



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2020

I. Call to Order

Eileen Brandt called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Members Present:

Maha Jaber Crestwood	Jennifer Seal Garden City	Heather Stefan Grosse Ile	Helena Stephenson Harper Woods
Crystal Upshaw Lincoln Park	Eileen Brandt Livonia	Kara Clarke Livonia	Michelle DeJesus Melvindale-NAP
Barb Wilson Plymouth/Canton	Carol Matthews Riverview	Jacqueline Dalzell Romulus	Michelle Muse-Worthy Southgate
Celestine Tarver Taylor	Philip Czernik Trenton	Jennifer Padgett Woodhaven/Brownstown	Victoria Martinez Wyandotte
Sarah Groeneveld Achieve Charter	Samara Wolf Quest Charter Acad.		

Members on Phone:

Maria Quint (Grosse Pointe), Linda MacClinton (Redford), Jim Michalik (Canton Charter Academy), Joann Goree (Detroit)

Members Excused:

Khalilah Montgomery (Redford Union), Iesha Brassel (Dearborn Heights #7), Lori Huntington (Westwood)

Guests Present:

Linda Junod, parent from Gibraltar
Anisha Noel, DPSCD
Te’Niece Dixon, GVSU
Darlene Heard-Thomas, The Arc of Western Wayne
Julianna Molnar, LPS

RESA Representatives: Larry Stemple Regina Baker

Dates to Remember	
Next Meeting March 12, 2020	
Appreciation Nominations Due March 12, 2020	

II. Approval of Agenda

A copy of the meeting agenda was emailed and posted to the website to members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Maha Jaber and seconded by Celestine Tarver to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by majority of members present. No objections were made.

Objections: None

III. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the January 9, 2020 minutes was emailed and posted to the website to members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Jennifer Seal and seconded by Celestine Tarver to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: None

IV. Presentation: Self-Determination Presentation by Elizabeth Janks, LMSW from Developmental Disability Institute (DDI) out of Wayne State University (<https://ddi.wayne.edu>). Elizabeth Janks can be reached at ab3707@wayne.edu or ddi.wayne.edu

The Michigan Development Disabilities Institute (MI-DDI) has a Michigan Older Caregivers of Emerging Adults with Autism and other Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (MI-OCEAN) Caregiver support targeted for aging caregivers (55+) of adults with neurodevelopmental disabilities. Contact Elizabeth Janks @ 313.577.6368 or e.janks@wayne.edu

Started the presentation with a Video from the Possibilities Series where Alex, The “Self-Determinator,” explains to the watcher how important it is to be in control of your own destiny and setting your own goals

Self Determination is a process that puts people in control of their own life and decide on their services and money usage (Individual Budget). This is where the individual decides what is important: 1. They control their funds / money and 2. They decide how to spend their money

5 Principals of Self-Determination are Freedom, Authority, Support, Responsibility, and Confirmation

- Freedom is defining what is important and being able to make their own decisions
- Authority covers supports money and other decisions that affect one’s life
- Support is the process of understanding and determining the supports needed (who, circle of support, not confined by services, hiring and managing services)
- Responsibility is the exercise to decide on suitable service providers
- Confirmation is realizing the importance of self-advocacy

Self-Advocates of Michigan (SAM) is a program someone can join after they turn 16 that provides tools to teach self-advocacy (https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941_4868_4897-300508--,00.html)

Person Centered Planning defined as a roadmap to help an individual achieve their goals, empowers the individual to make their own decisions, and puts the focus on building on the individual's dreams, gifts, talents and resources.

Video from actual people on what self-determination means to them

Closed Presentation with Q&A

V. RESA Reports

Larry & Regina provided an update on Monitoring and General Supervision & Accountability. With more accountability moving to the regional educational agencies rather than on the state of Michigan Department of Special Education. This will eventually be implemented across Michigan however Wayne County is the pilot and part of what they are calling Cohort zero. Wayne County has 133 local school agencies and public academies and the county plan includes meeting with all of them to understand their plans and how they are implemented across the 8 components monitored and measured.

The 8 Components monitor and measured are:

1. State Performance Plan, including the State Systemic Improvement Plan
2. Data on Results and Process
3. Integrated Monitoring Activities
4. Policies, Procedures and Effective Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices
5. Professional Learning and Development and Technical Assistance
6. Fiscal Management and Accountability
7. Effective Dispute Resolution
8. Improvement, Correction, Incentives, and Sanctions

Data that is reported by district on the performance indicators are used

(https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/PartBC_IndicatorDescriptions_550415_7.pdf)

VI. Chairperson Report –

Watch your email for a survey regarding teacher certification, survey will come via the ListServ and is due next week. Statewide Autism Resources and Training (START) is losing (2) employees, one to a new role outside of START and another to retirement. Flyer on upcoming START conference was shared.

VII. Vice Chairperson Report-

Updated rosters effective March 1st. Remember rosters are for current WCPAC members only, you are able to contact WCPAC members and ask them to reach out to whoever is looking for information or you can contact fellow WCPAC members to assist you. New member packets are available from Kara.

VIII. Secretary Report If you need business cards, either as a new member or just need more, see Samara or Jenn for the form. Remember to sign in for attendance, minutes and for mileage reimbursement at the end of the year.

IX. **Treasurer Report-** The balance is \$2,451.30

X. **Subcommittee Reports**

Nominations / Elections: Need someone to volunteer for this committee

Legislative (HB are state, HR are Federal) provided by Eileen

- HB 4516: Accessible image change still with legislation (wheelchair is more dynamic)
- HB 4813 tax credit when retro fitting or building a home that is accessible. Should be voted on this session (Caped at \$1m for the entire state of Michigan)
- HB4718 use of chemical restraint for a person with a disability
- HB 4910 – 4911 to crack down on fake emotional support animals including ensuring proper documentation by doctors
- HR 555 / S117 mandated waiting list for community independence would be eliminated
- HR 1529 would not reduce SSI if 2 people receiving SSI were to get married
- HR 4280 would increase assets able to have for those receiving SSI from \$2k to \$10k per individual (\$20k per couple)
- HR 4882 community safety act would provide money to first responders with training to respond to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (not clear though if the money is new money or if it would be pulled from another fund currently serving that community)

Parent Handbook: information is with RESA and they have provided some ideas including website updates for the RESA site. Eileen is also in the process of reviewing with RESA.

Special Recognition: Form and instructions came out last week on the ListServ. If you need it again reach out to Larry. Recognition Nominations are due by next month's meeting. The meeting where the recognitions are given is on April 15th, guests and WCPAC Members are asked to arrive by 8:15am.

XI. **Member Reports**

None

XII. **Public Comments / Reports**

None

XIII. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned A motion was made by Victoria Martinez and seconded by Michelle Muse-Worthy to adjourn the meeting at 8:17p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:30pm at Wayne RESA in the Boyds Arthur's Auditorium.