



# WAPSD

Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities

**June 12, 2018, 9am**

**Welcome/Opening:** Anedra kicked off the meeting with a welcome & opened the floor for any public comment. We did not receive any public comment so we moved on to read the mission/vision statements and reviewed the March Minutes. We did not vote on these due to not having enough panel members in attendance.

**Kathy Escobedo Update:** Kathy gave a great update on the Early Intervention and Education Program. Her update included Part C Policies, their April EIC meeting summary, child outcomes reporting, contracts & professional development and the different agencies they have begun to collaborate with. Once her presentation was completed, there was time for a Q&A session. For more information, please see her handout that is also attached to the email.

**Presentation of Panel Priorities:** The panel priorities were pulled up and reviewed from the March 2018 meeting. Those are also attached to the email as well. Kathy reviewed the pre-school's group discussion from March, which included EIEP evaluation reports: phase 1 & 2. Overall, the sub-committee's recommendation is to create a stakeholder group to provide input. Rachel went over the data team's discussion, which included how their goal would be to look at state-wide data to see how SPED students are performing overall. They suggested that the panel could look at data and give suggestion on needs. Ann moved on to discuss transition, which they recommended using students who will actually use the services to get feedback. We also worked to put the names of those in each group back together. Right now, this is what we have:

Data: Erin, Julie, Jami & Rachel

Transition: Ammon, Christine, Brent, Hayley, Andrea, Ann, Cadence, Penny & Aleyta

Pre-School: Anedra, Kathy, Nikki, & Davey

Anedra suggested that we pick a priority for each upcoming meeting to discuss in-depth.

**Erin-PIC:** Erin passed out a handout on PIC, which went into their purpose and specific support that they have provided throughout the year (one-on-one calls/in-person conversations, IEP meetings, online resources, etc). Once she finished discussing the packet and taking questions, Erin discussed the Family Engagement contract that was recently signed to work with the WDE. This will kick off at WAVE.

**Break:** 9:55-10:10

**Jordan Brock (Dispute Resolution Update):** Jordan went through his presentation, which included different claims, mediations, state complaints and due process requests that he has helped with. In the email, I have included the due process decision that was discussed. One question that was asked was the main cause for any withdrawals, which was concluded to be through mediation. Jordan took quite a few questions, especially on the IEP facilitation process/training that the WDE is looking to work out. We are hoping to offer another IEP facilitation training in September, similar to the May one in Cheyenne, but in the Northern part of the state to reach another audience.



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**WDE Update with Anne-Marie:** Anne-Marie went through her presentation, which included an update on RDA and the Dyslexia Manual. RDA is still in the works. The Dyslexia manual is on Chief Shanor's desk and will hopefully be out in the fall. The WDE has a collaboration with the University of WY for Project ECHO. This will include the 5 tracts, but we will also be adding micro-credentialing in autism and behavior. This will be kicking off at WAVE. Determination letters have been sent off this year and we have cut the number of schools in the "needs intervention" category in half from the previous year. The accommodations guidebook has gone out. At the end of the update, Anne-Marie discussed, with the panel, the anonymous letters that have been sent in. Since they are anonymous, the letters are not publicly being responded to. Internally, they have created documents that respond to each claim. Please see the attached WDE update agenda as well.

**Conclusion:** For panel membership, it was suggested that we add an article to the PIC newsletter about WAPSD to try to add more parents and students. For the upcoming meetings discussion, Anedra asked if everyone would prefer a 1-day meeting in Casper and the overall discussion ended with "yes." Details were discussed for the upcoming meetings and these were the dates that were determined:

September 11, 2018

December 11, 2018

March 12, 2019

June 11, 2019

Location: The Central Services Facilities Building

Address: 970 N. Glenn Rd in Casper, WY

We will be in different rooms for each meeting. As we get closer, we will get the specific information sent out.

We will keep the 9am start and each meeting's end time will depend on the agenda for that day.

A motion to adjourn was made by Anedra and seconded by Ann. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.