



State Advisory Panel

For Special Education

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AGENDA

State Advisory Panel Meeting

September 29-30, 2016

Macon Marriott, Macon, Georgia

September 29, 2016 – Magnolia A&B

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9:30 am – 10:00 am	Welcome Panel Member Introduction	<p>Pam Hunter Dempsey, Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members and presenter, John Copenhaver from Utah State University.</p> <p><u>The following members were present:</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Stephanie Alexander</td> <td>Jeffrey Allen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rita Barnes</td> <td>Constance Barnes-Watson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christinia Brown</td> <td>Elizabeth (Beth) Burns</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joya Carter-Hicks</td> <td>Michelle Constantinides</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kristi Cox</td> <td>Deanna Cross</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steve Derr</td> <td>Alicia Gant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gloria Glass</td> <td>Juree Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Juliet Hardeman</td> <td>Pam Hunter Dempsey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leslie Lipson</td> <td>Jacquelyn (Angel) Little</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Susan Moody</td> <td>Annette Murphy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Denise Burrell</td> <td>Amy Peterson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jevondolyn Redmond</td> <td>Julia Rusert</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Patricia Sayeh</td> <td>Laura Shyman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paul West</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Stephanie Alexander	Jeffrey Allen	Rita Barnes	Constance Barnes-Watson	Christinia Brown	Elizabeth (Beth) Burns	Joya Carter-Hicks	Michelle Constantinides	Kristi Cox	Deanna Cross	Steve Derr	Alicia Gant	Gloria Glass	Juree Hall	Juliet Hardeman	Pam Hunter Dempsey	Leslie Lipson	Jacquelyn (Angel) Little	Susan Moody	Annette Murphy	Denise Burrell	Amy Peterson	Jevondolyn Redmond	Julia Rusert	Patricia Sayeh	Laura Shyman	Paul West	
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10:00 am – 12:30 pm	SAP Training and Overview	<p>John Copenhaver, Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) - Utah State University</p> <p><u>Overview – Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared PowerPoint on purpose of the State Advisory Panel and how to run an effective panel at the state level • Referenced to “People First Language” booklet of appropriate terminology to make references to students with disabilities • All students are general education students, special education are the supports and services in addition for eligible students • SAP committee discussed attendance – when is it 																												

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		<p>appropriate to select a designee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared opinion of that in a future reauthorization of IDEA, the possible addition of a secondary student or post-secondary student with a disability being added to the panel. • Small group discussions to create a list of priorities for the SAP committee 2016-2017 • Discussed ways to merge the advisory committees move into more discussion of the state SSIP ideas • Discussion of how to amend SAP by-laws • Discussion regarding SAP selecting only 3-4 priorities for the year due to the limited time for committee meetings • Panels have been around since 1975 • Discussion about open meetings’ law, annual report submission and SAP composition • General supervision for SAP falls under the state director for special education. • Discussion about procedures for guests during meetings
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	LUNCH (provided) Magnolia C&D	
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	GaDOE Updates	<p>Zelphine Smith-Dixon, State Director of Special Education Services & Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three state barriers for students with disabilities that directly impact graduation: (1) access to specifically designed instruction, (2) positive school climate, and (3) access to the general curriculum. • IDEA never intended for special education to replace general education but to support students with disabilities • Friday email blasts will feature a “Promising Practices Section.”
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	BREAK	
3:00 pm – 4:45 pm	GaDOE Updates	<p>Zelphine Smith-Dixon, State Director of Special Education Services & Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retention and recruitment are priorities for the state and local districts. • Approximately 100 districts participate in the Parent Mentor Partnership. • PBIS initiative is currently in approximately 100

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		<p>districts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational Rehabilitation transition practices are promising practices. • October is Dyslexia Awareness Month and National Disability Employment Month. Dyslexia is an “all students” issue, not just special education. • GNETS Updates - A public meeting was held. Additional information will be made available.
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Public Comment	<p>Public Comments will be limited to 5 minutes or less depending on the number of individuals signed up to provide comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no public comments. Two comments were submitted that did not meet the required deadline. Those public comments will be addressed during the next meeting. • Public comment can address SAP in person, email, and/or phone in during the session. A new option is an online survey. • SAP shared each group’s priority statements during the public comment time. Common themes: transition services post high school resources, parent/teacher training, mental health topics, services birth – age 5. DBHDD department will speak at a future meeting.
6:00 pm	DINNER (provided) Magnolia C&D	

September 30, 2016 – Magnolia A&B

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7:30 am – 8:30 am	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (provided) Magnolia C&D	
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Committee Meetings	All committees met
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Committee Reports	<p>Committees will report to panel on current activities and recommendations</p> <p><u>Dispute Resolution:</u> The committee review available information.</p> <p><u>Operating Procedures:</u> The committee addressed specific membership gaps and strategies to strengthen stakeholder engagement.</p> <p><u>Public Comment:</u> The committee addressed several areas such as potential webpage changes and formalized procedures to improve the</p>

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		<p>public comment process.</p> <p><u>Family Engagement:</u> The committee discussed additional engagement strategies and options to inform and engage different stakeholders.</p> <p><u>Membership:</u> The committee addressed several improvements to the application process such as having it translated into other languages.</p>
10:00 – 10:30	BREAK and CHECKOUT	
10:30– 11:45	Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA) Update	<p>Debbie Gay, Deputy Superintendent, Federal Programs GaDOE</p> <p>Debbie Gay provided an overview of ESSA and shared several questions that the panel responded to in workgroups.</p>
11:45 – 12:15	LUNCH (provided) Magnolia C&D	
12:15 – 1:00	Wrap Up	<p>Pamela Hunter Dempsey, Chair</p> <p>Next meeting will be held at the Marriott Macon City Center, December 1-2, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned.

Please note that the times listed above are approximate and may change except the public comment period. Every effort is made to begin the public comment at the appointed time. Pursuant to Panel Policies and Procedures, a full 30 minutes is always allowed even if the start has been delayed. Comment time is limited 5 minutes per speaker so that all have a chance to be heard. For individuals desiring to make comment via telephone conference call, comment time needs to be scheduled with the SAP Chair a minimum of 3 business days prior to the meeting.