

Annual Report

Montana State Special Education Advisory Panel

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Overview

In accord with Section 612(21), of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), Montana has established the Special Education Advisory Panel. The responsibilities of this state advisory panel are to:

- Advise the Office of Public Instruction of unmet needs within the state in the education of children with disabilities;
- Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities;
- Advise the Office of Public Instruction in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under Section 618 of the Act;
- Advise the Office of Public Instruction in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act;
- Advise the Office of Public Instruction in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities; and
- Advise on the education of eligible students with disabilities who have been convicted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons.

Montana's Special Education Advisory Panel serves as the steering/advisory committee for the State Performance Plan (SPP) under Part B of IDEA, annual self-assessment activities and development of improvement strategies for improving outcomes of students with disabilities. In this capacity, the advisory panel, on a continuing basis, reviews statewide outcome data on key indicators for students with disabilities, advises the Office of Public Instruction on improvement strategies for improved outcomes and reviews progress on the key indicators on no less than an annual basis.

Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes

Office of Public Instruction

1300 11th Avenue Conference Room, Helena

September 22-23, 2011

Members in Attendance: Christa Seger, Mick Leary, Vaughn Kauffman, Lora Griffin, Bob Stansberry, Jim Marks, Terry Galle, Diana Tavary, Marilyn Davis, Theresa Baldry, Chris Bilant, Carolyn Prill, Tia Davis

Excused Members: Lily Wahl, Doug Roberts, Sharon Tregedga, Erica Swanson, Vaughn Kauffman (Thursday afternoon), and Mick Leary (Friday), Edith McClafferty

Non-Members in Attendance: Tim Harris, Frank Podobnik, Dale Kimmet, Doug Doty, Steve York, Dick Trerise, John Copenhaver, Mary Gallagher, Danni McCarthy, Anne Rainey, Francisco Roman, Marla Swanby, Susan Bailey-Anderson, Amy Friez, Karen Davis, Issac Baldry, Marlene Wallis, Karen Jeschke

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Chairperson Christa Seger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Panel members, OPI staff and visitors introduced themselves.

The Panel reviewed the Proposed Agenda. Vaughn Kauffman moved to accept the Proposed Agenda, Bob Stansberry seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Proposed Agenda was accepted as written.

The Panel reviewed the Minutes of the July 7, 2011, Panel meeting. Bob Stansberry moved to accept the minutes, Diana Tavary seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Minutes of the July 7, 2011, Panel meeting were accepted as written.

Advisory Panel Orientation

Dick Trerise introduced John Copenhaver to the members of the Panel. John is the Director for Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) and principal investigator for the Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center (MPRRC). Mr. Copenhaver has experience in special education at the school district, state, regional, and national levels. Before joining the TAESE/MPRRC staff, Mr. Copenhaver served as a special education resource teacher, school psychologist, and special education director. His work at TAESE and the MPRRC has involved providing technical assistance at the school, state, regional, and national levels. Mr. Copenhaver has extensive experience in Indian education. He provides technical assistance to states regarding their State Performance Plan, Annual Performance Report, and Levels of Determination.

John said the purpose of the orientation was to provide Panel members with an overview of their purpose and functions and provide a heads up for Panel members on emerging regional and national issues.

John distributed an Orientation Meeting packet to the Panel members. He advised the members that within the packet is "A Primer for State Special Education Advisory Panel Members and SEA Staff" that the Panel will be going through during the orientation. A transition wheel was

also included in the packet that is a “Road Map to Success” for preschool, K-3, grades 4-6 and grades 7-8. It explains what LEAs should do in the various grade levels when planning for lifespan transition.

The “State Performance Plans and Annual Performance Reports” brochure included in the packet notes that under the IDEA reauthorization in 2004, it is required that each state develop a State Performance Plan (SPP). It is also required that each state reports annually to the U.S. Secretary of Education on the progress it has made in meeting the measurable and rigorous targets established in its six-year SPP. This is the Annual Performance Report (APR). The Panel members will be acquainted with the SPP and APR during the January Panel meeting.

John noted that the IDEA will probably be reauthorized in 2013 and the Panel will be part of this by reviewing regulations and commenting on the reauthorization.

