



Michigan's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes for March 3 and March 18, 2021

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 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

Kathy Krause moved, seconded by Justin Caine that the SEAC approves the March 3, 2021 meeting minutes. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Justin Caine moved, seconded by Kathy Krause that the SEAC approves the February 3, 2021 meeting minutes. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report by Dr. Donna Case

Dr. Case noted the purpose and outcomes of the meeting today, including four of the main functions of the SEAC. She also highlighted this month's featured members of SEAC.

Office of Special Education Update by Teri Rink

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

- Federal
 - State Assessments update, waiver to allow flexibility, transparency and public reporting
 - MDE requested a waiver in January 2021, has not yet received a response
- Michigan Department of Education
 - State Systemic Improvement Plan to be submitted April 1
 - Impact of COVID
 - Infrastructure Improvements



- Office of Special Education (OSE)
 - Technical Assistance (TA) Development
 - IEP Implantation TA Activity Purpose: To determine the actions taken by ISDs during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Data Use Process to improve data literacy, drive data decision making and improved student outcomes
 - ISD General Supervision Self-Assessment
 - Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education changes
 - Proposed changes to visual impairment determination and IEP
 - Public comment hearings are being held in March
 - Resources
 - Michigan School for the Deaf
 - MDE-Low Incidence Outreach (LIO)
 - Alt+Shift
 - MiMTSS formerly MiBLISI

Dispute Resolution Data Trends Update by OSE Supervisor, Rebecca McIntyre

Rebecca shared data and charts presenting the:

- Due process hearing reports from July 1, 2020 through February 15, 2021
- January 2021 Information Desk Data with total contacts and breakdowns
- Annual Information Desk trend analysis to help drive current and future guidance topics

Priority 1 Group Recommendations Activity by Teri Pettit

Teri Pettit, SEAC Facilitator, outlined the group activity and work to be done around recommendations from the SEAC. Groups met in breakout rooms to finalize last month's recommendations to MDE.



Priority 2 Presentation Introduction by Teri Pettit

Teri Pettit, SEAC Facilitator, outlined Priority 2: Assist SEAC members by locating and cultivating special education resources for sharing with their constituents and posting on the SEAC website.

- Triennially Grab 'n Know activity
- April will feature Special Populations & May will feature General Supervision
- IDEA Grant Funded Initiatives highlighted today
 - Alt + Shift by Kate Fanelli
 - Catamaran & Michigan Special Education Reference (MI-SER) by Jeanne Anderson-Tippett
 - Michigan Alliance for Families by Kanika Littleton and Family Matters by Stacie Rulison
 - Michigan's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MiMTSS) TA Center by Steve Goodman
 - Statewide Autism Resources & Training (START) by Amy Matthews
 - MDE Low -Incidence Outreach (LIO) by Roxanne Balfour
 - Michigan School for the Deaf (MSD) by Jan Weckstein

Sharing & Wrap-Up by Dr. Donna Case

Recruiting new members

- Must provide defined members next year: MAASE, MAISA, MiASCD, MASP, MASSW
- Must have new representation next year: DSWM, MEA, MiOTA, MSHA
- Need 6 new Members at Large (all must be defined)

We are now accepting 2021-22 Executive Committee Nominations

March SPP/APR Target Setting – Thursday, March 18 from 10:30 am -12 pm

April Forecast

Survey – Today's Meeting & Executive Committee Nominations



Adjourn

Lois Lofton Doniver moved, seconded by Justin Caine to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 12:02 P.M.

Thursday, March 18, 2021 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

The SPP consists of 17 performance indicators that measure the state's progress. Targets for the results indicators are determined by the MDE Office of Special Education (OSE) with input from the SEAC and other stakeholder groups. In order to provide helpful input into the target setting process, SEAC members must have an understanding of indicators for which targets are to be set.

Indicator 5 by Beth Cooke and John Robertson from the OSE

Educational Environments is a results indicator and is the percent of students age 5 who are in kindergarten and ages 6 through 21 with an IEP served inside the general education class and in public/private separate schools, residential, homebound/hospital placements.

A: Inside the regular class 80% or more of the day;

B: Inside the regular class less than 40% of the day; and

C: In separate schools, residential facilities, or homebound/hospital placements.

1. Data collection methodology

2. Data collection analysis and results

a. Approximately 66.22% of students are inside the regular class 80% or more of the day



- b. Approximately 10.17% of students are inside the regular class less than 40% of the day
 - c. Approximately 4.52% of students are in separate schools, residential facilities, or homebound/hospital placements
3. Proposed targets must meet Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) standards:
 - a. Must be rigorous yet achievable
 - b. Must show improvement over baseline data
 - c. COVID is expected to impact this reporting cycle and the next
 - d. It is unknown what the impact of the additional students who are 5 and in kindergarten will be.
4. The Indicator 5 OSE team outlined historical data trends used to inform recommended targets for:
 - a. 5A – 64.25% to 65.25% from 2020 to 2025
 - b. 5B – 11.4% to 11.2% from 2020 to 2025
 - c. 5.15% to 5.11% from 2020 to 2025

Improvement Strategies

- The SEAC membership was divided into breakout rooms to discuss the presentation, proposed targets and document improvement strategies.
- The group as a whole reconvened and discussed/identified trends, provided feedback to the presentation team and asked questions.

