



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES
 May 14, 2020

Call to Order

Eileen Brandt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Members Present: Virtual Meeting- A roll call performed by Jenn Padgett

Eilia Syed Dearborn	Joann Goree Detroit	Sharon Woodson Ecorse	Jennifer Seal Garden City
Heather Stefan Grosse Ile	Maria Quint Grosse Pointe	Crystal Upshaw Lincoln Park	Eileen Brandt Livonia
Kara Clarke Livonia	Michelle DeJesus Melvindale/N. Allen Park	Maria Warmuth Northville	Linda MacClinton Redford Union
Khaliliah Montgomery Redford Union	Carol Matthews Riverview	Michelle Muse-Worthy Southgate	Celestine Tarver Taylor
Philip Czernik Trenton	Jennifer Padgett Woodhaven/Brownstown	Priscilla Grossenheider- Albano Woodhaven/Brownstown	Victoria Martinez Wyandotte
Sarah Groeneveld Achieve Charter Acad.	Jim Michalik Canton Charter Acad.	Samara Wolf Quest Charter Acad.	

Members on Phone: N/A

Members Excused: Jacqueline Dalzell

Guests Present: Sharene Nathan, Linda Junod, Theresa Beard, Darlene Heard

RESA Representatives: Karen Howey Larry Stemple Regina Baker

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I. 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 Maria Quint and seconded by Linda MacClinton to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by majority of members present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

II. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the April 16, 2020 minutes was mailed 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 Joanne Goree to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

III. Presentation:

Eileen asked everyone if there were any objections to the meeting being recorded for the soul purpose of minutes. No objections were made and all agreed by saying "I".

There was really no official presentation however, Eileen put together a power point with a list of the top 11 things Parents NEED to know. Here is the list.

- 1) Parents CAN choose to delay an IEP/504 meeting during this time. RESA is reinforcing this with all districts. If you encounter a problem with your school it is because that means they will be out of compliance. At this time it just it what it is the school will just need to do their part on documenting this is because of COVID.
- 2) Parents CAN do a virtual or phone meeting IF a face to face is NOT needed to observe additional services needed.
- 3) Parents CAN request printed materials to supplement/enhance virtual (online) teaching.
- 4) Parents CAN utilize office hours and/or other times of the week to have teachers work directly w/ their student.
- 5) Parents CAN request additional activities/work for student. This is per guidelines set forth by MDE.
- 6) Parents CAN request less activities/work for student. This also is per MDE guidelines.
- 7) Parents CAN request mediation, facilitated meetings, file complaints, file due process, etc. during this time.
- 8) Parents CAN participate in extra curricular & other non-academic activities. i.e: Twitter, Facebook, etc.
- 9) Parents CAN request technical assistance/instruction in accessing virtual lessons, materials, classrooms (such as google classroom).
- 10) Parents CAN agree to a delayed time frame for evaluations. Flexibility is needed on both sides.
- 11) Parents NEED to document, document, document! The burden of proof lies with the parent. You can keep a notebook, do video recordings, take screenshots or all of the above.

IV. Chairperson Report –

Eileen reported that Governor Whitmer is at 84 executive orders as of the meeting.

V. Vice Chairperson Report-

Kara just wanted to say hi and she's glad to see everyone.

- VI. Secretary Report** If you need business cards either because you are new or just need new ones please contact Samara Wolf or Jennifer Padgett so they can gather the necessary information for RESA. Even though we are not meeting in person please make sure you sign in at each meeting not just for minute purposes but also for year end mileage reimbursement. If it's a virtual meeting please make sure a member of the board knows you are there so you can be accounted for.

Per Larry- keep an eye out for reimbursement forms for the 2019-2020 school year. Remember the reimbursement is obviously for physical meetings only, not virtual ones.