John led the Panel members through the “Primer,” which included the Advisory Panel Functions, membership (areas of representation), responsibility of the Panel to advise, not advocate, meeting procedures, and other areas noted in the “Primer.”

It was noted that the Panel serves without compensation, attends reasonable and necessary meetings and may request interpreters. The Panel needs to provide input for Advisory Panel agenda items. The meetings are open for public comment with ground rules and official minutes are taken.

Following the orientation, the meeting adjourned.

Friday, September 23, 2011

Chairperson Christa Seger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Diana Tavary asked everyone to put away their iPods/iPads and any type of technology and to write down all meetings, appointments, etc., they have for the next week; sporting events to attend and church activities. She wanted to make a point to demonstrate how difficult it is for someone with a disability without technology.

PLUK

Isaac Baldry demonstrated how technology has made an impact on his life and in school.

Theresa Baldry has been asked to train on the use of iPads and assistive technology. She described the benefits of assistive technology for students with disabilities. Chris Bilant noted the cost impact on some districts for assistive technology. She said that some school budgets are stretched.

OPI Report

Tim Harris reported that regarding teacher recruitment the OPI signed a two-year contract, renewable for five years, with Teachers-Teachers. There are 700,000 resumes in the database. Montana districts have access and can be proactive in recruiting teachers.

Dick Trerise suggested that the Teachers-Teachers.com Web site be viewed at a future Panel meeting.

Tim informed the Panel that the OPI is funding three programs at the University of Montana: Speech Stipends, Stipends to those supervising both speech and psychology programs, and Texas Tech, aimed at Orientation Mobility specialists.

Autism

Doug Doty told the Panel that the OPI has an Autism Blog and encouraged the Panel members to view it and take part in the Autism Webinars. He said that there are four very part-time consultants available to schools through the Montana Autism Education Project. Schools can contact Doug at ddoty@mt.gov to request assistance. They are also available to provide trainings related to autism.

Doug said there are various trainings occurring in the state for Autism. Doug is working on an iPad Summit to share ideas in small groups.

Four presentations on Female Aspergers are scheduled. The presentations will take place in Billings, April 25, 2012; Helena, April 26, 2012; Missoula, April 27, 2012; and Kalispell, April 28, 2012.

IDEA Part B/Data and Accountability

Frank Podobnik told the Panel members that the Unit is working on an electronic IEP and methods of data collection.

Frank distributed a Calendar of Events (Dates) for the Unit. This Calendar covers IDEA Part B; Suspension/Expulsion Data; ADC collection of special education personnel data; Child Count; SPP/APR; School discipline; AIM; Dispute Resolution; and Assessment Data, as well as other areas. The Calendar is a part of the minutes.

CSPD

Susan Bailey-Anderson presented an overview of the Professional Development Unit programs. The CSPD is known nationally for the work that is being done in Montana. Susan described the ECPPD and CELL programs, Paraprofessional Consortium, SPDG grant, Braided Initiative; RTI and MBI. Susan distributed a handout showing the Professional Development Unit and an Acronym Dictionary on the backside.

RTI

Amy Friez informed the Panel that 177 schools are implementing RTI. She gave an overview of the RTI Social Media Site and what is available to schools.

Susan told the Panel that the Youth Days program provides community service benefits and these activities make a difference in the lives of students.

The joint meeting of the CSPD and Advisory Panel will take place May 3, 2012.

Call for Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Thank You

A special "Thank You" to Karen Jeschke for filling in for Marlene while she was on vacation.

Adjourn

Terry Galle moved to adjourn the meeting, and Vaughn Kauffman seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes

School Administrators of Montana Meeting Room

900 No. Montana Ave., Ste. A-4

January 19-20, 2012

Members in Attendance: Christa Seger, Vaughn Kauffman, Lora Griffin, Bob Stansberry, Jim Marks, Diana Tavary, Tia Davis, Sharon Tregidga

Excused Members: Lily Wahl, Doug Roberts, Erica Swanson, Mick Leary, Edith McClafferty, Terry Galle, Marilyn Davis, Theresa Baldry, Chris Bilant, Carolyn Prill

Non-Members in Attendance: Frank Podobnik, Dick Trerise, Anne Rainey, Jan Duiker, Karen Crogan, Amy Friez, Marlene Wallis

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Chairperson Christa Seger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Panel members, OPI staff and visitors introduced themselves.

