UPDATE ON SB 323: LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

SEAC MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 2016
INTRODUCTION

Specific Action: Establishment of language assessment program through an advisory committee for appropriate implementation

Purpose: Assessing, monitoring and tracking of language developmental milestones of D/HH children, ages 0-8

Language Defined: English and American Sign Language

Scope Defined: Including D/HH children who may use one or more communication modes

Committee Tenure: Developing specific action plans and proposed rules and regulations necessary to implement

Committee Deadline: July 1, 2018
SB 323 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appointed Members

Nancy Defazio, Parent (Wichita)
Janet Goodenow, TOD-Spoken English
Dr. Petra Horn-Marsh, Linguistic Expert
Joan Macy, TOD-ASL
Dr. Robert Maile, Education Knowledge*
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Katie Wise, Parent (Wichita)

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Elizabeth Abbey, KDHE/EHDI
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Heather Staab, KDHE/Part C
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PLAN OF ACTION

1st meeting, October 14, 2016 – Topeka
2nd meeting, December 2, 2016 – Emporia

Future meeting targets for 2017:
March, June, Sept. & December

Final meeting by January 2018

Progression to include: 1) Milestones/Benchmarks, 2) Assessment Instruments, 3) Qualifications, 4) Training Needs, 5) Reporting and Database, 6) Costs & 7) Interagency Cooperation.

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END GOALS

- Collaboration with IACC and SEAC
- Proposed rules and regulations
- Recommended assessment instruments
- Data collection with tracking system
- Qualifications and training
- Reporting mechanisms and privacy
- Publication of statewide aggregate data
- Interagency agreement(s)
QUESTIONS?

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