

Louisiana Department of Education (LDE)
Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Friday, January 22, 2016

Minutes

The January 22, 2016 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Ms. Patsy White. Members present were: Ms. Andrea Bond, Mr. Reginald Browhow, Ms. Toni Buxton, Ms. Lynette Fontenot, Dr. Paul Mooney, Ms. Libby Murphy, Ms. Laura Nata, Ms. Rana Ottallah, Ms. Amanda Trahan, Ms. Susan Vaughn, Ms. Pittre Walker, Ms. Patsy White and Ms. Teicha Woods. Ms. Holly Buffy, Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Ms. Kimberlee Gazzolo, Mr. Mark Martin, Mr. Melvin Porter, and Ms. April Taylor were absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Jamie Wong and Kristi-Jo Preston.

Public comments were received from Bridget Bergeron, Melinda Elliott, Shawn Fleming, Liz Garry, and Ashley McReynolds.

- 1 On motion of Ms. Ottallah, seconded by Ms. Woods, the Special Education Advisory Panel approved the minutes of the meeting held September 30, 2105.

Jamie Wong provided an update on the SEAP membership and meeting dates.

- 2 On motion of Ms. Bond, seconded by Ms. Vaughn, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the update on SEAP membership and meeting dates and determined that the panel would meet again on March 30, 2016.

Jamie Wong provided an update on the Department's implementation of Act 328 (2011) regarding seclusion and restraint.

- 3 On motion of Ms. Vaughn, seconded by Ms. Ottalah, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on the Department's implementation of Act 328 (2011) regarding seclusion and restraint.

- 4 On motion of Ms. Murphy, and seconded by Ms. Fontenot, the Special Education Advisory Panel provided for additional comment regarding the Department's implementation of Act 328 (2011) regarding seclusion and restraint.

- 5 On motion of Ms. Ottalah, seconded by Ms. Woods, the Special Education Advisory Panel recommended the LDE work with the Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) to train parents on seclusion and restraint procedures, consider developing procedures for analyzing the seclusion and restraint data, and report the results of the seclusion and restraint data collection and provide recommendations to SEAP in July 2016.

Jamie Wong provided a discussion of the FFY 2016 IDEA grant application process.

- 6 On motion of Ms. Ottallah, seconded by Ms. Walker, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report regarding the FFY 2016 IDEA grant application process.

Kristi-Jo Preston provided a report on the Annual Performance Report.

- 7 On motion of Ms. Fontenot, seconded by Ms. Ottalah, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report regarding the Annual Performance Report.

With no further business to come before the Special Education Advisory Panel, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 A.M.