



Michigan's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes for December 2 and December 15, 2020

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Zoom Business Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order

Dr. Donna Case called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Eileen Brandt moved, seconded by Kara Tiethof that the SEAC approves the December 2, 2020 agenda. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Lois Lofton Doniver moved, seconded by Kathy Krause that the SEAC approves the November 4, 2020 meeting minutes. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report by Dr. Donna Case

Dr. Case noted that there will be January committee meetings in place of a regular business meeting and shared the tentative schedule. She also brought attention to committee openings and highlighted some members of SEAC.

Office of Special Education Update by Teri Rink

Teri Rink, Office of Special Education Director, provided a brief update on:

- IDEA turns 45
- OSE Technical Assistance (TA) and the Differentiated Framework of Supports
- OSE working with Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) to complete the self assessment and OSE is completing it as well
- IEP Implementation TA Activity
- State Employees are teleworking until at least March 1



Understanding Special Education Funding in Michigan by Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht

Dr. Koenigsknecht presented on a basic understanding of Michigan's legislature and congress in relation to SEAC's role in order to support SEAC's work around priority 1 - Advise members to speak with constituents to seek funding by Congress for the full 40% allocated for students w/ disabilities.

Priority 1 Group Activity by Teri Pettit

Teri Pettit, SEAC Facilitator, outlined the group activity and work to be done around understanding and advising our members to speak with their constituents to ask Congress to fully fund (40%) costs for students with disabilities.

Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY) Update by Owen Bondono

Owen shared an update including what's working virtually for students with IEP's and the increased participation and success he has been observing.

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) update by Teri Rink

Teri Rink, Office of Special Education Director, provided a brief update on the SSIP based on a recent conversation with the federal Office of Special Education Programs OSEP.

Sharing & Wrap-Up by Dr. Donna Case

December SPP/APR Target Setting – Tuesday, December 15

January Forecast – Committee Meetings

Parking Lot reminder

Delegates – contact your alternate if you cannot be present

Adjourn

Kathy Krause moved, seconded by Jennifer Headley-Nordman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 11:54 A.M.



Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Zoom SPP/APR Target Setting Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order

Dr. Donna Case called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Purpose and Expected Outcomes

Marci VanHorn outlined the purpose of the target setting process for the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Review (SPP/APR) that the Office of Special Education (OSE) submits to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). Today's focus will be on indicators 4A: Suspension and Expulsion, 15: Resolution Session Agreements, and 16: Mediation Agreements.

Indicator 4A: Suspension and Expulsion

- Percent of local educational agencies (LEA) that have a significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs.
- Proposed Targets are 0.00% for 2020 through 2025.

Indicator 15: Resolution Sessions

- Percent of hearing requests that went to resolution sessions that were resolved through resolution session settlement agreements.
- A resolution session is a meeting held when a parent files a due process complaint requesting a hearing against a school district. The purpose of the resolution session is to provide the parent and the district an opportunity to discuss the parent's complaint and to reach a prompt and early resolution of the dispute without going to a hearing.
- Proposed Targets are a range from 45.00% to 55.00% for 2020 through 2025.



Indicator 16: Mediation Agreements

- Percent of mediations held that resulted in mediation agreements.
- Proposed Targets are a range from 75.00% to 85.00% for 2020 through 2025.

Questions, Comments and Wrap Up

- The indicator team fielded questions from SEAC and those that could not be clarified and answered today will receive written responses.
- The Parking Lot was offered as an additional space to provide comments and feedback.
- A survey was sent to members to complete for additional comments and feedback on proposed targets.

Attendance

Attendance code: A = Absent, AA = Alternate Attended, E = Left Early, F = Family Issue, H = Health, J = Job Conflict, N = absent no reason, O = Other, P = Present, T = Telephone, V = Visitor, W = Weather

**Defined member

Delegate	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 12/2/20	Code(s) 12/15/20
Beachnau, Andrea**	The Arc Michigan	P	P
Brandt, Eileen**	Michigan Transition Services Assn. (MTSA)	P	P
Bush, Candi	Michigan Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC)	P	A-H
Case, Dr. Donna**	Michigan Occupational Therapy Assn. (MiOTA)	P	P
Diepstra, Stephen**	Michigan Association of School Social Workers (MASSW)	P	P



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Finnigan, Mary**	Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA)	A-N	A-N
Gibson, Rebecca**	American Federation of Teachers (AFT)	P	P
Headley-Nordman, Jennifer	Michigan Association of School Psychologists (MASP)	P	P
Hollerith, Charlie**	Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP)	P	P
Kadish, Deborah	Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA)	A-N	A-N
Krause, Kathy	Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS)	P	A-N
Kuipers, Mark	Michigan Department of Education - 619 Preschool Education	P	P
Madaffer, Chandra**	Michigan Education Association (MEA)	A-N	A-N
Martin, LaKeya**	Student Advocacy Center of Michigan (SAC)	A-O	A-AA
Mills, Katherine**	Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan (DSAWM)	P	P
Moore, Kathleen	Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)	A-AA	A-AA
Moore, Nichole	Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE)	P	A-AA



