# 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  
| Pam Hunter Dempsey, Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members and presenter, John Copenhaver from Utah State University.  
| **The following members were present:**  
| Stephanie Alexander  
| Rita Barnes  
| Christinia Brown  
| Joya Carter-Hicks  
| Kristi Cox  
| Steve Derr  
| Gloria Glass  
| Juliet Hardeman  
| Leslie Lipson  
| Susan Moody  
| Denise Burrell  
| Jevondolyn Redmond  
| Patricia Sayeh  
| Paul West  
| Jeffrey Allen  
| Constance Barnes-Watson  
| Elizabeth (Beth) Burns  
| Michelle Constantinides  
| Deanna Cross  
| Alicia Gant  
| Juree Hall  
| Pam Hunter Dempsey  
| Jacquelyn (Angel) Little  
| Annette Murphy  
| Amy Peterson  
| Julia Rusert  
| Laura Shyman  |

| 10:00 am – 12:30 pm | SAP Training and Overview  
| John Copenhaver, Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) - Utah State University  
| **Overview – Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing**  
| • 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  
<p>| • SAP committee discussed attendance – when is it |</p>
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| 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm | appropriate to select a designee  
|                  | - 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  |

**LUNCH (provided) Magnolia C&D**

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| 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | GaDOE Updates  
|                  | Zelpchine Smith-Dixon, State Director of Special Education Services & Supports  
|                  | - 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.”  |

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| 3:00 pm – 4:45 pm | GaDOE Updates  
|                  | Zelpchine Smith-Dixon, State Director of Special Education Services & Supports  
|                  | - Retention and recruitment are priorities for the state and local districts.  
|                  | - Approximately 100 districts participate in the Parent Mentor Partnership.  
<p>|                  | - PBIS initiative is currently in approximately 100  |</p>
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| 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm | **Public Comment** Public Comments will be limited to 5 minutes or less depending on the number of individuals signed up to provide comments.  
- 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**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
The committee discussed additional engagement strategies and options to inform and engage different stakeholders. **Family Engagement:**
The committee addressed several improvements to the application process such as having it translated into other languages. **Membership:**

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<td>10:30 – 11:45</td>
<td>Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA) Update</td>
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<td>Debbie Gay, Deputy Superintendent, Federal Programs GaDOE</td>
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<td>Debbie Gay provided an overview of ESSA and shared several questions that the panel responded to in workgroups.</td>
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<td>11:45 – 12:15</td>
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<td>12:15 – 1:00</td>
<td>Wrap Up</td>
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<td>Pamela Hunter Dempsey, Chair</td>
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<td>Next meeting will be held at the Marriott Macon City Center, December 1-2, 2016</td>
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<td>• The meeting was adjourned.</td>
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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.