

State Superintendent's Blind and Visual Impairment Education Advisory Council
MINUTES – Meeting #63
June 13, 2018 – 2:00-5:00 pm

Resources for Libraries and Lifelong Learning – 2109 S Stoughton Rd, Madison

2:00 pm

Call to order

- Introductions

Council Members

Nancy Thompson

Kedi Carpenter

Kay Rhode

Nissan Bar-Lev

Meghan Fredel

Julie Hapeman, via phone

Cheryl Orgas, via phone

DPI

Barb Van Haren

Dawn Soto

Martha Farley-Berninger

Pete Dally

Amanda Jordan

Guests

Lisa Tomberlin

Kay Glodowski, via phone

Linda Bailey, via phone

Public input and comments

- 2:03 Lisa Tomberlin – In regards to the life licensure issue, wrote to legislative education committee, who didn't think there was time for a hearing, so they passed it on to Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Rules. The letter was sent to the Council today.

Also included data from the survey. There was a hearing last week Thursday, June 7. Barb Van Haren – they are holding PI34 over for another month in order to come back. Waiting for instruction as to what is needed from DPI.

A taskforce/workgroup would be to the Council's benefit to pull together, in order to advise Dr. Evers, to make recommendations for them to take into consideration at the Department that they could consider to forward for action once legislators are back in session.

Discussion on what the legislature could want from DPI, and how the Council can advise.

Julie Hapeman – In regards to taskforce – who is the overseer of this taskforce? Council,

DPI, other? To whom is the taskforce accountable, and how is it decided who is a member?

Nissan Bar Lev – it comes from the Council, and was mentioned at the last (special) meeting as an avenue to explore this issue. Council will gather stakeholders, and be in contact with OSEP and other States to research the definition of O&M (pupil services vs teacher), and how other states have handled this issue, as well as including parents. Meghan Fredel – Also include university professors from adjacent states. NBL - good comments, and encourage to further discuss later during that portion of the meeting.

2:15 pm

Council Member Updates

Council Members report on stakeholder activities and/or concerns

- Meghan Fredel - WAER Chapter was awarded the Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award. Trudy Stachowiak will be accepting the award at the national conference in Reno.
- Nissan Bar Lev - Council of Special Ed Directors - very interested in providing direction to districts in relation to the changes on the I-4 form for those with print disabilities, on how to obtain materials. Kay Rhode - a question about that - will be attending Milwaukee Public School Comprehensive Evaluation training with Alisha Ragainis - to gain a bigger understanding of resources and exact procedures. NBL - those with NIMAS experience and protocols. Learning Ally and Bookshare. Barb Van Haren - will be at the conference so will assist with the understanding. Dawn Soto - workgroup in Outreach looking at the process. BVH - also have Jayne Bischoff at DPI, the NIMAS/UDL consultant, in order to have it not only focused on VI students, to give it a broader capacity. MF - They are looking at how to access the services you mentioned like Learning Ally and Bookshare? NBL - how to determine what SLD students qualify.

2:30 pm

Advisory Council Procedures and Roles

Procedures Document and New Member Orientation

- Pete Dally - in order to bring our Council in line with other advisory councils. Tightening up and formalizing procedures, allowing the Council to have a broader impact. Barb Van Haren - to build context - as I attend several statutory council meetings - all operate very differently, so requested aligning the policies and procedures, process for orientation. Rotating 3 year terms by $\frac{1}{3}$ of members. Consistency in terms of what is required of the advisory councils. Also DPI Legal Services is paying particular attention to anything that is a public/open meeting. A chance to align to each other, as well as to the statutory

obligations. Kedibonye Carpenter - is this an open document that could be shared with the public if they had a question as to what we do? BVH - Yes it could be shared.

- NBL - former by-laws indicated WCBVI Director and Council Chair create agendas. NBL would like to suggest a 2-person committee to develop the agenda.
- Kay Rhode - who would be the direct DPI liaison for the Council? BVH - it is up to the Council to determine how they would like to do this. *One month prior, send call for agenda items to Council Members. Pete and Nissan develop the draft agenda. Agenda sent to the agenda committee 2 weeks ahead, then can send out Open Meetings Notice.* Cheryl Orgas - more concerned about things happening at the state level that aren't brought to the Council ahead of time. What is the procedure going forward? NBL - This new procedure should help. Discussion. MF - all Council members should be vigilant in looking for items that the Council may need to be involved in. DS - Especially in each Council member's area of expertise. Kay Rhode - suggest a parking lot for ideas.