The Panel reviewed the Proposed Agenda. Jim Marks moved to accept the Proposed Agenda, Lora Griffin seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Proposed Agenda was accepted as written.

The Panel reviewed the Minutes of the September 22-23, 2011, Panel meeting. Vaughn Kauffman moved to accept the minutes, Diana Tavary seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Minutes of the September 22-23, 2011, Panel meeting were accepted as written.

Division Up-Date

Frank Podobnik, Special Education Director, informed the Panel that there are three open positions in the Professional Development Unit: Program Improvement Specialist; Coordinator, State Personnel Development Grant; Research and Analysis Specialist/SPDG Evaluator (this position will be rewritten to fit in with the Data and Accountability Unit).

The Part B Manager position will be advertised soon.

Annual Performance Report (APR) to the State Performance Plan (SPP)

Frank Podobnik reviewed Indicators 1-20 in the State Performance Plan (SPP) with the Panel that will be discussed during this Panel meeting. The 20 Indicators reviewed and discussed are

included in the Montana FFY 2005-2012 State Performance Plan on the Special Education Web site.

OPI Report—Denise Juneau, State Superintendent

Superintendent Juneau welcomed the Panel members and thanked them for their membership on the Special Education Advisory Panel and their dedication to children with disabilities.

Superintendent Juneau informed the Panel that more than 2,000 Montana students drop out of school each year. She discussed “Graduation Matters Montana” with the Panel and informed them of the program’s objectives: 1) Increase the rate of Montana students graduating from high school college and career ready; 2) Establish a support network between schools, businesses and community organizations for student success; and 3) Create school-based opportunities for student success.

She told the Panel that she recently recommended adoption of the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Math to the Board of Public Education. These standards will prepare students for college and to compete in today’s global economy.

Superintendent Juneau’s handouts are a part of the minutes.

Webinar—Communication with the Public

Dick Trerise distributed a flyer for a Webinar directed to State Advisory Panels and State Interagency Coordinating Councils titled “Communication with the Public.”

Data Overview

Anne Rainey provided an overview of the Data Accountability Unit. The PowerPoint program covered data collections (winter) for the Post-School Survey, Child Count, Annual Data Collection (ADC) and Part C to Part B Transition and (spring) data collections for Assessment, Exiting and School Discipline. Also covered in the PowerPoint was the Student Information System (AIM) for regular and special education.

Friday, January 20, 2012

Annual Performance Report (APR) to the State Performance Plan (SPP) Continued

Frank Podobnik continued to review and discuss the 20 Indicators in the State Performance Plan with the Panel. This report serves as Montana’s accountability report on its performance relative to state performance targets identified in its State Performance Plan (SPP). Following the review, Vaughn Kauffman made the motion to direct the Chairperson on behalf of the Panel to support the Annual Performance Report as it was presented to the Panel, Lora Griffin seconded the motion and the Panel unanimously passed the motion to support the Annual Performance Report for FFY 2010. (Note: the Panel members excused for the January 19-20, 2012, meeting were contacted by E-mail for their suggestions regarding the review of the APR and support by the Panel.)

Call for Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Preview of May Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 3-4, 2012. The Annual Joint Meeting with the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) will take place the afternoon of May 3, 2012.

Panel Agenda Items

Frank Podobnik will bring a copy of the "Parent Survey."

Adjourn

Sharon Tregidga moved to adjourn the meeting, and Diana Tavary seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at noon.

Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes Jorgenson's Restaurant Meeting Room—Room 156 1720 11th Avenue, Helena, Montana May 3-4, 2012

Members in Attendance: Christa Seger (Thursday), Vaughn Kauffman, Lora Griffin, Bob Stansberry, Jim Marks, Diana Tavary, Tia Davis, Sharon Tregidga, Terry Galle, Chris Bilant, Edith McClafferty

Excused Members: Christa Seger (Friday), Carolyn Prill, Theresa Baldry, Lily Wahl, Doug Roberts, Mick Leary,

Non-Members in Attendance: Frank Podobnik, Dick Trerise, Anne Rainey, Karen Crogan, Dale Kimmet, Dennis Parman, John Copenhaver, Mary Hall and Roger Holt from PLUK, Marlene Wallis

Thursday, May 3, 2012

Chairperson Christa Seger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Panel members, OPI staff and visitors introduced themselves.

The Panel reviewed the Proposed Agenda. Vaughn Kauffman moved to accept the Proposed Agenda, Lora Griffin seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Proposed Agenda was accepted as written.

The Panel reviewed the Minutes of the January 19-20, 2012, Panel meeting. Vaughn Kauffman moved to accept the minutes, Edith McClafferty seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Minutes of the January 19-20, 2012, Panel meeting were accepted as written.

Division Up-Date

Frank Podobnik informed the Panel that the Professional Development Unit, Susan Bailey-Anderson, Unit Manager, is involved with Response to Intervention (RTI) and Montana

Behavioral Initiative (MBI). The Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) will include the RTI and MBI. A second focus of the unit was the School-Based Mental Health Conference. There were over 200 in attendance, including mental health providers, counselors and administrators. The unit works well with getting educators trained to meet needs of all children.

The Monitoring Unit has finished this year's monitoring and worked hard to make sure all schools are meeting the regulatory requirements. A concern is secondary transition. Monitoring is a three-step process: record review, noncompliance—correcting issues; evidence of compliance piece if there is still concern with the issue,

OPI Report—Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent

Deputy Superintendent Parman welcomed the Panel members and thanked them for their membership on the Special Education Advisory Panel and their dedication to children with disabilities.

Deputy Parman informed the Panel that more than 6,500 students are involved with “Graduation Matters Montana” and the list is growing. Twenty-two communities across Montana are participating in Graduation Matters Montana.

Deputy Parman told the Panel that changes for the proposed revisions to Chapter 55 of the state accreditation standards include: adding student performance in the accreditation process; evaluation of teachers and school leaders; the issue of bullying prevention. He said that a number of the standards remain unchanged.

Field Issues Process (FIP)—Francisco Román

Francisco Román distributed information regarding the Field Issues Process (FIP). He discussed the information with the Panel. He noted that the State Education Agency (SEA) has a legal obligation to ensure that every eligible child receives Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). The general OPI supervision mechanisms include: monitoring, mediation, early assistance resolution, state complaints and due process hearings. Francisco said that there are instances when legitimate compliance issues are not discovered using the monitoring process or other dispute mechanisms that are dependent on parents or other concerned parties to raise the compliance concerns.

The FIP is to address those issues in a manner that ensures compliance expeditiously and effectively without creating barriers to relationships between parents and districts. This process could lessen the need for parents and other parties to resort to state complaints or due process hearings and will meet our general supervisory responsibilities.

The proposal/process to implement the FIP to address the need for actions to be taken with reported compliance issues is a part of these minutes.

Hot Topics—Frank Podobnik

Some of the topics discussed were: Administrative Rules; Parent Survey: the parents of students of the districts being monitored next year will receive the parent survey (Frank Podobnik distributed a copy of the 2012-13 Montana Parent Involvement Survey for Special Education);

Maintenance of Effort (MOE); Hearing Conservation Program (HCP)—there are 10 regions with nine providers; and the use of restraints.

Joint Meeting with CSPD—Thursday Afternoon, May 3, 2012

The Panel met in a joint meeting with the CSPD Council and the Part C Family Support Services Advisory Council. The meeting agenda included: Graduation Matters Montana, Deb Halliday, Office of Public Instruction; Special Education: Looking Toward the Future—Opportunities, Challenges and Roadblocks—How stakeholders in special education can collaborate and be a driving force in creating a Cradle to College/Career Seamless System, John Copenhaver, Director, Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE), Utah State University.

Friday, May 4, 2012

The Panel members discussed the issues of the Joint Advisory Panel/CSPD meeting held on Thursday.

