**Continuing Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes**

**February 16, 2022- Zoom Meeting**

**9:02 AM - 11:57 AM**

**CAC Attendees:** Agatha Thibodeaux, Alicia Giordano, Jen Stratton, Laura Villareal, Amy Litzinger, Susan Nichols, Teresa Bronsky, JoAnn Wofford, Shemica S. Allen, April Estrada, Barbie Ezell

**CAC Absentees:** Jana McKelvey, Rachel Dreiling, RayTijerina

**Texas Education Agency:** Keith Swink, Justin Porter, Tebbi Bowman, Tammy Pearcy, Brittany Brettschneider

**9:02 Welcome and Opening-Jen Stratton, CAC Chair**

Quorum was reached at 9:02, Jen Stratton opened the meeting and reviewed meeting guidelines, and agenda for the day. Quorum was present.

* Introduction of new members and current members.

**9:05 Presentation by Justin Porter TEA, State Director of Special Education**

Update on the letter from USDOE: OSEP corrective action.

* Dyslexia Handbook, primary update was the pathway to detection. The most updated handbook is on the TEA website.
  + <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/texas-dyslexia-handbook-2021.pdf>
* Legislative Commission for Special Education Funding – Planning is taking place and updates will be provided as progress is made.

**10:06 Presentation by Tammy Pearcy TEA and**

Part B FFY 2020-2025 SPP/APR Overview

* State Performance Plan changes in indicators for significant disproportionality

**10:26 Presentation by Tammy Pearcy, TEA and Brittany Brettschneider, TEA**

Review Proposed Rule Item changes to the following

* §89.1040. Eligibility Criteria.
* §89.1050. The Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee.
* §89.1053. Procedures for Use of Restraint and Time-Out.
* §89.1055. Content of the Individualized Education Program.
* §89.1151. Special Education Due Process Hearings.
  + <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/laws-and-rules/commissioner-rules-tac/proposed-commissioner-of-education-rules>
  + <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/pdf/backview/0211/0211prop.pdf>
  + The public comments period is from February 11th through March 14th. Persons or groups interested in commenting may provide comments to the email address: SpecialEducation@tea.texas.gov and/or may attend the public hearings to comment or to listen to public comments made at the public hearings.
  + The public hearings for these proposed changes are on February 22nd and February 24th. Sign in for the public hearings is between 8:30AM and 9:00AM, and the public hearings begin at 9:00AM. Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81759278198.

**10:45 Officer Elections**

* **Chair:** Jen Stratton
* **Vice Chair:** Amy Litzinger
* **Secretary:** Agatha Thibodeaux

**10:56 Public Comment**

Steven Aleman – **with Disability Rights Texas**

* Steven addresses abuse of students with disabilities in the classroom.
  + <https://www.disabilityrightstx.org/en/press_release/restraint-texas-students/>

**11:07 Discuss Possible Topics for the CAC’s Next Legislative Report**

* Formation of subcommittees to address COVID-19 Response and Behavior Response in schools.
* Addressing the Mental Wellness of Staff and Students.

**11:27** **Discuss Possible Future Meeting Dates and Take Possible Action on Current and Future Topics**

* April 20, 2022 or April 27, 2022 for a hybrid meeting with those that are able, being asked to come in person.
* July 13, 2022 or July 20, 2022 for a hybrid meeting with those that are able being asked to come in person.
* October 3, 2022 or October 17, 2022 for a hybrid meeting with those that are able being asked to come in person.

**11:56** **Approve Minutes**

Minutes were approved. Amy Litzinger moved to approve the minutes. Jen Stratton seconded the motion.

**11:57 Motion to Adjourn**

Teresa Bronsky made a motion to adjourn. Barbie Ezell seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:57.