New Member Workgroup (locate new members, hold new member orientation) -

- Meghan Fredel will chair this committee to submit nominations to the State Superintendent. Mandy Jordan will work with Meghan to send a message asking for folks to participate in the committee. Also include in the email requesting re-affirmation of their intent to participate on the Council. Barb can put the call for members in her Weekly Update, and Dawn will put it in the Outreach Weekly Update.
- Kedibonye Carpenter - Once a 3-year term is over, can you renew? MF - discussion on allowing Council members in good standing to renew? Need a Vice Chair
- NBL - will be done after this meeting. Encourage new voices, meeting with stakeholders, bringing in DPI expertise as well. Would like a chair to lead that way. Especially as the Council is facing some major issues and attempting revitalization.

2018-2019 Meetings – Poll

- Discussion on days of the week, general timeframe, meeting time. Do 2:00-5:00 for this year, include this meeting time with the recruitment for the nominations, and reassess at the end of the next year.
- Early October, Late January, April, Mid-June. Wed/Thur. Mandy will send out survey.

Annual Report

- KC - a poll for Council needs. MF - I will do the survey for the items we have discussed (such as times, annual report, committee) Pete will participate in the annual report committee.

3:07 pm

DPI Updates

Barb Van Haren, Director, DPI Special Education Team

- Updates were sent via email, Barb summarize.
- All Council members are receiving Barb's weekly email update. Soon on the DPI Special Education webpage "What's New" will be where the weekly update News Items will be housed. They will be arranged by date and searchable.
- Snapshot of how WI is doing on the 16 indicators on the DPI website.
- IEP Sample Forms - They are organized a little differently on the website. Forms available in English, Spanish, and guidance that goes along with that form. Each May DPI will roll out form revisions so Special Ed software vendors can make changes by the Fall. Barb's update

includes a list of all the forms that received some type of change. To highlight - one is the evaluation report. Made changes to reduce redundancy and to streamline. Also provided revisions to interim and annual review of IEP goals. In light of the Andrew F case, found it to be critical so that special education teachers are reviewing IEP goals, so that if students aren't making sufficient progress by the end of the year, it is looked at as to why. I-4 changes (to be discussed later). There is a summary of the changes, and will be updating the forms guide to coincide.

- CCR IEP resources - additional items and testimonials available. Videos are good.
- New grant opportunities - offered ES3 grant - 4 districts selected that will be receiving 24k in first year 20k in second and 12k in third year. Intend to add 4 each of the next 2 years. Evidenced based Transition Readiness Grant, which was 1.5M appropriation from legislators to help districts identify and create competitive work experiences for students in their communities, especially in underserved areas. Received applications over 9M. Had a group to award to 3 districts. Did partial funding in attempt to spread the funding out. Good response to share with legislators, and hope for additional money in the future. Research to Practice - identify a coach in every CESA to train, then they will go out into the CESAs.
- In the process of entering a partnership with University of Kansas around students with disabilities participating in online/virtual/blended environments. Seeing an increase in this. Are those environments being set up with the IEP considered? Is that placement considered when discussing at IEP?

3:19 pm

WCBVI Updates

Peter Dally, Director, Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

- 7 students graduated. Have had several years of large graduating classes. CCR program has had a large draw, as well as preschool, and the elementary/middle school formal programming, as well as strong subject-area programming.
- Alumni reunion was last weekend - almost 200 participants.
- Renovation for Woodruff dorm next year. Will be utilizing PEPC dorm
- AT Consultant hired - Amy Snow. Has been teaching 15 years, first CATIS individual in Wisconsin, WSBVI Alum.
- Co-Curricular activities are making a big difference for the students. Many successes this year, and such a good opportunity for them to participate.
- UW-Platteville put TVI Training Program on hold last year, and DPI has recently received word that they are officially discontinuing the program. Will need to have a workgroup to look at what the plan is for Wisconsin going forward. Dawn Soto - since I started last August, I have had 14 requests for information about TVI or O&M. We give them information for existing programs in adjacent states, as well as the Higher Ed Aids Board information. Most of these folks who continued pursuing have gone to Western Michigan as it is a hybrid program. NIU and IL State are only face-to-face format. Discussion regarding alternate pathways. It may be something the Council would like to re-address/consider. It is an option that is done in other areas. We are in an environment of support for alternative pathways for underserved positions. NBL - we have utilized private and public universities, and still have no program. The advantage of the alternative

licensure option would be to avoid the maintenance cost of instructors. PD - Stakeholders group to discuss alternatives. DS - have been exploring options for home-growing instructors, and how to support programs. Julie Hapeman - IL State is considering an online program. Looking for letters of support. Personally do not support the home-growing/ alternative pathway, feels it belongs in a university. Perhaps as satellite campus, or online/hybrid. MF - IL State has some interesting opportunities that could benefit a lot of the professionals in the state.

