

Dyslexia Working Group
April 18, 2022
Meeting Notes

Time and Location

Zoom Meeting
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Attendees

Dyslexia Working Group Members: Jamie Brackney, Tamara Durbin, Holli Baker Hill, Sarah Huffman, Karin Johnson, Sierra Loar, Jay Mayer, Kathy McCall, Rita Robinson, Laura Santerre-Lemmon, and Jennifer Urbach

Colorado Department of Education Staff: Melissa Colman, Floyd Cobb, Veronica Fiedler, Paul Foster, Anji Gallanos, and Ellen Hunter.

University of Oregon Staff: Carol Dissen, Nancy Nelson

Meeting Facilitator: Debbie Hunsaker, STRIVE Consulting

Meeting Objectives

- To ask questions of CDE regarding dyslexia and the READ Act
- To learn about the timeline for the DWG annual report
- To be informed of updates about the Dyslexia Pilot and provide feedback from the University of Oregon
- To hear about the CDE Educator Preparation Programs Reauthorization process
- To hear informative presentations by and provide feedback to the Teacher Training and Assessment Protocols small working groups

Meeting Activities

CDE Updates

READ Act program implementations

- Dyslexia Pilot
 - Year 2 funding for the pilot program is currently moving through the legislature.
 - Call for applications is out right now. Applications due May 2nd.
- DWG annual report timeline
 - Annual report is due to the Commissioner by July 2022.

University of Oregon presentation on the Dyslexia Pilot

- All schools are in phase III of implementation of the pilot.
- Revisions are being made to protocol in progress to support sustainability of approach for year 2 and beyond (e.g., leveraging CO literacy initiatives to ensure the quality of Tier 1 and Tier 2 as part of the approach vs. ECRI implementation).

CDE Educator Preparation Programs Reauthorization process (Ellen Hunter)

- All course work at universities are reviewed to determine if they are using the science of reading in their pre-service programs.
- Reauthorization in the past 4 years has focused on the alignment with the science of reading, and the Educator Talent Division reviews approximately 1/5 of all programs annually. Currently there are about 47 educator preparation programs in the state of Colorado.

Small working group presentations

- Teacher Training small working group
 - Reviewed the Dyslexia Education Levels of Educational Opportunities document.
 - The DWG moved the learning outcomes to final recommendations.
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 - The DWG moved the subtopics to substantial recommendations.
- Assessment Protocol small working group
 - Overview of the Comprehensive Assessment System chart and how the assessment protocols fit into this system.

The next DWG meeting is May 23, 2022. The meeting will be virtual.