



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2022

Call to Order

Kara Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., the quorum was met.

Members Present: Virtual Meeting- A roll call performed by Samara Wolf.

Maha Jaber Crestwood	Iesha Brassell Deaborn Hts #7	Joann Goree Detroit	Sharene Nathan Detroit
Jennifer Seal Garden City	Rosalind Pope Grosse Pointe	Crystle Upshaw Lincoln Park	Kara Clarke Livonia
Michelle DeJesus Melvindale/NAP	Clare Brick Northville	James Michalik Plymouth/Canton	Tracee Winston South Redford
Michelle Muse-Worthy Southgate	Priscilla Grossenheider- Albano Woodhaven/Brownstown	Jennifer Stout Achieve Charter	Samara Wolf Taylor Prep

Members Excused: Tenisha Williams, Maria Warmuth

Guests Present: Frank Vaca, Mary Shehan, Capri Martinez, Beth Kohler

RESA Representatives: Vita Lusk & Celeste Johnson

Dates to Remember

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<i>Next Meeting on January 12, 2023</i>	<i>Life Planning for Families with Children with Special Needs</i>

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 Samara Wolf and seconded by Jim Michalik to accept the agenda. Motion supported by majority present.
No objections were made.

II. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the November 10, 2022 minutes was emailed to members and posted to the website in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Samara Wolf and seconded by Jennifer Seal to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

III. Presentation

Sexuality and Reproductive Health for People with Disabilities

Frank Vaca with Michigan Disability Rights Coalition

fvaca@MYMDRC.org

Mary Shehan with Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council

shehanboogaardm@michigan.gov

Please see attached for a copy of the presentation and resources that were shared by Frank and Mary.

IV. Chairperson Report

Seclusion and restraints are back in the news. There was an article in the FREEP on 11/29 that stated over the last 5 school years, seclusion and restraint has been deployed almost 94,000 times.

And those are the numbers that have been reported.

Advocacy efforts for seclusion and restraints with the new legislature.

Since we have a new legislature beginning in January, as some say, we have 148 students that need an education.

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2022/11/29/whitmer-clear-michigan-can-improve-seclusion-and-restraint-laws/69682096007/>

If you are not aware, the Self Advocates of MI is a statewide organization that is led by leaders with developmental disabilities. It promotes the values of diversity, inclusion, equal rights along with the self-determination of individuals with disabilities and they respect the capabilities of people with disabilities. Self-Advocates of Michigan is guided by the principle of "Nothing About Us Without Us". This principle means no policy should be decided without direct participation of people whose lives will be affected by that policy or decision. Requirements: 18 and older and identify as a person with a developmental disability

<https://selfadvocatesofmi.org>

Registration is open for the MTSA conference which is being held in Lansing at the Lansing Center February 21-23, 2023. <https://www.michigantsa.org/conference/>

The Council for Exceptional Children is hosting its annual conference in Grand Rapids from March 1-3, 2023.

<https://web.cvent.com/event/e8fbcc94-2f44-4e0d-be57-f765b5ac33b7/summary>

V. Vice Chairperson Report

If you need a new member packet or need to update your contact information on the roster, please reach out to Samara Wolf.

VI. Secretary Report

If you need business cards, please contact Michelle Muse-Worthy. Business cards will be mailed directly to you once they are ready. As we continue to meet virtually, attendance will be done with a virtual roll call. Please listen during the roll call so attendance is properly recorded. If you do not hear your name during the roll call, please make sure that someone from the Executive Board knows that you are in attendance.

VII. Treasurer Report

The account balance is \$2,251.30.

VIII. Subcommittee Reports

Legislative Update-

It has been a very “lame duck” session. Nothing has been going on. The epilepsy and dyslexia bills do not look like they have a future at this time. It is possible the Senate and House could surprise us. And if they do not, then these bills will have to start over in January.

IX. RESA Reports

Celeste -

December 15, 2022 is the director coordinator council meeting and they will be celebrating and highlighting some of the transition and work skills programs throughout the county. Western Wayne Skills Center from Livonia, Berger Transition Center from Garden City, Jo Brighton from Wyandotte and Mixter which is from Lincoln Park are the programs that will be highlighted. Students and staff from these programs will be available and set up in the atrium with their products to advertise and sell. They expect approximately 150 participants.

X. Member Reports

Ilesha Brassell shared that she attended the Special Education Summit with Pete Wright in collaboration with the Autism Alliance of Michigan and MiPAAC. The conference was a breath of fresh air full of so much information from Pete Wright and MiPAAC. Participants received Pete Wright's From Emotions to Advocacy book, Special Education Law book, and All About IEPs book. Along with some neat pens and great resources. Highly recommend reading Emotions to Advocacy. Another takeaway was that there are both, for-profit and nonprofit charter schools.

Kara Clarke also attended the conference and agreed with Ilesha, there was a ton of great information. One of her big takeaways was a better understanding of mapping the bell curve.

Resources:

Yellow Pages for Kids - <https://www.yellowpagesforkids.com>

COPAA - <https://www.copaa.org>

SEMS - <https://www.mikids1st.org>

XI. Public Comment

None.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Samara Wolf and seconded by Michelle Muse-Worthy to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12 2023, at 6:30pm, via Zoom.