3:46 pm Break

3:57 pm

WCBVI Outreach Updates

Dawn Soto, Director, WCBVI Outreach

- Updated format of weekly updates to mirror Barb's weekly updates. Have been taking feedback from vision professionals. Have been discussing archiving as well, so plan to fashion that like Dr. Van Haren's archive of news items.
- APH - Lots of changes this year, lots of work to keep up with new requirements. Have had to evaluate as EOT of the statewide and private school accounts, as to how to provide access to materials. Had a survey which received 86 responses. In relation to high-cost items, poses challenges to manage the account. Writing a report based on the responses. Did put out a letter to put items on hold in the state, and request unused items back. Have had good response to that, and many items returned. Have also been having a workgroup around APH and how APH education is occurring. Many stakeholder connections and feedback
- Short Courses this year have been amazing. Research-based programming. Carry over for families and local professionals. Will be doing more statewide short courses (per stakeholder feedback) as was trialed this year.
- Kamp-Out - collaboration with Glen Stacey Grant, Diane Gafney -
- VIISA and Insite - had to postpone due to response. Will do more marketing next year to get more trainers trained.
- EmployAbility starts Sunday. Some new curriculum and planning roles. At capacity with 12 students. Julie Hapeman will be interning for her ACVREP CATIS internship. Also utilizing Julie's O&M expertise in conjunction with the AT.
- Low Vision Clinic call for students will occur in the fall rather than spring. Did a survey to determine how to increase LVC participation.
- Announcement Communication Group - can sign up on DPI Website. For more information.
- Instructional Coaching - 3rd year.
- Milwaukee PS Comprehensive Evaluation project, Kay Rhode and Alisha Ragainis working with David Parker at DPI and MPS
- Maryland School for the Blind - Outreach Director's Forum - great opportunity to meet Outreach Directors from other states and to discuss issues.

4:08 pm

Library Updates

Martha Farley Berninger, Director, DPI Resources for Libraries and Lifelong Learning

- Working on licensing content for BadgerLink. Slow process. Today was announced that will keep using Ebsco, which is positive as they use text to speech.

4:09 pm

Orientation & Mobility Licensing

O&M Licensing Renewal

- Report sent is compilation of what has been previously discussed; the Timeline, input received, acronyms, and research. Adjacent state programming and licensing for comparison. Importance of understanding the acronyms. Discussion on report. Discussion on differences and similarities between ACVREP and NOMC.

Julie Hapeman - clarify that this information was presented as research, and not a recommendation. Have heard from the field that some feel it was a recommendation and are placing blame. Confirm that the power point was simply a position based in fact, not a recommendation. Cheryl Orgas - In support of adding the other certification. Is it too late for that? Why was one picked over the other? What can we do about it this month? NBL - Taskforce will discuss all of this. The overriding focus will be the life licensure issue. Can also discuss which certification. Pete Dally - Behooves us to take time necessary to research and do concerted work on this over the year. Discussion.

Barb Van Haren - taking a step back to PI-34, the revisions made - the only change to O&M licensure is the addition of the option to have ACVREP. The life licensing is a larger topic that was never part of PI-34 for this group. Discussion on what happens in this 30-day period. Barb will check with DPI Policy. Pete Dally - in the meantime would like to establish this taskforce. Discussion on how and who. NBL - in re: to TVI training program - could WCBVI be involved? Meghan Fredel - New Mexico TVI Training Program. JH - Taskforce including Council members and other outside stakeholders. Promoting leadership.

- O&M Taskforce Membership: Council members, DPI Licensing, OBVI, DVR - Email Mandy your willingness to participate on either taskforce, as well as what special representatives should be included, including your representative area. Need new chair to replace Nissan in order to make sure this gets off the ground. Dawn Soto - Outreach could assist.
- Training support for ACVREP testing and CEU - have had 6 requests from the field regarding this. Have added items to WCBVI Professional Library. Could become a ripple provider for this. Provide CEUs. Meghan Fredel - share information about this format.

5:00 pm

I-4 IEP Form Changes

Nissan Bar Lev - new I4 includes a statement to ask IEP Team members that asks if the student needs alternative formats in order to access the general curriculum. Was asked by CASS to form a committee to look at the protocol a district would have to follow when an IEP team identifies an SLD student with a print disability. Would like professionals familiar with NIMAS to participate.

5:04 pm

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