



Notes

Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

September 13, 2018

**Call to Order:**

Meeting came to order at 9:10am.

**Roll Call – Members Present:**

Rebekah Helget  
Rachel Marsh  
Heidi Cornell  
Robb Scott  
Chelle Kemper

Judy Martin  
Stacie Clarkson  
Heath Peine  
Tina Gibson  
Becci Werner

Joan Macy  
Marvin Miller  
Amy Dejmal  
Laura Thompson  
Kathy Kersenbrock-  
Ostmeyer  
Lesli Girard  
Mike Martin

Deb Young  
Jim McNiece

Jennifer King  
Rocky Nichols

**Members Absent:**

Megan Laurent

Sarah Schaffer

**KSDE Staff Present:**

Dean Zajic  
Kerry Haag  
Colleen Riley

Melissa Valenza  
Cary Rogers  
Christy Weiler

Laura Jurgensen  
Tammy Lutze  
Jordan Christian

**Guests:**

Amy Gaumer-Erickson  
Jon Harding

Crystal Davis

Elena Lincoln

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion- Marvin Miller  
Second- Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer  
Decision- Approved

**Approval of July Meeting Minutes**

Motion- Marvin Miller  
Second- Laura Thompson  
Decision- Approved

**Legislative Update- Laura Jurgensen**

Emergency Safety Intervention

- 2010 Recommendations of regulations to the State Board
- Prior to regulations, the State Board provided guidance.

- Regulations were passed in 2013
- State statutes were passed by the Legislature in 2015.

(Handout Provided)

- Definition of “Seclusion” found in both regulations and statute
- Administrative Review Process
  - Process set in place in 2015-16
- Senator Molly Baumgardner voiced concern regarding KSDE’s interpretation of the law to current Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE) Chair, Jim Porter.
- In November SEAC members will hear testimonies regarding ESI and have discussion.

(Comments Regarding ESI Discussion)

- Colleen Riley- ESI continues to be a very important topic to engage with technical assistance and data reporting. Kansas does not promote the use of seclusion and restraint. It is to be used only in emergency situations.
- Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer- At November meeting, SEAC will also need to leave enough time for discussion and recommendations to KSBE.
- Rebekah Helget- Is professional development being provided on this topic to general education staff since this is a general education law?
- Jim McNiece- The State Board encourages SEAC to take as much time as it takes to resolve this issue. This will be on the Board’s agenda for January.
- Judy Martin- Can KSDE review the current data and include what KSDE has up to the point of the November SEAC meeting?
- Mike Martin- Agree to spend time during the November agenda on this topic.

**TSVI/COMS Personnel Prep Grant- Jon Harding**

-Kansas School for the Blind (KSB) has 5 Goals (see PowerPoint)

- Extension of local districts
- Be more visible across the state
- A network of statewide services, not just as KSB
- Deaf-Blind Project involves 155 students in Kansas who are deaf and blind
- Further focus on 1500 students who are visually impaired

-TSVI Personnel Prep Grant

- Personnel Prep Grant works with districts, coops, and interlocals
- Secondary Transition Program is for 18-21 year olds, Early Childhood is 0-8 year olds.

**Annual Report Draft Review**

-Review of SEAC activities and meetings from 2017-18

- Council will review the Annual Report and discuss again in November. This report will be presented to the State Board at the January meeting.
- Please direct questions/edits to Colleen and Pat prior to the November meeting.

### **Paraprofessionals- Elena Lincoln**

- Published on KSDE website, and linked from the TASN website. KSDE Website: <https://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=788>
- Check the TASN website for training. [www.ksdetasn.org](http://www.ksdetasn.org)
- Main focus of trainings will be for administrators on how to use the document. After the webinars are complete a review will determine the need for additional training.

### **TASN Evaluation Project- Amy Gaumer-Erickson**

-TASN Theory of Change/ Evaluation Philosophy

- Goal is that everyone has the data they need in order to improve outcomes for students.
- Handouts-link to all evaluation briefs: <https://ksdetasn.org/evaluation/2017-18-tasn-provider-evaluation-briefs>

### **Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) Update**

- Family Engagement in Kansas was rated by districts as the highest area of need.

### **Dynamic Learning Maps Update- Cary Rogers**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Webinar was in August (over 70 participants)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Webinar is in September
- Results of testing available. Districts will be asked to review the data that is compiled.
- There will be additional training from KSDE. Check the TASN website for further information. [www.ksdetasn.org](http://www.ksdetasn.org)

### **Fact Sheets- Colleen Riley**

- Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Tool (update provided)

### **Council Member Reports- All**

- Families Together- handout provided by Lesli Girard
- KASEA- Handout provided by Heath Peine on the KASEA Winter Conference is February 26-27, and the keynote speaker will be Peter DeWitt.
- Stacie Clarkson- Campaign to vote. Information provided to members. [Get an A in voting](#)
- Disability Rights Center- Rocky Nichols provided an update on protection and services (handout):
  - Technical assistance
  - Legal advice
  - Advocacy
  - Disability Crime Victims Unit - <https://www.drckansas.org/drc-programs/disability-crime-victims-unit/drc-disability-crime-victims-brochure/view>
  - Individual Justice Plan - <https://www.drckansas.org/publications/the-individual-justice-plan>

### **KSDE Updates- Colleen Riley**

- Disability Awareness brochure has been updated (handout).

- Secondary Transition trainings will be offered in October and December (info provided in meeting materials)
- Upcoming Conferences
  - National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)
  - KSDE Annual Conference – Preconference focus on Redesign
  - Tri-State Law Conference

**Adjournment**

Motion- Rob Scott

Second- Judy Martin

Decision- Approved