



Education Dispute Resolution Working Group

Education Dispute Resolution Working Group Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2019 at 1:00PM EST

Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 29

302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

EDR Members Present: Dr. Balsley; Mr. Boehner; Mr. Crishon; Ms. Dodson; Dr. Ernest; Ms. Long (Traci Tetrick served as proxy for Ms. Long); Mr. Mapes; Ms. Tanselle; Dr. Taylor; and Mr. Rhodes.

EDR Members Absent: Ms. Wetherald

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Agenda

- A. The agenda was approved by a voice vote
 - i. Moved by Dr. Balsley, seconded by Mr. Boehner.

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. The EDR Working Group Meeting minutes were approved by a voice vote
 - i. Moved by Ms. Tanselle, seconded by Ms. Dodson.

V. EDR Working Group Chair & Member Comments

- A. Dr. Ernest noted his appreciation from everyone for all of their hard work and feedback concerning the draft recommendations.
- B. Ms. Tanselle noted that there are some additional materials that were provided in the member binders from a parent attorney offering thoughts on some of the topics the working group has been discussing.

VI. Public Comment (3 minutes per individual—total 30 minutes)

- A. Patty LeSueur—offered her experience as a parent with a student with special needs. Related her experiences prior and after she became responsible for a child with special needs and how it changed her perspective.
- B. Erin Moon-Walker—provided comments regarding the topics the working group have been discussing, offering counter points to some of the points addressed by some of the prior presenters.
- C. Stephanie Slone—parent of a special needs student. Offered an overview of her experiences raising a child from early education to college. Believes that the IHOs would appreciate additional training/resources.

VII. Discussion Items



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A. Recap Recommendations from Prior EDR Working Group Meetings

B. EDR Working Group Review of Draft Recommendations

- i. The working group reviewed the draft recommendations on an individual basis. The primary revisions included the following:
 - a. Draft recommendation 1, concerning the state potentially contracting with a service provider to assist with implementing low cost dispute resolution ideas, was removed per the group's discussion.
 - b. Draft recommendation 4, concerning data reporting was revised to be included in the survey program recommendation, while also using the survey data to focus dispute resolution resources
 - c. After discussion, a new recommendation regarding facilitated resolution meetings was added.
 - d. Draft recommendation 8, concerning the hearing officer strike system was deleted at the request of the working group.
 - e. Numerous other edits were requested regarding the draft recommendation language.

C. Other Matters

VIII. Next Steps

A. October 22nd, 2019 Meeting—discussion topics

- i. EDR working group staff explained that a revised draft of the recommendations would be provided to the group the following week, and that member feedback on the updated draft should be provided the week of the 14th.

B. EDR

IX. Adjournment