

## **DRAFT PENDING COUNCIL APPROVAL**

### **SUMMARY**

**3/14/2025**

#### **Indiana State Advisory Council (SAC) on the Education of Children with Disabilities Online Virtual Meeting**

##### **Call to Order**

State Advisory Council Chair Kim Dodson called the meeting to order at **9:32** a.m. A quorum (eleven of twenty members) did not attend.

P	Kim Dodson	A	Donald Koors	P	Michelle Robinson
A	Bethany Ecklor	P	Jonathan Kraeszig	A	Tiffany Sanders
A	Paloma Garza	A	Kristi Linson	A	Christopher Stilwell
A	Dennis Heathfield	P	Dr. Dawn McGrath	A	Sarah Watson
P	Dr. Nancy Holsapple	P	Molly McGuire	P	Lucy Witte
P	Funmi Ige-Wright	A	Dr. Leah Nellis		
A	Aleesia Johnson	A	David Reed		

P- Present A-Absent

Invited Guests: Davis T. Moore, Mendi Colley

IDOE members: Ian Ragains Michelle Oja Maggie Hampton, Angie Vaughn, Brandon Myers Alyssa Christy

##### **Action Items**

- There was not a quorum at this meeting. No action items were reviewed during this meeting.

##### **Information Items**

- Dawn McGrath thanked Tony England for his service on the council.
- Ian Ragains shared a [Post School Outcomes Update](#) proposing updates to post school outcome surveying.
- Dr. Holsapple shared an update on staffing for the Office of Special Education. Today is Michelle Oja's last day, Taylor Ellison has also resigned. Currently there are 3 monitoring specialists, 3 technical assistance specialists, and 2 data specialists. The goal is to post positions as soon as possible.
- Dr. Holsapple reported that IN did receive the Part B Fiscal Package and is working through the application. Will plan on receiving the same funding as last year until a determination is posted. SPP APR was submitted Feb 1.
- Dr. Holsapple shared updates on the DMS audit. OSE was monitored last August for almost 2 weeks. The team worked to have the report in 180 days. OSE has not received a response or indication of when we would receive one.

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- Dr. Holsapple shared updates on the RDA Dashboard updates. Brandon has been working with the data/IT team to get necessary information that is required to post the data to the RDA dashboard for LEAs to access. Once results are posted we will notify LEAs on the dashboard. At this point we are required to follow guidelines from USED OSEP monitoring guidance on how SEAs monitor LEAs. We must monitor every LEA within a 6 year period, That equates to about 70+ each year. We will start with desktop monitoring. Hopefully that will be starting in April.
- Dr. Holsapple shared updates about the Behavioral Grant: OSE released a competitive behavioral grant to the field. Over 160 applications came in. Recipients will be notified within the next two weeks. This grant is for 1 year, data will be gathered to share out with SAC.
- Dr. Holsapple shared information about ASELI, ASSET, and ISEAL. All 3 programs will continue
  - ISEAL has seen 700 completers to get a license. Over 1100 from the beginning to those currently enrolled.
  - ASSET partnership with ICASE has 200 participants each year. There is a 98% passing rate of those who enroll to take PRAXIS mild or moderate intervention.
  - ASELI: A great way to get more leaders in special education. There are over 300 vacancies.
- Michelle Oja shared the SEPAC [and Parent Survey update](#). As of 2/28 there were 6166 responses to the parent survey. 75.41% demonstrated positive parent involvement. Last year's overall response rate was 5.40%, currently at 3.09%
- Angie Vaughn and Brandon Myers shared information about [Significant Disproportionality](#) and proposed changes to the risk ratio threshold. There is a need for continued conversation on this topic during the next SAC meeting. OSE will meet with their OSEP lead to get feedback and then will create a summary to send out to the State Advisory Committee
- Brandon Myers shared information from the [Child Count](#) memo
- Alyssa Christy shared [Pyramid Model Implementation Updates](#)

### **Discussion Items**

- Legislation Updates: The session is still ongoing
  - Kim Dodson shared information about the Medicaid budget increase for ABA in 23-24. Gov. Braun signed an Executive Order that asked Dr. Jenner and FSSA to form a workgroup to look at ABA, develop best practices, look at data to determine a route forward with Medicaid paying for that service. It was not announced who is on the task force, but should begin meeting in April.
  - Kim Dodson also shared information about Senate Bill 408. Some employers in our state are not allowing parents to participate in CCC meetings without the risk of losing their job. This bill looks to excuse an absence from work to attend CCC. Limited to 1 per year, working to update language to include more CCCs as needed.

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- Kim Dodson shared information about HB 8025. One part would not allow a school to have a policy not allowing parents to record CCC meetings. Also allows parents to collect school belongings of students no longer enrolled before a school takes action (ex: student death)
- General Discussion on Current Events:
  - Dr. Holsapple informed the group that Indiana was given our Part B package, contacts are still available, staff turnover at OSEP level is still occurring.

### **Public Comments**

- Mendi Cooley shared the usefulness of the Arc's legislative update to prepare for today's meeting. Opportunity for public comment is also there. This update will occur every week during the legislative session and likely every week this year. Go to Arc, [public policy page](#) and sign up for alerts there.
- New IEP System and training information will be released emails from PowerSchool with different training opportunities for leadership and school users. Roll out will occur in July.

### **Next SAC Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, June 13**. Materials will be emailed to council members prior to the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:53 am .**