Davis, James Baker, Rebecca Rosenthal, Elena Lincoln

Agenda Items

Action Taken

Welcome

Chairperson Larry Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Colleen Riley introduced new SES team staff member Kim Symansky, Sensory Education Consultant.

Approval of agenda and minutes of February 2009 meeting

The agenda was approved on Janice Frahm's motion and Susan Clayton's second. The February 2009 minutes were approved on Mary Lou Heller's motion and Kendra Bittner's second.

Teacher Preparation Taskforce

Colleen Riley reported on the focus of a task force recently formed by Pam Coleman, KSDE Director Teacher Education, to review ways to enhance, add or remove barriers to Special Education teacher licensure. Four major topics under discussion include: reimbursement; direct entry to Special Education licensure; collaboration with IHEs for Special Education administrative licensing; retain current Special Educators for post-baccalaureate; study how to support direct entry for para-educators at the local level. Recommendations will be made and comments from the field will be requested. Member questions were answered.

MTSS & Special Education considerations

Crystal Davis & James Baker provided an overview of the role of Special Education within MTSS and ways to support accountability. The goal of MTSS is about ensuring systems in every school when every student receives instruction appropriate to his/her needs. By doing so MTSS further integrates the work of all educators, and meaningful data is readily available for instructional decision-making. Member questions were answered.

Agenda Items

Action Taken

A motion was made and approved by members that a sub-committee of stakeholders be formed to study integrated accountability for all state and federal programs, and ways to assist districts in consolidating funds in order to provide supports for students.

Public Comment

Marcia Law & Ginger Lewman expressed their opinions about implementation of MTSS, and difficulties in providing a continuum of services to gifted students in some parts of the state due to teacher cutbacks.

Council Member Reports

None received

SES Updates:

- **SPP/APR**
 - Colleen Riley reported that district status reports have been uploaded to the KSDE website reporting on 14 indicators the state is required to publically report for each district; district Levels of Determination (LOD) reports will be available to districts on April 15th.
- **Legislative Update**
 - Elena Lincoln reported on HB 2199 2009 Dyslexia Statute: the legislature is asking KSDE to study and take actions on reading difficulties, monitor progress with practices of instruction including MTSS; ensure screening tools in place; reading diagnostic assessments in place; review teacher prep courses for knowledge of best practice; submit report at beginning of next legislative session.
- **Fiscal Accountability Workgroup Update**
 - Patty Gray provided an overview of training provided to SES staff on federal funding and how it works, reporting requirements, etc. 611 funds to support ages 3-21 and 619 funds to support ages 3-5 – set-aside and flow-thru imbedded within each. This training was a precursor to an expected federal audit visit to KSDE.
- **American Recovery & Reinvestment Act**
 - Patty Gray reported on Federal Stimulus funds that will be sent to KSDE to flow-thru directly to districts with no set-aside, and district must expend by 2011. Schools must adhere to supplement not supplant rules, which causes a concern for maintenance of effort (MOE) –how do districts maintain increased MOE requirements from one year to the next? KSDE recommends districts maintain local effort in light of what’s happened with state & federal funding. For more information go to <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3480> .

SEAC Nominations 2009-2010

Members approved the nomination of all eligible incumbent members to the 2009-2010 SEAC on a motion by Vicki Sharp and seconded by Neil Guthrie.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

Next meeting:

July 29 '09 @ 1:00 pm, Wichita Airport Hilton Hotel (in conjunction with KSDE Leadership Conference)