

SUMMARY
November 18, 2022 Meeting
Indiana State Advisory Council (SAC)
on the Education of Children with Disabilities
Online Virtual Meeting

<u>Council Members:</u>	<u>Present</u> <u>(Yes/No)</u>
Kim Dodson , The Arc of Indiana	Y
Bethany Ecklor , Division of Mental Health & Addiction, Indiana FSSA	N
Melaina Gant , Department of Child Services	Y
Paloma Garza , parent representative	N
Dennis Heathfield , Cummins, Inc.	N
Dr. Nancy Holsapple , Office of Special Education, Department of Education	Y
Theresa Koleszar , Division of Disability & Rehabilitation Services, Indiana FSSA	N
Funmi Ige-Wright , parent representative	Y
Aleesia Johnson , Indianapolis Public Schools	N
Donald Koors , Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	N
Kristi Linson , Children's Special Health Care Services, State Department of Health	N
Molly McGuire , parent representative	Y
Dr. John Nally , Department of Correction	Y
Dr. Leah Nellis , Indiana University-Kokomo	Y
Lesa Paddack , IN*Source	Y
Dr. George Van Horn , SAC Chair, Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation	Y
Sarah Watson , Archdiocese of Indianapolis	Y
Lucy Witte , Indiana School for the Deaf	N

Also Present:

Tracy Brunner, Department of Education; Paula LeMaster, Desirea Island, Katherine Barrow, and Alicia Cooper

Call to Order

Council Chair Dr. George Van Horn called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. ET. A quorum (ten of nineteen members) attended. Dr. Van Horn announced that he will step down from the Council at the end of the year when his term expires and a new Chair will be appointed by the Secretary of Education. He noted that, in emails from the Education and Workforce agencies, Council members should have received and be prepared to discuss the document entitled HB 1313 Status Report – November.

Action Items

Sarah Watson moved to approve the September meeting summary. Melaina Gant seconded. The motion passed.

Information Items

1. Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) Updates

State Director of Special Education Dr. Nancy J. Holsapple referred members to the written Dispute Resolution update included with the March meeting materials, which was prepared by IDOE Complaint Investigator Patrick Rhodes, J.D., who was unable to present it in person due to a mediator training scheduling conflict. Nancy noted that the update summarizes Indiana's most recent Complaints, Hearings and Mediations data along with related contextual information, such as common issues and filing trends. She also pointed out that the written update identifies IDOE Dispute Resolution Team contact information for questions as well as a link to search redacted decisions that are available online in the ICHAMP system.

Nancy then shared that the IDOE Office of Special Education (OSE) plans to release local educational agencies' (LEAs') 2022 Results Driven Accountability (RDA) Determinations through the LINK Portal. She explained that guidance would be shared with LEAs prior to this release and identified OSE staff who could send a link if requested by any members who would like more details. She moved on to update the Council on how many participants have taken advantage of Aspiring Special Educator Leadership Institute (ASELI), Indiana Special Education Assisted Licensure (I-SEAL), and Aspiring Statewide Special Education Teacher (ASSET) programs recently initiated to help Indiana schools address the special education personnel shortage crisis. In addition to updates on these initiatives, Nancy provided information and contacts for questions about Indiana's approved, first-ever in the nation, Registered Apprenticeship Program in Special Education and the State's 16 approved Transition to Teaching Programs. She concluded by sharing information about the recently announced opportunity for qualified community stakeholders to participate in Indiana Academic Standards Reduction and Prioritization Committees in the spring of 2023, noting that Council members received a link to the flier explaining how to get additional information and complete an application to be considered for participation in this effort.

Discussion Items

1. Hoosier Workforce Resources Update

Council Chair Dr. George Van Horn summarized highlights of data provided by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development regarding its outreach to former students with disabilities, per the requirements of 2022 state legislation (House Enrolled Act 1313). Then he asked Council member Kim Dodson to lead discussion about the work of the SAC's Hoosier Workforce Resources subcommittee.

Kim Dodson thanked everyone who volunteered to assist with this task and gave an overview of the subcommittee's work to update the list of Hoosier Workforce Resources that the Workforce Development and Education agencies are required to post on their websites annually. The list is compiled and made publicly available to assist individuals with disabilities

with pursuing their post-secondary educational and career goals. Kim welcomed questions and comments from members. Following discussion Melaina Gant moved to approve the updated list; Lesa Paddack seconded; and the motion passed.

2. Council Member Reports and Concerns

Members did not offer any additional reports or note concerns for the Council to discuss following review and approval of the updated Hoosier Workforce Resources list.

Public Comments

The Chair acknowledged the following guests who attended the meeting and offered them an opportunity to comment: Desirea Island and Katherine Barrow from the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, Paula LeMaster, Safe In Home, and Alicia Cooper.

Next SAC Meeting Date

The Chair noted the council's next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2023.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. ET.