



State Advisory Panel

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State Advisory Panel Meeting
March 13-14, 2014
Marriott Macon City Center

March 13, 2014 – Grand Salon

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1:00 – 1:15	Welcome Panel Member Introductions	<p>Meeting was opened by Steve Derr, Chair. Introductions were made by those in attendance.</p> <p><u>The following panel members were present:</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Scott Bales</td> <td>Candice Norris-Brown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Susan Brown</td> <td>Denise Burrell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steve Derr</td> <td>Morgan Felts</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Juree Hall</td> <td>Paul West</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pam Hunter Dempsey</td> <td>Kyle Berry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jacqueline Little</td> <td>Brian Mosley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mike Newton</td> <td>Danette Rogers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Laurie Smith</td> <td>Cathy Smith-Jackson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donnie Winokur</td> <td>Nancy Woods</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sue Riner</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Scott Bales	Candice Norris-Brown	Susan Brown	Denise Burrell	Steve Derr	Morgan Felts	Juree Hall	Paul West	Pam Hunter Dempsey	Kyle Berry	Jacqueline Little	Brian Mosley	Mike Newton	Danette Rogers	Laurie Smith	Cathy Smith-Jackson	Donnie Winokur	Nancy Woods	Sue Riner	
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1:15 – 2:30	SWD DATA Analysis Phase 1 (SSIP)	<p>Bonnie Dye, GaDOE</p> <p>Presented statewide data for students with disabilities to support Georgia’s data analysis for the upcoming Statewide Systemic Improvement Plan (Indicator 17) as proposed by Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The data analysis included information on reading performance, math performance, students with disability enrollment, LRE, etc.</p> <p>In addition to the data analysis, Bonnie Dye shared additional resources for data such as the GaDOE website and Governor’s Office of Student Achievement.</p> <p>GOSA.Georgia.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report card • Analytics • K-12 by year, school districts, school • Tabs show test instruments • Site provides downloadable data on the home page 																				

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2:30 – 2:45	BREAK	
2:45 – 4:00	Georgia’s State Systemic Improvement Plan	<p>Zelphine Smith-Dixon, GaDOE</p> <p>Zelphine Smith-Dixon followed up after Bonnie Dye’s presentation with an explanation of Indicator #17 SSIP. She explained that federal government had previously focused on compliance; however, the compliance focus didn’t improve outcomes for children. The SSIP is a three-phase process that would support Georgia to focus improvement on results.</p> <p>3 Phrase Plan – proposed SSIP by Phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Year 2013-2014 Phase 1 - data analysis, identify area of focus for improvement and analyze infrastructure - Year 2014-2015 Phase 2 – plan infrastructure level, support for districts in implementing evidence-based practices, and evaluation plan - Years 3-6 Phase 3 – evaluation, results of ongoing evaluation, and progress/revisions reported in SPP <p>After the SSIP overview, the SAP provided stakeholder feedback to address the following questions?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based on the review of data, what data trends do you see? What are the top three areas of concern regarding the performance outcomes for students with disabilities? 2. Are there concerns with areas of IDEA compliance that may be impacting improving student performance? 3. Are there other barriers that may be impacting improving student performance? 4. Identify critical partners that may be needed to impact change.
6:00 – 7:00	Dinner Magnolia CD	
7:00 – 8:00	Public Comment & DOE Updates	<p>There were no public comments.</p> <p>Deborah Gay provided updates from the Division of Special Education Services & Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing plan to provide technical assistance to schools to move from the GA alternate assessment to the standard assessment • PBIS 5 goal strategic plan available on the website. Georgia received recognition at the national level for their plan. • Spring conference, Athens Georgia; March 17-19, 2014 • IDEAS conference, St. Simons Georgia, June 3-6, 2014 • CEEDAR Project – GSU, GA Southern and Kennesaw State working together in teacher preparation in the area

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		of reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible changes coming to the focused monitoring process

March 14, 2014 – Grand Salon

Time	Events	
7:00 – 8:00	BREAKFAST (provided)	
8:00 – 9:00	Committee Meetings	All committees will meet and report out to the group <i>Operating Procedures:</i> - Committee reported that they will help get the word out via RESAs. Use Parent to Parent to help promote public comment. <i>Dispute Resolutions:</i> Committee reported 4 decisions for due process favoring the school system; 1) OT, 2) due process dismissed due to lack of parental involvement 3) location of service, and 4) reading methodology/services. There were 13 successful mediations <i>Public Comment:</i> Committee reported no public comment received. Juree sent out a great model for other SAP members. Suggested were made to reach out to professionals. <i>Family Engagement:</i> Committee reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Engagement Conference held in January 2014 was well attended with 1200 plus attendees • Chartering first hispanic PTA in Cherokee county • PTA held their annual day at the Capitol
9:00 – 10:00	Circles of Adults Focused on Education (CAFÉ)	Debbie Currere, GaDOE/SPDG. Georgia’s family engagement strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify parent leaders among the students who are being identified • Embed family engagement into the work of achievement • Collaborate; school/home/community State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nationally recognized initiative that utilized a data-driven intervention framework to successfully address barriers to graduation for students with disabilities in second cycle • Work rolled out in targeted schools • Targets parents of struggling students • CAFÉ’s are action groups • CARE’s in 3 districts – pilot program, Haralson county middle school
10:00 – 10:30	BREAK & CHECKOUT	

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10:30 – 11:30	Presentation	<p>Dr. H. Brian Ridley, Principal & Cheryl Benefield, Family Engagement Coordinator Haralson County Middle School Presentation on their CAFÉ program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented in 2011-2012 • Pilot under the GaDOE/SPDG • Included business, clergy, support agencies, community and parents • Recruited parents of students considered at-risk or from traditionally marginalized populations • Initiatives include HCMS face book, coming home tours, counselor road shows, twitter, support for GraduateFirst club
11:30 – 12:00	Topics of Interest and wrap-up	<p>Steve Derr, Chair Next meeting is May 8-9, 2014, Macon Marriott</p>

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 proposed 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.