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Reich, Tammy**	Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA)	A-AA	P
Rulison, Stacie	Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF)	P	P
Schindler, Meredith	Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan (LDA)	P	P
Trahey, Amy**	Autism Society of Michigan (ASM)	P	A-N
Vander Baan, Sarah	Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA)	A-J	P
Wirth (Webster), Alyssa	Michigan Speech Language and Hearing Association (MSHA)	A-N	P

Member at Large	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 12/2/20	Code(s) 12/15/20
Barna, Anne**	Member at Large	A	A
Caine, Justin**	Member at Large	P	P
DeGroat, Xavier	Member at Large	A-J	A-J
Kohler, Beth**	Member at Large	P	P
Kukulski, Joseph	Member at Large	P	P
Love, Kimberly	Member at Large	P	P
Skibbe, Lori**	Member at Large	A	A
Tiethof, Kara**	Member at Large	P	A
Willard, Erica	Member at Large	P	P



Ex-Officio	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 12/2/20	Code(s) 12/15/20
Bodell, Belle	Michigan Department of Corrections	A-AA	A-AA
Bondono, Owen	Michigan Teacher of the Year	P	P
DeWildt, Dr. Christine	Michigan Educator Preparation Institutions	A-N	A-N
Hirst, Jennifer	Michigan DHHS, Rehabilitation Services (MRS)	P	P
Isaac, Melissa	Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors (CMTED)	P	A-N
Kelty, Noel	Michigan Department of Education - Early On	P	A-N
Orris, Sarah	Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educational Supports, McKinney-Vento	P	P
Rink, Teri	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P	P
Rossi, Ann	Michigan DHHS, Education & Youth Services	P	P
Thomas, Dr. James**	Michigan DHHS Juvenile Justice	A-AA	P



Alternate	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 12/2/20	Code(s) 12/15/20
Brown, Bill**	MI Assn. of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA)	A	A
Carpenter, Anne**	Autism Society of MI (ASM)	A	A
Coles-White, D'Jaris	MI Speech, Language and Hearing Association (MSHA)	A	A
Dill, Amanda**	MI Assn. of School Social Workers (MASSW)	A	P
Fines, Carrie	MI Assn. of Secondary School Principals (MASSP)	P	A
Gates, Adrienne	Michigan Department of Corrections	P	P
Harper-Black, Kenya	MI Alliance for Families (MAF)	A	P
Houde, Debra**	Learning Disabilities Assn. of MI (LDA)	A	A
Krefeld-Freier, Krista	MI Transition Services Assn. (MTSA)	P	P
Lamb, Katie**	MI Assn. of School Psychologists (MASP)	A	A
Littleton, Kanika**	The Arc MI	P	P
Lofton-Doniver, Lois	American Federation of Teachers (AFT)	P	P
Matthews, Kirsten**	MI Occupational Therapy Assn. (MIOTA)	A	A
McIntyre, Rebecca	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P	A



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Mileski, Dr. Terri	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Juvenile Justice	P	P
Miller, Dr. Sandy	Michigan Educator Preparation Institutions	A	A
Murphy-Smith, Ben**	Student Advocacy Center of Michigan (SAC)	A	P
Myers, Don	Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)	P	P
O'Connor, Colleen	Michigan Department of Education - Early On	P	A
Poirier, Heather	Michigan Education Association (MEA)	A	A
Prewitt, Blake	Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA)	A	A
Primus, Kim	Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS)	A	A
Robie, Shalika	Michigan Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC)	A	A
Sharp, Christina	Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors (CMTED)	A	A
Shinsky, Cindy	Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA)	A-J	P
Sladewski, Anne-Marie	Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)	A-J	A
Spanski, Nancy**	Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan (DSAWM)	P	A
Thelen, Cassie**	Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA)	P	P



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Van Neste, Cindy	Member at Large (Reserve)	P	P
Vander Galien, Shantel	Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY)	A	A
Williams, Michelle	Michigan Department of Education - McKinney-Vento	P	P
Winslow, Sarah**	Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE)	P	P



OSE Support	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 12/2/20	Code(s) 12/15/20
Brady, Jessica	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	A	P
Darling, Aaron (Tech support)	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P	P
Pettit, Teri (Facilitator)	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P	P
Reed, Ashley (SCECH, Reimbursement)	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P	P
Rotarius, Nancy	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	A	P
Trevino, Julie	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	A	P
Wasacz, Lisa	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Great Start	A	P
VanHorn, Marci	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	A	P



Visitors	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 12/2/20	Code(s) 12/15/20
Driscoll, Michelle	Michigan Alliance for Families	P	A
Eckner, Heather	N/A	P	A
Smith, Matt	Michigan Association of School Psychologists (MASP)	P	A
Park, Sara	Dowagiac Intermediate School District	P	A