Significant Needs Process—Frank Podobnik, Dale Kimmet

Dale Kimmet and Frank Podobnik reviewed the Significant Needs application process with the Panel. Dale informed the Panel members that these are limited funds for the costs of students with significant behavioral or physical needs served by the public schools. The funds are applied for under Priorities I, IA and II. Priority I awards are made available to schools with a student whose excess costs for education services exceed 5 percent of the district's general fund budget. Priority IA awards are made to public school districts experiencing a significant financial impact from the start up, expansion or increased school enrollment from local group homes or new therapeutic foster care homes serving multiple students for FY 2012. Priority II awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis after Priority I and Priority IA awards have been made. Justification for Priority II must include: number of children identified as needing the service, ages of children and an explanation that the children have significant physical or emotional needs.

Call for Public Comments

Roger Holt and others discussed transition concerns, including health care. Opportunities and suggestions for agencies and schools to progressively approach and provide effective transition were explored.

Meeting Date

The final meeting date for 2011-2012 is Tuesday, June 26, 2012. This will be a one-day meeting.

Agenda Items

Follow-up Field Issues
State Determination
GEMS Demonstration
Election of Officers
Membership Recruitment

Adjourn

Vaughn Kauffman moved to adjourn the meeting, and Diana Tavary seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes

Jorgenson's Restaurant Meeting Room

1720-11th Avenue, Helena

June 26, 2012

Members in Attendance: Vaughn Kauffman, Erica Swanson, Edith McClafferty, Diana Tavary, Sharon Tregidga, Lora Griffin, Christa Seger, Chris Bilant, Tia Davis, Terry Galle, Marilyn Davis, Carolyn Prill, Bob Stansberry, Theresa Baldry, Jim Marks

Excused Members: Lily Wahl, Mick Leary, Doug Roberts

Non-Members in Attendance: Frank Podobnik, Dick Trerise, Steve York, Susan Bailey-Anderson, Doug Doty, Dale Kimmet, Karen Crogan, Anne Rainey, Marlene Wallis

Chairperson Christa Seger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Panel members, OPI staff and visitors introduced themselves.

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

The Panel reviewed the Proposed Agenda. Edith McClafferty moved to accept the Proposed Agenda, Terry Galle seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Proposed Agenda was approved as written.

The Panel reviewed the Minutes of the May 3-4, 2012, Panel meeting. Edith McClafferty moved to accept the minutes, Lora Griffin seconded the motion and the motion passed. The minutes of the May 3-4, 2012, Panel meeting were approved as written.

Dick Trerise announced that election of officers for 2012-2013 will be held today and a list of Officer Eligibility for 2012-2013 is included in the packet.

OPI Report—Steve York

NCLB Waiver: Steve York reported that Montana has not applied for a waiver, but held our AMOs nearly steady for last year; this year is still being debated.

Montana Schools of Promise: Steve noted that the grant is active in three districts and all are showing progress in raising expectations under NCLB and Adequate Yearly progress.

Montana Behavior Initiative and Quaglia Institute: There were 26,000 students, grades 6-12, that took the "My Voice" survey this past school year. The survey will be available free again this coming school year thanks to the Pearson Foundation. The MBI is continuing to work closely with the Quaglia Institute in helping schools put the data to use to make a difference in their school climate.

Career and Tech Ed—MCIS: Steve informed the Panel that More than 96 percent of students who take three or more CTE courses graduate from high school. Four schools are involved in the rigorous program of study construction grant. The OPI hopes to offer a bill in the next legislative session that will help the survival of CTE Student Organizations that are at great financial risk.

National Common Core Standards: Steve said that the standards have been adopted by the Board of Public Education.

School Foods and Health Enhancement: After 15 years, the meal plan has been updated. There will be challenges in getting the plan up and running. A Direct Certification grant was received that will allow students in families receiving Food Stamps to be automatically signed up for Free and Reduced Lunch.

Steve reported that Driver's Education continues to struggle with funding. A bill will be offered in the 2013 Legislature to utilize a greater percentage of the funds from licensing to go toward Driver's Education.

According to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Montana kids have areas of concern, as well as many brighter spots.

