

**Continuing Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022- Hybrid Meeting
9:00 AM - 11:58 AM**

CAC Attendees: Jen Stratton, Laura Villareal, Amy Litzinger, Susan Nichols, Teresa Bronsky, JoAnn Wofford, Shemica S. Allen, April Estrada, Barbie Ezell, Aaron Bangor, Diana Nelson, Claudia Cavazos

CAC Absentees: Agatha Thibodeaux

Texas Education Agency: Stephanie Koch, Justin Porter, Jacob Klett, Dana Garza, Elizabeth Danner, Julia Schacherl

9:00 Welcome and Opening-Jen Stratton, CAC Chair

Quorum was reached at 9:00, Jen Stratton opened the meeting and reviewed meeting guidelines, and agenda for the day. Quorum was present.

- Introduction of new member

Presentation by Justin Porter TEA, State Director of Special Education

Update OSEP corrective action.

- Updates to dyslexia handbook guidance related to discipline has not had any significant changes.
- Ongoing discussions of informal removals related to suspensions and its impacts on attendance.

Texas Commission of Special Education Funding

- Discussion of Modeling being based on tiered service intensity levels, weighted funding based on ADA, reimbursements to LEAs.
 - <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/state-funding/additional-finance-resources/texas-commission-on-special-education-funding#:~:text=House%20Bill%201525%2C%2087th%20Texas,related%20to%20special%20education%20funding>

Presentation Jacob Klett TEA, Director of Special Education Strategic Integration and Dana Garza TEA, Member of Special Education Strategic Integration Team

Inclusion in Texas- Inclusion Tactics

- Specially Designed Instruction requirements and Inclusion
 - SDI can be implemented by the general education and/or the special education teacher.
- Instructional Resources to Support Students with Disabilities
 - Theory of Action with HQIM (High Quality Instruction Materials)
- Assistive Technology
 - The Texas 4 Step Model – Considering Assistive Technology in the IEP Process
 - <https://spedsupport.tea.texas.gov/>
 - Free Professional Development available from Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) through free webinars.
 - Link: <https://www.atia.org/texas-online-course-subscription-webpage/>
- Teacher Preparation Requirements

- HB 159 effective Sept. 1, 2022– relating to improving training and staff development for primary and secondary educators to enable them to more effectively serve all students.
- Systemwide Inclusion Framework (SWIFT) for Districts
 - Strategic Integration Liaisons – 2 year pilot in Region 20, San Antonio and Region 19, El Paso

Presentation by Elizabeth Danner TEA, State Transition Coordinator

Transition Planning and Data Pertaining to Post Graduation Transition, Implementation, and Success

- Texas Transition Employment Guide for Students with Disabilities
 - www.texastransition.org
- State Performance Plan Indicators – Indicator 14 Post School Outcomes
 - <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/review-and-support/post-school-outcomes>

Presentation by Julia Schaherl TEA, Director of Strategic Projects, Office of Information Technology

Long Range Plan for Technology: Equitable Access Strategic Goals

- Update and Revise the Long-Range Plan Document
- Launch Webinars
- Web-based Resource Center

Presentation by Julie Wayman TEA, Mental/Behavioral Health Coordinator and Rohanna Sykes TEA, AWARE State Coordinator

School Mental Health and Wellness

- Safe and Supportive Schools
 - <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/safe-and-supportive-schools>
- Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT)
 - <https://tcmhcc.utsystem.edu/tchatt/>
- Texas School Mental Health Website
 - <https://schoolmentalhealthtx.org/>

Public Comment

No Persons signed-up for Public Comment

Discuss Possible Future Meeting Dates and Take Possible Action on Current and Future Topics

- Updates from TEA
- Continued work on legislative report

Approve Minutes

Approval of minutes was postponed.

Quorum was lost at 11:58.