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) 3/3/21	Code(s) 3/18/21
Beachnau, Andrea**	The Arc Michigan	P	P
Brandt, Eileen**	Michigan Transition Services Assn. (MTSA)	P	P
Bush, Candi	Michigan Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC)	A-AA	P
Case, Dr. Donna**	Michigan Occupational Therapy Assn. (MiOTA)	P	P
Diepstra, Stephen**	Michigan Association of School Social Workers (MASSW)	P	P
Finnigan, Mary**	Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA)	P	A-N
Gibson, Rebecca**	American Federation of Teachers (AFT)	P	A-AA
Headley-Nordman, Jennifer	Michigan Association of School Psychologists (MASP)	A-H	A-AA
Hollerith, Charlie**	Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP)	P	P
Kadish, Deborah	Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA)	A	P



Delegate	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 3/3/21	Code(s) 3/18/21
Krause, Kathy	Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS)	P	P
Kuipers, Mark	Michigan Department of Education - 619 Preschool Education	P	P
Madafferi, Chandra**	Michigan Education Association (MEA)	P	A-N
Martin, LaKeya**	Student Advocacy Center of Michigan (SAC)	P	A-AA
Mills, Katherine**	Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan (DSAWM)	P	P
Moore, Kathleen	Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)	A-AA	A-N
Moore, Nichole	Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE)	P	A-AA
Reich, Tammy**	Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA)	P	P
Rulison, Stacie	Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF)	P	A-AA
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)	P	A-AA
Wirth (Webster), Alyssa	Michigan Speech Language and Hearing Association (MSHA)	P	P



Member at Large	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 3/3/21	Code(s) 3/18/21
Barna, Anne**	Member at Large	P	A
Caine, Justin**	Member at Large	P	A
DeGroat, Xavier	Member at Large	A	A
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	P	A
Tiethof, Kara**	Member at Large	A	P
Willard, Erica	Member at Large	P	A

Ex-Officio	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 3/3/21	Code(s) 3/18/21
Bodell, Belle	Michigan Department of Corrections	P	A-N
Bondono, Owen	Michigan Teacher of the Year	P	P
DeWildt, Dr. Christine	Michigan Educator Preparation Institutions	A	A-N
Hirst, Jennifer	Michigan DHHS, Rehabilitation Services (MRS)	P	A-N
Isaac, Melissa	Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors (CMTED)	A-AA	A-N
Kelty, Noel	Michigan Department of Education - Early On	P	A-AA
Orris, Sarah	Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educational Supports, McKinney-Vento	A-AA	P
Rink, Teri	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P	P



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Rossi, Ann	Michigan DHHS, Education & Youth Services	P	P
Thomas, Dr. James**	Michigan DHHS Juvenile Justice	P	P

Alternate	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 3/3/21	Code(s) 3/18/21
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)	A	P
Gates, Adrienne	Michigan Department of Corrections	P	A
Harper-Black, Kenya	MI Alliance for Families (MAF)	P	P
Houde, Debra**	Learning Disabilities Assn. of MI (LDA)	A	A
Krefeld-Freier, Krista	MI Transition Services Assn. (MTSA)	P	A
Lamb, Katie**	MI Assn. of School Psychologists (MASP)	A	P
Littleton, Kanika**	The Arc MI	P	P
Lofton-Doniver, Lois	American Federation of Teachers (AFT)	P	P



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Matthews, Kirsten**	MI Occupational Therapy Assn. (MiOTA)	A	A
McIntyre, Rebecca	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P	A
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)	P	P
Myers, Don	Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)	P	A
O'Connor, Colleen	Michigan Department of Education - Early On	P	P
Park, Sara	Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)	P	P
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)	P	A
Sharp, Christina	Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors (CMTED)	P	A
Shinsky, Cindy	Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA)	P	P



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Sladewski, Anne-Marie	Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)	P	P
Spanski, Nancy**	Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan (DSAWM)	P	A
Thelen, Cassie**	Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA)	P	P
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) 3/3/21	Code(s) 3/18/21
Anderson Tippet, Jeanne	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P	A
Brady, Jessica	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	A	P
Cooke, Beth	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



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O'Brien, Marcia	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	A	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
Robertson, John	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	A	P
Trevino, Julie	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	A	P
Weckstein, Jan	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P	P

Visitors	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 3/3/21	Code(s) 3/18/21
Balfour, Roxanne	Michigan Department of Education – Low Incidence Outreach (LIO) Director	A	A
Driscoll, Michelle	Michigan Alliance for Families	P	A
Fanelli, Kate	Alt + Shift Project Coordinator	P	A
Goodman, Steve	Director of Michigan’s MTSS Support Center	P	A
Levine, Cheryl	Special Education Mediation Services (SEMS)	P	A



Visitors	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 3/3/21	Code(s) 3/18/21
Matthews, Amy	Statewide Autism Resources & Training (START) Director	P	A
Wasacz, Lisa	Office of Great Start/Preschool & Early Childhood Education	P	A