



Notes

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

April 10, 2018
Landon State Office Building
Room 509

Call to Order:

Meeting came to order at 9:04 am.

Colleen welcomed Becci Werner replacing Doug Anderson as representative from USD 259.

Kelly Steele guest from ECSETS team currently assisting with our assessment team. Elena Lincoln, TASN project working on SPP data.

Tara Harmon-Moore– Kansas School Nurse Association

Roll Call – Members Present:

Amy Dejmal	Chelle Kemper	Deb Young
Becci Werner for Doug Anderson	Judy Martin	Jim McNiece
Joan Macy	Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer	Laura Thompson
Lesli Girard	Marvin Miller	Mike Martin
Rebekah Helget	Robb Scott	Stacie Clarkson
Tina Gibson		

Members Absent:

Deb Howser	Kelly McCauley	Marcy Aycock
Maureen Huppe	Sarah Schaffer	

KSDE Staff Present:

Colleen Riley	Kerry Haag	Jordan Christian
Pat Bone	Laura Jurgensen	Mark Ward

Lollipop Moments:

Tina – student entered from another district and was previously undiagnosed. This student is now receiving the services he needed to be successful.

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer – Shared two stories. First, a small school district in NW Kansas, this year started MTSS and are loving it. Very excited! Nothing but praise for TASN support and the system.

Second, Lawrence Gardner Juvenile Detention Center received their data and found that the graduation rate was very low. They decided to take action to make a change. The school

psychologist and principal met to begin root analysis and drilling down in the data to determine where they can make a difference for kids. Already identified that 11% of students placed at Lawrence-Gardner arrive with IEP's that are more than a year out of date. So far, a counselor has been added and begun working on identifying where students are, where they have been, and what they need to graduate. Special education supports are supplied when needed. The Department of Corrections (DOC) does not oversee education for juvenile corrections kids. Education across the system is inconsistent at best.

Stacie – Adult GED completion in the adult corrections system is on the rise this year. They have already met their goal for the year in the third quarter. In addition, students are working on the soft skills, using the frameworks for social emotional learning and career skills and crossing educational/corrections boundaries.

Kathy KO was recognized at the KDEC conference for her service.

Rebekah Helget recognized Laura Thompson and her work for Speech Pathologists. Thank you! Rebekah and Laura will be traveling to Guam to do Professional Development with educators in May 2018 to assist in the understanding of IDEA.

Approval of Agenda and January Minutes:

Marvin Miller moved to approve the agenda. Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Rebekah Helget moved to approve the minutes for January 9 and 10, 2018. Deb Young seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

SEAC Membership 2018-2019

Joan Macy
Colleen Riley

Dr. Deb Howser was recognized for completing 6 years on SEAC.

Mike Martin will be taking over as SEAC chair for 2018-2019.

Today we will conduct nominations for Chair-Elect for 2018-2019 who will serve as chair in 2019-2020 and past chair 2020-2021.

Nominations opened

- Rebekah Helget was nominated.

Judy Martin moved to accept Rebekah Helget as the Chair Elect for 2018-2019, and the succeeding terms associated with the responsibility. The motion was seconded by Stacie Clarkson.

Motion passed.

Public Comment –

Public comment was heard early as the topic related to this membership discussion.

Tara Harmon-Moore, representing the Kansas School Nurses Organization (KSNO). KSNO is requesting representation of school nurses on SEAC.
Written Comments were provided. (Handout)

SEAC Membership Continued

Additional Ex-Officio members on SEAC

- Request has been received for adding legislative ex-officio positions to include a Kansas house and senate legislator.
- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which outlines membership requirements for this council, requires 51% of the membership be persons or parents of persons with exceptionalities.

Discussion:

A discussion concerning the pro and cons of adding additional ex-officio positions to the council was held.

SEAC members requested Jim McNiece discuss the addition of legislative representation on the SEAC with the state board and provide SEAC a recommendation on this issue.

First Term members continuing –

Tina Gibson, Deb Young and Sarah Schaffer have completed their first three year term and are eligible to serve a second term. They have all agreed to serve a second term.

Motion

Mike Martin moved to approve the second term for Tina Gibson, Deb Young and Sarah Schaffer. Rob Scott seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Open positions.

Motion

Marvin Miller moved to accept Becci Werner to complete the open term. Stacie Clarkson seconded.

Motion passed.

