

# Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee (CSEAC)

Thursday, April 16, 2014  
Anchor Center for Blind Children  
2550 Roslyn Street  
Denver, CO 80238

## Meeting Minutes

**CSEAC Mission:** Our mission is to actively represent children/youth with disabilities and impact decisions made on their behalf to enhance the quality of educational services.

**CSEAC Vision:** All learners are respected and challenged with high expectations, their needs are met, and student aspirations for success are fulfilled.

**Members in Attendance:** David Aarestad, Pat Chamberlain, Pam Christy, Dean Cockroft, Roberta Curtis, Cassidy Dellemonache, Irwin Faaiu, Cheryl Gaines, Beverly Harris, Cindy Holden, Zoe Ann Holmes, Joanne Irons, Patti McVay, Kathy Mortensen, Renee Niskanen, Karin Pappadakis, Debra Paul, Katherine Rains, Dr. Erin Ross, Kindra Sanchez-Marble, Missy Sieders, Lori Smith, Greg Sullivan, Lori Thompson

**Absences:** Adric Arndt, Nancy Harris, Linda Hayes, Tom McMillen, Sarah Metsch, Dr. Tracy Mueller, Anna Stewart, Robert Ward

**CDE Staff and Other Guests:** Randy Boyer, Assistant Commissioner, Exceptional Student Services Unit (ESSU), and State Director of Special Education, Colorado Department of Education (CDE); Cindy Dascher, Supervisor, Family-School Partnering, CDE/ESSU; Lucinda Hundley, Chairperson, Special Education Directors Legislative Consortium; Rose Lupinacci, Dean of Students and 504 Coordinator, Fairview High School, Boulder Valley School District; David Ramer, Program Assistant, CDE/ESSU

Agenda Item	Action	Results
<p>Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment, CSEAC Parent Input</p>	<p>Zoe Ann Holmes led the introductions.</p> <p>All attendees introduced themselves.</p> <p>Parent input discussion about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Education funding issues</li> <li>▪ Results Data</li> <li>▪ Colorado House Bills 1292 and 1298</li> <li>▪ State testing</li> <li>▪ Mental health issues and students with dual diagnoses</li> <li>▪ US House Resolution 456 recognizing Dyslexia</li> <li>▪ Brochure on respectful language is being displayed all over Eagle County schools</li> </ul>	
<p>Subcommittee Meetings</p>	<p>Introduction of subcommittee co-chairs.</p> <p>Subcommittees spent time working on their end-of-year reports.</p>	
<p>Discussion: Annual Report to the State Board of Education</p>	<p>Zoe Ann and Pat Chamberlain plan to present the annual report – a powerpoint presentation – at the State Board meeting in June. Subcommittee chairs need to send end-of-year reports to Zoe Ann, Pat and Cindy Dascher.</p> <p>Meeting dates for 2014-2015 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ September 18, 2014</li> <li>▪ November 20, 2014</li> <li>▪ February 19, 2015</li> <li>▪ April 16, 2015</li> </ul> <p>Each subcommittee will present a suggestion for next year’s theme. Would like the theme to be decided prior to retreat.</p>	

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<p>State of the State Report – Randy Boyer, Assistant Commissioner, Exceptional Student Services Unit, and State Director of Special Education, Colorado Department of Education</p>	<p>Randy Boyer spoke about the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and the recent State Board of Education meeting.</p> <p>Randy introduced Lucinda Hundley, Chairperson, Special Education Directors Legislative Consortium who presented the mission and accomplishments of the Consortium, as well as activities for special education in the 2014 General Assembly.</p> <p>Randy provided information regarding identification and assessment requirements for Students with Disabilities (SWD) and preparation for Indicator 17. Discussion ensued.</p>	
<p>Recognition of Leadership that will be leaving CSEAC</p>	<p>Three members are being term-limited out of CSEAC. Zoe Ann recognized Pam Christy, Erin Ross and Bob Ward for their years of hard work for students with disabilities.</p>	
<p>Mental Health Services</p>	<p>Debra Paul introduced Rose Lupinacci, Dean of Students and 504 Coordinator, Fairview High School, Boulder Valley School District. She discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Advantage of having a licensed clinical social worker in the school</li> <li>▪ Lack of funding, especially in smaller districts</li> <li>▪ Collaboration with other agencies</li> <li>▪ Including mental health services on individualized education programs (IEPs)</li> <li>▪ Support needs after a hospital stay</li> <li>▪ Issues regarding transitioning from high school to college</li> <li>▪ Suicide prevention</li> </ul>	

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<p>Subcommittees Report Out, Old Business and New Business</p>	<p>Subcommittees reported out on their action goals and end-of-year reports.</p> <p>People First awards will be held this evening.</p> <p>The Person First poster was approved.</p> <p>Cindy Holden serves on the Graduation Guidelines Committee for Students with Disabilities. She will send information to CSEAC for member feedback that she will bring to the next committee meeting on May 9th. The Graduation Guidelines Committee for Students with Disabilities hopes to complete its work in July.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by David Ramer  
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