

August 2, 2017, Continuing Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting - Minutes
Region 13 Education Service Center | Canyon of the Eagles
5701 Springdale Rd., Austin, TX 78723
9:30 am – 3:30 pm

CAC Attendees: Jana Burns, Vickie Mitchell, Nagla Moussa, Laurie Rodriguez
CAC Absentees: Julia Erwin, Robin Lock, Erin Wilder, Myeshi Williams-Briley
Texas Education Agency (TEA) Resources: Gene Lenz, Michelle Rosales, Heather Reisman, Keith Swink, Tammy Percy, Justin Porter
(TEA) Resources: Amy Kilpatrick, Steven Prater

Welcome and Opening – Vickie Mitchell

Ms. Vickie Mitchell welcomed participants. Everyone introduced themselves. Ms. Mitchell shared information about the vacant positions and backlog of appointments in Texas. Currently there are eight active individuals on the committee. Mr. Keith Swink explained that since the current number of members is eight and since four are in attendance, then we have a quorum for today's meeting in accordance with current bylaws.

Public Comments – Vickie Mitchell

Three speakers provided public comment to the CAC.

TWC Update – Erin Wilder

Ms. Erin Wilder was unable to attend. Ms. Mitchell shared comments from Ms. Wilder.

- Summer earn and learn program – VR and workforce boards across the state
 - Paid work is 5-8 weeks over the summer
 - 1,500 students placed
 - Average pay \$8 - \$8.50

SPP / Disproportionality / OSEP Letter –Tammy Percy

Ms. Tammy Percy updated the committee on the state's requirements to implement the amended federal regulations pertaining to significant disproportionality calculation and methodology by July 1, 2018. Discussion and questions focused on state flexibility for setting thresholds, timelines for reporting to districts, and categories associated with the calculation for discipline placements.

Ms. Percy reported to the CAC on the State Performance Plan for FFY 2015 as provided to OSEP in spring 2017. A brief discussion was held on Indicator 17 which identifies a state selected focus area, identified measurable result, and systemic improvement plan and how the improvement strategies included in this indicator are being implemented in the state.

Additionally, Ms. Percy reported to the CAC on the progress for each of the additional 16 SPP indicators. Ms. Percy explained that once the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report is reviewed by OSEP, and other data points are collected, each state receives a determination rating and that Texas' determination rating for 2017 is at Needs Assistance.

Ms. Percy reported that the OSEP letter based on any findings from the onsite visit which occurred in early spring 2017 has not been received by TEA. TEA has no indication of when the letter might be received.

Bill Review –Gene Lenz, Keith Swink, Heather Reisman

Mr. Gene Lenz, Mr. Keith Swink, and Ms. Heather Reisman reviewed various bills that were passed by the Texas Legislature and signed by the Governor.

Business Meeting– Vickie Mitchell

Ms. Jana Burns discussed the new ESC/TEA Liaison positions. There were no questions about the Due Process Summaries, however Ms. Mitchell asked Ms. Reisman to clarify which Due Process hearing officers were SOA-vs-Admin offices. Ms. Mitchell discussed the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities. She said it looks at the employment opportunities for students with disabilities. She was interested in CAC providing input into their work and the need to connect with them in areas of preparing individuals with disabilities for employment. TEA discussed the charge of the CAC and how this relates to the duties of the committee. The committee reviewed the February 15, 2017 minutes. The minutes were approved after a motion from Ms. Rodriguez, seconded by Ms. Moussa and approved, unopposed, by all the committee members.

Closing for the Day Meeting ended at 3:25pm