Other open positions to be filled:

- Charter School
- LEA Official
- IHE Special Education
- Foster Care Agency
- Parent of a child with Giftedness

The nomination form is available at <https://goo.gl/forms/uvMj3b98ofqXRg923>.

Please complete the nomination form as soon as possible. Nominations will be accepted until May 9, 2018.

Appropriate Use of Para Educators in the Classroom

Elena Lincoln

The document SEAC reviewed at the January meeting is close to publication ready. It is organized into three distinct chunks; evidence based practices, tools and templates for determining need, administrative support for para educators and staff in making decisions.

The Para resource Elena mentioned will be posted on the TASN website when available as well.

Contact Joan Macy or Colleen Riley with any thoughts you may regarding the guide after today.

Roll out will occur yet this year. The Next phase will focus on training and discussion is just beginning.

TASN Update

Crystal Davis

www.ksdetasn.org

The state reports to OSEP through the state performance plan and as we identified needs from the data collected, we developed TASN to meet those needs. • Projects within TASN were developed to meet the needs across the entire state. Every TASN project has an evaluation component to determine whether what we are providing is effective or needs to change. Asking for feedback today from SEAC, as TASN works to reach educators with resources across the state. In your role on SEAC, what do you need to have or have more of?

Evaluation summaries will be prepared for you at the July meeting in Wichita.

What do you like to have included in these updates to the council:

- Appreciate the style you have been using.
- Contact Colleen when you have a need for TASN to assist you in having conversations across the state.
- Please continue to bring your ideas and needs to Crystal at cdavis@pittstate.edu or Colleen for consideration.

A review of the revised TASN website. The about TASN link is a quick way to show others what TASN does and is all about. Please share this resource with colleagues and families.

Employment of Person's with Disabilities

Harold Wingert
Chris Patton

Handout- Kansas Targeted Employment Act

Harold and Chris are working on an incentive-based bill that will encourage employers to employ persons with disabilities. They are out sharing the message with as many audiences as possible to provide information and build support.

Please send suggestions to Chris at cpatton@cofts.org.

Council has had many conversations on employment training for students. This is a way to address the training needed to gain employment at a livable wage within their own communities. This will take a lot of coordinated effort across the state. We connected with Stacy Smith at KSDE, assistant director working in Career & Technical Education (CTE).

Please consider inviting Chris and Harold to your communities to spread the word and help your community.

This bill originally was introduced in 2016, and is being revised. It has not yet been formalized for reintroduction to the legislature. Currently, they are working on building alliances with the hope of giving it to the legislative reviser this fall to have the bill reintroduced in 2019.

State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)

Kerry Haag
Myron Melton

PowerPoint

Thanks to Kerry for her leadership on this grant and work she does. Kerry is often asked to share nationally the work Kansas is doing that started as part of SPDG.

States often want to know how we get people to work together the way we do in Kansas. The organization of the project is intentional to create the cooperative atmosphere for the work. Our new area of focus for this grant is School Mental Health. Work has begun to develop a tiered mental health framework. Partners in this work are the Career Standards and Assessment (CSAS) team and TASN teams. This work will include trauma informed practices in the foundational supports and move toward providing specific mental health services as students' needs increase.

Years 4 and 5 of the process will focus on developing coaches and regional mentors for the tiered framework. By the end of Year 5, all districts will have access to evidence-based resources, protocols, processes, and professional learning.

Lesli Girard shared that Families Together was involved in an initial meeting to begin organizing the family engagement part of this work. Jane Groff, Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC), and Lesli also met following that meeting to develop a plan of how they will work together through this process. They discussed how to coordinate with Lee Stickle at Keystone to develop the professional learning opportunities and to make the information family friendly. The goal is to bring the mental health piece into the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) work. Discussions are centered on how to bring parents and families together to do this work. Work done in Kansas has a national impact through the program and performance measures.

Myron is working on the development of this work on school mental health. He also plays a significant role on the School Mental Health Advisory Council.

School Mental Health Advisory Council

- The council is working to keep all stakeholders in the area of mental health involved and informed. Interest in this council and the ongoing work is very high.
- Currently, we are still developing relationships and getting all the right members at the table. We have multiple stakeholders represented.
- The chair of the council is Kathy Busch, vice-chair of the Kansas State Board of Education.
- Council quickly discovered there were differences in definitions for terms, for example, systems of care is different in the world of education than in the medical field.
- Council started with the specific task of responding to legislation such as Erin's law.

