

Louisiana Department of Education (LDE)

Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Official Minutes

The March 30, 2016 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Ms. Sandy Holloway. Members present were: Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Ms. Lynette Fontenot, Ms. Kimberlee Gazzolo, Ms. Sandy Holloway, Mr. Mark Martin, Dr. Paul Mooney, Ms. Libby Murphy, Ms. Laura Nata, Ms. Rana Ottallah, Mr. Melvin Porter, Ms. Susan Vaughn, and Ms. Teicha Woods.

Ms. Andrea Bond, Mr. Reginald Browhow, Ms. Toni Buxton, Ms. Amanda Trahan, Ms. April Taylor, Ms. Pittre Walker and Ms. Patsy White were absent.

Ms. Krista Market served as a proxy for Ms. Andrea Bond and Ms. Holly LeFabre served as a proxy for Ms. Toni Buxton.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Jamie Wong.

Public comments were received from Karen Artus, Bridget Bergeron, Shawn Fleming, and Michelle Going.

- 1 On motion of Ms. Ottallah, seconded by Ms. Woods, the Special Education Advisory Panel approved the minutes of the January 22, 2015 meeting of the Panel.

Jamie Wong provided a presentation on the SEAP meeting protocol.

- 2 On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Murphy, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the presentation on the SEAP meeting protocol.

Jamie Wong led a discussion of a proposed SEAP meeting to take place in May 2016.

- 3 On motion of Ms. Fontenot, seconded by Ms. Ottallah, the Special Education Advisory panel received the report on a proposed SEAP meeting to take place in May 2016.

- 4 On motion of Ms. Buckelew, seconded by Ms. Woods, the Special Education Advisory Panel determined that the Panel would meet again on Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Jamie Wong provided an update on the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP).

- 5 On motion of Ms. Ottalah, seconded by Ms. Vaughn, the Special Education Advisory Panel received an update on the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) and recommended the Department, starting with the 2016 – 2017 school year, annually report SSIP outcomes by districts to the Panel.

Jamie Wong led a discussion of the 2016-2017 IDEA grant application.

- 6 On motion of Ms. Ottalah, seconded by Ms. Woods, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on the 2016 – 2017 IDEA grant application and recommend that the Department: revisit projects in item J. of the application and consider relocating them to item T. of the application; review TIERS effectiveness data and determine if those funds should be redirected to the High Cost Services fund; explore opportunities for Office of Juvenile Justice alignment within item R. of the application; and send the final application with a breakdown of projects in each category to the Panel before it is submitted in May.

- 7 On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Porter, and with no further business to come before the Special Education Advisory Panel, the March 30, 2016 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Panel was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.