

Utah Special Education Advisory Panel
Minutes
December 18, 2012

Present: Rebecca Boucher, Amy Weyrich, Heather Read, Rachel Anderson for Aaron Thompson, Christine Evans, Linda Stallivierre, Natalie Williams, Elizabeth Banner, Leonard Dunn, Rebecca Turley, Roz Welch, BillieJo Petersen, Dawn Armstrong, Echo Cunningham, Glenna Gallo, Connie Nink, Suraj Sayal, Jerri Rigby, Chris Timothy, Rebecca Donovan

Excused: Neesha Killpack, Tyler Jolley, Eric Stoker, LaNae Stout, Max Lang, Leslie Buchanan

Welcome and Introductions: Roz Welch, Acting Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Public Comment: Glenna Gallo reported some members of the USOE staff recently went on a trip to look at corrections education at South Park Academy. The age ranges from fifteen to twenty-two years old. Students do not have to come to the facility with an IEP. Disability can be determined when they enter the educational program. There is more data available and USEAP will take a look at some of the data at the next USEAP meeting in February.

Standards-Based IEPs: Suraj Sayal and Jeri Rigby (Utah Personnel Development Center) gave a presentation addressing questions formulated by USEAP members after the September 2012 USEAP meeting. (A copy of the questions and the UPDC's answers will be sent out with these minutes so that all panel members will be able to review them before the next USEAP meeting in February.) After a short discussion the panel broke into groups to discuss and formulate recommendations on Standards-Based IEP's.

After discussion the panel raised concerns about how to use Standards-Based IEPs with students with significant disabilities, as well as:

- How/when to use the three Utah Standards (CORE, Early Childhood, Essential Elements)
- Ensuring that IEP teams aren't tying students only to the CORE Standards, but are looking at areas of individual need
- Ensuring that placements (i.e., location where student receives specialized instruction) is not based only on the need for a CRT vs UAA
- Determining if there is always a need for Standards-Based IEPs
- Should this information be added to materials – Utah Parent Center Parent IEP Manual

Utah Parent Center Update: Rebecca Turley reported that the UPC held a Transition Mini Conference in Cedar City and St George and may be holding additional mini conferences in Vernal, Blanding, and Sanpete in the future. Additionally the Family Lincs conference is scheduled for March 8th and 9th, 2013, in Provo with Jo Mascaro; March 11th and 13th there will be a transition mini conference for parents from Salt Lake districts; and additional training will be made available in Spanish at the Utah Parent Center on April 27, 2013. The Davis Transition Fair is [was] scheduled for January 10, 2013 at the Davis Applied Technology Center. A Down Syndrome Conference is scheduled for April 20, 2013.

The Parent Center is planning on adding more Webinars to their website:

- Getting and Keeping Your First Job
- Positive Behavioral Supports
- Sexuality/Puberty

- Bullying
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services (Vocational Rehabilitation and Special Education are putting money into supporting this training.)

Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Update: Connie Nink reported that the ICC is continuing to work on putting policies and procedures in writing with the goal of the agencies being more collaborative and finishing the MOU that addresses new Part C regulations. They are working toward inclusion of all early childhood and expanding opportunities in Utah. The ICC is also working with/through the Utah Parent Center on helping with the transition from Early Childhood Intervention Services to Preschool Special Education Services.

Essential Elements – Chris Timothy reported that the Essential Elements (introduced in 2012-13) represent a first-time opportunity for consistent curriculum expectations. The Essential Elements (EE) are now available for English Language Arts and Math. The Essential Elements can be found on line at www.schools.utah.gov: first choose departments, then click on Special Education, once there on the column at the left side of the page, choose “Significant Cognitive Disabilities”. (Check regularly as new professional development modules will be coming often.) The Extended Core Standards will continue to be used for Science. The new Dynamic Learning Map Assessment System (DLM) will replace the UAA in 2015-2016.

Chris asked panel members to provide written input/suggestions for additional professional development they feel would be most effective in supporting the Essential Elements. Discussion ideas were:

- Real world stories/videos that work
- Encourage IEP teams to utilize the process more
- Provide examples of year
- Encourage computerized data/record keeping
- Explain how a teacher would do this
- Database solution---I need this and that and disk on something that would show all those in the grade level
- No PE goals?
- Partner with the Utah Parent Center on Personnel Development
- How do you motivate hard to motivate students?

After a brief discussion the panel voted to table the recommendations and discuss them at the next USEAP meeting.

Motion: Echo Cunningham made a motion to table the panel’s recommendation on Essential Elements until the next USEAP meeting in February.

Second: Elizabeth Banner

Motion passed.

The panel made a motion to finalize their recommendations on Standards-Based IEPs at the next meeting.

Motion: BillieJo Petersen made a motion to table the panel’s recommendation on Standards-Based IEPs until the next USEAP meeting in February.

Second: Leonard Dunn

Motion passed.

USOE Update: Glenna Gallo reported that the APR for FFY 2010 determination is closer to finalization with the goal being “meets requirements”. Glenna also reported that progress is being made on the completion of the FFY 2011 APR, however, some indicators are waiting for OSEP input on measurement. Approximately half of the indicator data is completed or almost complete. Glenna reviewed the current APR data and the USEAP provided input. The final APR will be discussed at the next meeting.

USEAP Business:

- **Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2012.**
Motion: Echo Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
Second: Amy Weyrich
Motion passed.

- **Adjourn**
Motion: Echo Cunningham made a motion adjourn the meeting.
Second: Elizabeth Banner
Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, February 21, 2013
Jones Center – 382 E 3605 S – Salt Lake City UT