- Council is working to identify a system of training that addresses all important issues, integrates training for these different aspects, and provides resources. It was also determined that there was a need to differentiate the level of training into tiers based on what staff need. What does everyone need to know and who needs more in-depth training.
- Resources are in development and it is the goal to have them available by the beginning of the next school year.

2018 Legislative Updates

Laura Jurgensen

Fiscal Items

- School finance bill approved that the governor intends to sign.
- Federal level, we anticipate some funding changes but nothing is final. Watch for updates from KSDE.
- Secondary Transition bill: The State Board chair worked with Rocky Nichols on putting together a taskforce to address the concerns. The legislative bill is tabled at this time.
- Dyslexia bill: A member of the state board around Dyslexia will chair a Taskforce of 16 members. They will report to state board in January. The legislative conference committee had a conversation about the membership for this task force. Every position on the task force was negotiated.

Think about how you as a council want to interact with the legislature. How do you want to consider building relationships with legislators?

Possibilities –

- Legislators are on break right now. It would be a good time to contact them.
- House Education, Senate Education, and House children and seniors are important legislative positions to the work of SEAC.
- Talk to them at community coffee's etc. in the communities they represent. Help them understand what you do.
- Mike Martin, incoming SEAC chair will make contact with several legislators to let them know who he is on SEAC and what role he and the council play in the education of Kansas students. He will ask for their input on what SEAC can do to build bridges before our July meeting.

Dispute Resolution Data/Year in Review

Laura Jurgensen
Mark Ward

Handout

All decisions on complaints are redacted and posted on the special education legal page.
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=597>

- Last page of handout contains some data on trends in dispute resolution.
- 75,000 IEP's in Kansas and 12 due process requests were filed.

Contact Mark or Laura with any questions.

KSDE Updates

Colleen Riley
Tate Toedman

KIAS

Laura Jurgensen

- Significant Disability (Sig-Dis) latest info. USDoE posted notice on public comment period concerning a potential delay of implementation to 2020. Comment period ends in mid-May. KSDE expects that implementation will be delayed at the federal reporting level. If implementation is delayed, Kansas will also delay. Accountability will continue as is until implementation occurs. Schools are encourage you to move forward using the new system but accountability will remain the same and supports will be based on the data.
- Reboot around secondary transition to generate new materials. Regional training will occur in the fall. Not anything new just updating resources available. Technical Assistance Team (TAT) will lead training. TAT consists of former sped directors. Looking to expand and use the membership more. Let Laura know if you have suggestions for TAT members.
- Expanding IDEA file reviews for juvenile detention and psychiatric facilities.

SPP-APR document Handout - Colleen

In January, you received the data that was to be submitted to OSEP in February on our Annual Performance Report.

The handout gives historic data of indicators data and targets by year as requested at the last SEAC meeting.

OSEP Memos

- IDEA website
- New appointment of Assistant Secretary – Johnny Collette

Every Student Succeeds Act Update – Tate Toedman PowerPoint

New Staff – Kelly Steele

Upcoming Events – Handout

- Impact Institutes June and July 2018
- Summer Leadership Conference for Administrators – July (SEAC members encouraged to attend)
- Kansas MTSS symposium – September 5-7, 2018
- KSDE Annual Conference – October 15-17, 2018
- Tri State Law Conference – November 7-9, 2018

April is Autism awareness month and child abuse prevention month.

Important Websites or Newsletters – PowerPoint slide

KSDE website banner on front page contains information you need to know. Recommend you check it weekly. www.ksde.org

Member Updates

Families Together

Lesli Girard

- Handouts
 - Data
 - Upcoming Events

KASEA

Rebekah Helget

- Legislative efforts
- Survey to directors on PD they wished they had more of.

Enhanced Learning Maps (ELM)

Tina Gibson

Tina is on the committee that developed ELM to move the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) work forward. Project is to help teachers work on personalized learning maps. There are units that support research based interventions. It contains specific questions for students and guidance for teachers to move them forward. Kansas is trying to recruit more teachers to be a part of this effort. Please use the website and send feedback on the resources to Tina.

Marvin – Kansas CEC Awards Information Flyer.

Judy – Homeless grants are currently being written by districts. Grants are written and reviewed every three years. Trainings are occurring for grant writing proposals next week.

Rebekah – shared information on a Student Art Gallery in Junction City.
Thank you Joan for your leadership and support of SEAC as Chair this year.

Adjourn

Marvin Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Laura Thompson seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
The meeting adjourned at 2:53pm.