- VII. Treasurer Report** The account balance remains at \$2,451.30

VIII. Membership/Public Relations Subcommittee

IX. Subcommittee Reports

Nominations/Elections Committee –

The nominations for the executive board are as follows:

Chairperson – Kara Clarke (Livonia)

Vice Chairperson – Jennifer Seal (Garden City)

Secretary – Samara Wolf (Quest Charter Acad.) & Jennifer Padgett (Woodhaven/Brownstown)

Treasurer – Linda MacClinton (Redford Union)

These were the final selection a motion was made by Carol Matthews and seconded by Joanne Goree to accept the nominations. Motion passed with no discussion or objections. This will be the new executive board effective July 1, 2020.

Each member of the board said hello and said a few words at the end of the meeting to let everyone know they are excited and ready to serve.

X. RESA Reports –

Karen Howey-

Districts are required to document what services are being offered and what work is being completed.

What if a child doesn't meet their IEP goals this year – Karen answered they are waiting to hear more from MDE – AKA she doesn't have an answer at this moment.

What if your child is struggling or not participating/failing – You have a basis to fight that determination.

For OT,PT and Speech – These services are supposed to be being offered via virtual learning. However, some are concerned about losing their licenses, so it has now been determined they will not have consequences by providing services in this manner.

Regarding focus groups – 1) These groups helped with getting services approved for virtual meetings. 2) ASD meetings are being held virtually – a list-serv email

will be sent regarding how to participate. 3) Your child has to have access to instruction, if they do not contact your Special Education Director.

Regarding summer programs – There has been no guidance as to how to prepare and no dates have been given. They are moving forward with the information at hand so keep an eye out for information to come.

Question was asked how are parapro's being utilized – Each building has a different plan. If you feel this is something you need access to use your chain of command to accomplish the desired outcome. (See the end of these minutes for proper chain of command)

If you feel your buildings contingent plan is not being followed – Again follow the chain of command to discuss a desirable outcome.

Extended school year – This will be based on each individual student.

Larry- RESA will be contacting directors for those members whose terms are expiring as of June 30, 2020. If you know your term is expiring then please feel free to contact your director and have them contact Larry or Regina at RESA.

Important Information:

- A) A continuity plan is : This is the mandated process for each district
- B) A contingency plan is: This is a recommended plan but is not mandatory

Chain of command sequence:

- A) Teacher B) Case Manager C) Special Education Coordinator D) Special Education Director
- E) Superintendent

If you need help with mediation you can contact:

Special Education Mediation Services at: 833-543-7178 or www.Mikids1st.org or you can contact Beth Kohler with SEMS at beth.kohler@Mikids1st.org

XI. Member Reports

Eileen – Autism 1 conference that normally takes place in Chicago is doing a free virtual conference this year. Please see list-serv for the email with a link if you are interested. FYI – this email has already been sent. If you did not receive please contact Eileen.

Someone asked how to become a member – You need to talk to your Special Education Director, once they approve your nomination they then send over paperwork to RESA for their approval, then you are good to go.

Helpful Notes:

- [Bills are introduced in either house of the legislature](#) (Senate or the House)
- SB are state level bills introduced by the Senate and filed with the Secretary of the Senate
 - Find your State Representative [HERE](#)
- HB are state level bills introduced by the House and filed with the Clerk of the House
 - Find your State Representative [HERE](#)
- HR are federal level bills introduced into the house at the federal level. Want to know who your representative is click [HERE](#)
- Want to be notified when bills are being worked that are in areas of interest to you? Create a free profile and manage your notification preference here: <https://www.michiganvotes.org/>
- Updates since last report show **highlighted in yellow**