Chapter55—Accreditation Standards Review: The revised accreditation standards are about to come up for public review. Once passed by the Board of Public Education the new rules will go into effect on July 1, 2013.

The Growth and Enhancement of Montana Students (GEMS) data system is up and running. We received a federal grant which allows K-12 to link our longitudinal data system to the colleges.

Steve informed the Panel that the OPI is bracing for federal cuts.

Division Update/Annual Performance Report (APR) to the State Performance Plan (SPP) State Determination

Frank Podobnik informed the Panel that as of the first of June, OSEP is working on Montana's submission of the APR/SPP. He said that it is expected that we will fall into the "needs assistance" based on our Transition Data.

Frank noted that the MBI Summer Institute had over 900 participants in June. This is the 15th year of the Institute.

Special Education is wrapping up the fiscal year.

Frank told the Panel that a monitoring position is opening in the School Improvement/Compliance Monitoring Unit.

A new structure is anticipated for the Regional Resource Centers. Montana has been with the Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center and they know us well. If we are changed it could hurt Montana in getting effective help from other centers. Montana has always been able to pick up the telephone to contact MPRRC and receive assistance. The OPI has always had good rapport with the MPRRC.

Parents, Let's Unite for Kids

Diana Tavary discussed her experience with the Field Issues Process. Diana shared that she had made the OPI aware of a number of issues in a particular school district and that she had continued to be involved in the process of investigating those issues as it had moved forward.

Election of Officers/Recognizing Outgoing Panel Members

Panel members reviewed the Officer Eligibility list for nominations for the 2012-2013 school year.

Vaughn Kauffman nominated Bob Stansberry for the position of Chairperson, Carolyn Prill seconded the motion, Vaughn Kauffman moved that nominations be closed and Lora Griffin moved to elect Bob Stansberry by acclamation for the position of Chairperson. This motion passed and Bob Stansberry was elected for the position of Chairperson.

Teresa Baldry nominated Marilyn Davis for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Chris Bilant seconded the nomination, Diana Tavary moved that nominations be closed and Sharon Tregidga moved to elect Marilyn Davis by acclamation for the position of Vice-Chairperson. This motion passed and Marilyn Davis was elected for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Vaughn Kauffman nominated Lora Griffin for the position of Secretary, Edith McClafferty seconded the motion, Edith McClafferty moved that nominations be closed and Theresa Baldry moved to elect Lora Griffin by acclamation for the position of Secretary. The motion passed and Lora Griffin was elected for the position of Secretary.

Dick Trerise thanked the outgoing members for their contributions to the Advisory Panel and presented them with appreciation plaques. The outgoing members were: Christa Seger, Mick Leary, and Terry Galle (Second Term). Mick Leary was unable to attend the meeting and his plaque will be mailed.

CSPD/Professional Development

Susan Bailey-Anderson updated the Panel on the various programs of the Professional Development Unit. There are five CSPD Regions with coordinators. The coordinators identify what is happening in the regions. The regions support SPDG, RTI and Early Childhood.

The MBI Summer Institute has 872 registered for training on June 17-22, 2012. This includes Tiers Intervention, School Mental Health and Early Childhood.

The MBI Youth Days will focus on Building Universal Expectations, Belonging in School, as well as other areas.

Montana Autism Education Program

Doug Doty updated the Panel on the Montana Autism Education Project Activities. There are 832 students with autism in Montana (747 last year).

Activities:

Libraries and Autism Presentation, plus Conference Panel
Montana Counseling Association Conference Presentation

WebABLLS Test Project (online assessment and data tracking)
Autism Training
Rethink Autism
iPad Summits—Kalispell, Bozeman and Miles City
August Institute – Pablo
UM Professional Preparation Grant Request
Montana Assistive Technology Advisory Panel Board Meeting
Missoula Social Skills Groups
Helena Conference September 28-29 (Information for families)
MCEL/MEA Presentation on MAEP

Public Comment

The chairperson asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

Additional Items

Meeting Date—September 13-14, 2012

Agenda Items:

- Orientation
- E-Grants
- Level of Determination
- Verification Process
- Project REAL

Adjourn

Carolyn Prill moved to adjourn the meeting, Terry Galle seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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