Louisiana Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

Friday, February 10, 2107, 10:00 a.m.
Claiborne State Office Building, North Dakota Room, Rm 1-155
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Official Minutes

The February 10, 2017 meeting of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Ms. Jennifer Coco, council chair. Members present were: Ms. JoAnn Achord, Ms. Lakesha Beauchamp, Ms. Jennifer Coco, Ms. Julie Comeaux, Mr. Michael Comeaux, Ms. Christina Conforto, Mr. Shawn Fleming, Mr. Larry Gage, Ms. Liz Gary, Mr. Rachel Gassert, Mr. Roy McCoy, Mr. Michael Ortego, Ms. Laci Polotzola, Mr. Brad Prudhomme, Judge Kim Stansbury, Ms. Prudence Spooner, and proxy for Mr. Kevin George, Mr. Cory Butler.

Ms. Angela Reams-Brown, Mr. Kevin George, Mr. Scott Richard, Ms. Daphne Robinson, Mr. Rob Schlicher, Ms. Sherlyn Shumpert, Mr. Al Simmons, and Ms. Debra Weinberg were absent.

Public comments were received from Mr. Andrew Ganucheau and Mr. Ricardo Rosado

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1 A motion was made by Mr. McCoy to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Comeaux. The minutes were approved without objection.

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A presentation was given by Families & Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children (FFLIC) along with their proposed revisions for LA R.S. 17:416.

2 A motion was made by Mr. Fleming to receive the proposed legislative revisions on LA R.S. 17:416 from FFLIC and the information will be reviewed by the working group to study and review laws which will provide their feedback to the full council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prudhomme and was approved without objection.

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Ms. Crystal Wilkinson, with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE), gave a presentation of the LDE's recommendations to improve data integrity to the council. The presentation included reviewing the current data collection process and positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS). Ms. Wilkinson discussed how the collected data is used to inform stakeholders of the progress in the schools implementing PBIS. She also reviewed the department's recommendations to improve tools and supports to LEAs during data collections in an effort to increase data quality and accurate reporting. Ms. Wilkinson presented data on corporal punishment and student arrests to the council and answered questions from members about how that data is collected from school systems.

At the December 2, 2016 meeting, Mr. Prudhomme motioned to create a data integrity working group to work with the LDE to review data and make recommendations on those data collections and practices. Committee members were not assigned at that time. Ms. Coco facilitated discussion on the

committee's role and how they will work with the LDE on the recommendations to improve data collection and accuracy.

3 A motion was made by Mr. Fleming to accept the Louisiana Department of Education's recommendations to improve data integrity and add four additional recommendations to include:

1. Regarding Recommendation #2 and the creation of a "data quality review committee," the LDE shall include stakeholders external to the LDE to provide input on the committee. The Louisiana Department of Education will provide a definition of stakeholders with recommendations to the council.
2. In addition to the Student Information System (SIS) reporting system, include the Special Education Reporting (SER) system in the review process.
3. As part of the review, LDE will describe how data are utilized once they are accessed and what the infrastructure is for how data is utilized by the department.
4. Publicly report all relevant data.

The motion was seconded by Judge Stansbury and all approved without objection.

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The council discussed the LDE data quality group and the council's data integrity working group and how to form these groups so they can work together.

4 A motion was made by Mr. Prudhomme to require the data integrity working group created at the December 2, 2016 meeting be reflected within the LDE's Data Quality Review Committee, including stakeholders from the advisory council and that they must provide the next set of feedback to the council by the May, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Judge Stansbury and was approved without objection.

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5 A motion was made by Mr. Prudhomme that there be no more than five members of the advisory council on the data integrity working group and that those members will be appointed by the chair to work with the Louisiana Department of Education Data Quality Review Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Comeaux and was approved without objection.

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A presentation was given by Ms. Sabra Soileau, PBIS District Coordinator and the PBIS team staff from S.J. Welsh Middle School on their PBIS program.

Items VI, (a), (b) and (d) of the agenda were tabled. Those items included a PBIS presentation on the statewide implementation and history of the program by Dr. R. Kenton Denny, a discussion on current statewide implementation of PBIS by Michael Comeaux and a discussion on the U.S. Department of Education 's PBIS implementation blueprint and scope or LA R.S. 17:252.

6 A motion was made by Ms. Coco to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Judge Stansbury and approved without objection.