Bill #	Bill Name / Summary	Status	Link to Bill
HB4516	Symbol of Accessibility: Change the image of the handicap symbol to something that implies action rather than stillness and will remove the word handicap and replace it with reserved	Passed in the house back in Oct 2019 and out of Senate Committee. Now will full senate and on the senate calendar (#49). No New Update since last report	Link to HB 4516
HB4813	Tax credit Home Modification: tax credit when retro fitting or building a home that is accessible. (Caped at \$1m for the entire state of MI). Includes the house of a relative. Companion Bill in the Senate is SB0421	Referred to committee on Tax Policy in July 2019. Letter of information sent to full house. Should be voted on this session. No New Update since last report	Link to HB 4813
HB4718	Bill to limit the use of chemical restraint on patients receiving mental health services.	Still with committee on Health Policy in June 2019. No New Update since last report	Link to HB 4718
HB4910/HB4811	A bill to regulate the prescription of physiological support animals (PSA) by health care providers and requests for reasonable accommodation for emotional support animals in housing; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; and to prescribe penalties. Companion Bills in the Senate are SB0608, SB0609, and SB0610	Substitute bill recommended and sent with referral and 2 nd reading on 3/3/2020. Now with the full house under 2 nd reading. Passed in the house and sent to committee on regulatory reform on 3/17/2020	Link to HB 4910
HR555	To prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes. The bill requires the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to issue regulations requiring government entities and insurance providers to offer community-based long-term services to individuals with such disabilities who would otherwise qualify for institutional placement. Government entities must ensure sufficient availability of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing that is not a disability-specific residential setting or a setting where services are tied to tenancy. Companion Senate Bill is SB0117	Introduced to the house in January 2019, Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties in February 2019. No New Update since last report	Link to HR 555
HR1529	Purpose is to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to provide that the supplemental security income benefits of adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities shall not be reduced by reason of marriage.	Introduced to the house in March 2019, referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support on 3/5/19 and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 3/5/19. No New Update since last report	Link to HR 1529
HR4280	To amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes	Introduced into the house in Sept 2019, referred to both the House Committee on Ways and Means and Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support on 9/11/19. No New Update since last report	Link to HR 4280
HR4882	To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to provide training to improve police responses for people with mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities, to increase the authorization of appropriations for mental health awareness training grants, and for other purpose	Introduced into the house in October 2019, referred to several committees with the latest one being Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security in Dec 2019. No New Update since last report	Link to HR 4882
SB600	Bill to amend the revised school code as it relates to Michigan merit curriculum and graduation requirements	Introduced in Oct 2019, referred to committee of the whole with substitutes and amendments on 12/4/2019. No New Update since last report	Link to SB 600
SB0657	Revised School Code Updates as it relates to requirements for professional and alternative teaching certificates and the process	Introduced in Nov 19, referred to Education and Career Readiness committee in Nov 19, passed through several committees, and is now with the committee on education as of 3/5/2020. No	Link to SB 0657

Recent Executive Orders

Issue	Executive Order	Summary
RE: Support person being allowed to be present in hospital	EO2020-37 and ADA	Guidelines in EO2020-37, and there are also protections for providing reasonable accommodations under the ADA. It's also possible to write support into a person-centered plan and enforce that through CMH/fair hearing process or recipient rights process.
RE: discrimination in rationing of life-saving treatment in Michigan.	EO2020-64	EO 2020-64 deals with the issue raised regarding discrimination in the rationing of life-saving treatment in Michigan. Prohibit discrimination based on disability, race, gender, perceived quality of life for life-saving equipment/procedures. We had policies that were not as bad as Alabama's but did have the effect of excluding people with disabilities from consideration for rationed life-saving treatment. A coalition of advocates including the DD Council sent letters to the Governor and they responded with a pretty good policy. Alabama withdrew its policy after advocates in that state filed a civil rights complaint with the federal Office for Civil Rights.
	EO2020-37 and EO 2020-72	EO 2020-37 has been superseded by EO 2020-72. The terms are similar.
Enhanced protections for residents and staff of long-term care facilities during COVID-19 pandemic.	EO2020-50	Prevents person from being kicked out of long-term facility and guarantees re-admittance to long-term facility if they have to leave to go to healthcare facility due to COVID-19. It doesn't alleviate the responsibility to pay for the resident. Tele-medicine use re: person in long-term care facility (nursing home, foster care, amc homes)
SE MI--large percentage of people with COVID-19	EO2020-55	Coronavirus task force for racial disparities (24 members of task force).
Direct Support Professionals: Medicaid Waiver	Medicaid Waiver	Direct Support Professionals get temporary \$2/hour raise during COVID-19 Pandemic.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Maria Warmuth and seconded by Carol Matthews to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 6:30pm Virtual (at Wayne RESA in the Boyds Arthur's Auditorium.)