

**Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes**  
**Carroll College**  
**Jorgenson's Inn and Suites**  
**1720 11th Ave, Helena, MT**  
**May 2-3, 2013**

Members in Attendance: Bob Stansberry, Sharon Tregidga, Doug Dellwo, Vaughn Kauffman, Tia Davis, Theresa Baldry, Diana Tavary, Wendy Studt, Marilyn Davis, Dave Marzolf, Lora Griffin, Carolyn Prill, Jim Marks, Marvin Williams, Lily Wahl

Excused Members: Chris Bilant, Tia Davis (Friday), Dawn Piazzzi, Dave Marzolf (Friday), Edith McClafferty

Non-Members in Attendance: Dick Trerise, John Copenhaver, Andrea LaRose, Marlene Wallis

**Thursday, May 2, 2013**

The Panel members met at Carroll College for the Annual Spring Partnership Meeting—Building Bridges and Partnerships to Improve Results for all Children. The CSPD Council, in collaboration with Part C, Interagency Coordinating Council, Part B, Special Education Advisory Panel, Office of Public Instruction, PLUK and Vocational Rehabilitation met to discuss how Montana agencies and organizations can work together to create a seamless system in special education that improves positive results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities.

John Copenhaver from the Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center (MPRRC), Utah, facilitated the Partnership Meeting. Mr. Copenhaver has experience in special education at the school district, state, regional, and national levels. 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.

The participants divided up into teams that rotated from one topic station to another. Each station had a facilitator and a recorder. The groups rotated every 30 minutes to another station.

At the end of the Small Group Stations, the Station Leader Reports provided a summary of key points and action steps.

**Friday, May 3, 2013**

Chairperson Bob Stansberry called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. The Panel members and OPI staff introduced themselves.

The Panel reviewed the Proposed Agenda. The Proposed Agenda and Minutes of the January 17-18, 2013, meeting were added to the agenda. Lora Griffin moved to accept the Proposed Agenda

with the additions and Carolyn Prill seconded the motion, the motion passed and the Proposed Agenda was accepted.

The Panel reviewed the Minutes of the January 17-18, 2013, Panel meeting. There was a correction to the minutes. Carolyn Prill was excused both days (January 17-18, 2013) and it was not noted on the minutes. Sharon Tregedga moved to accept the minutes with the correction, Theresa Baldry seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Minutes of the January 17-18, 2013, Panel meeting were accepted as written with correction.

### **Division Report**

Much of Frank's time was being busy with the Legislature.

The Federal Part B cuts are 5.24 percent and the same for 619.

The data position in the Professional Development Unit should be filled soon.

The Special Education Division is wrapping up the compliance monitoring for this school year. The schools have a 90-day window to make corrections. Missoula and Bozeman are the larger districts that will be monitored in the next school year.

Following are bills that the OPI opposed:

HB 213—Tax credit for Non-Public Schools—Bill died

HB 228—Pay Voucher—Missed Transition

HB 315—Charter Schools—Missed Transition

HB 384—Store guns in car

HB 390—Pay voucher for private education

### **Thursday Joint Meeting Discussion—Suggestions for Next Year**

Chairman Bob Stansberry felt it was a good meeting. Unmet needs were identified. Theresa Baldry really appreciated sitting at tables. She enjoyed the format of the discussions and the positivity the groups generated.

Dick Trerise noted that there are a number of other groups that could be invited, i.e., Juvenile Justice, Disability Services, Section 504, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind and Child Protective Services.

Carolyn Prill said that the Department of Public Health and Human Services should be involved.

### **SPP-APR—Proposed Changes**

Adjusted targets were set for Indicator # 6 in the State Performance Plan. (Lori Griffin moved to accept the change, Vaughn Kauffman seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the Panel.

The new targets are:

<p><b>2012 (2012-2013)</b></p>	<p><b>Given a minimum N of 10, the percent of children in a regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program will be at or above <u>45.0%</u>.</b></p> <p><b>Given a minimum N of 10, the percent of children receiving services in a separate special education class, separate school or residential facility will be at or below <u>27.6%</u>.</b></p>
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### **Public Comments**

Chairman Bob Stansberry called for public comments.

There was public comment regarding what the commenter felt was a decline of the Panel in the last 5-10 years. She feels there is not early enough Panel meeting notification to the public, PLUK, parents and stakeholders and that they are isolated from the meetings of the Panel.

### **Preview of June 27, 2013, Meeting**

Election of Officers  
Recognition of Outgoing Panel Members  
Early Assistance—Legal  
Level of Determination  
Legislature  
Monitoring Results  
Funding Issues

### **September Meeting**

The meeting is scheduled for September 26-27, 2013.

### **Other**

Travel Claims  
Certificate of Renewal Units

### **Adjourn**

Sharon Tregidga moved to adjourn the meeting, Theresa Baldry seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.