

Advisory Council for the Education of Students with Disabilities

Monday April 8, 2024

(Meeting three of fiscal year 2024)

In-Person Location: Tennessee School for the Blind (115 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Nashville TN)

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Objective

To provide policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for students with disabilities in Tennessee.

| Time | Agenda Item | Presenter |
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| 10 – 10:10 a.m. | Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements | Joey Ellis, Chair Dr. Jennifer Jordan |
| 10:10 – 10:15 a.m. | Approval of Agenda and January Meeting Minutes, and 2021-22 Annual Report (Guiding Principle Seven) | Joey Ellis, Chair |
| 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. | TDOE Human Capital: Licensure Updates Discussion | Taylor Reid Jessie Gold |
| 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. | TDOE Federal Programs Oversight: Homebound Monitoring Discussion | Laura Dunn |
| 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. | TDOE Policy and Legal Affairs: General Overview and Updates | Dr. Amy Owen |
| 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. | Lunch & Draft Guidance Review | Council Members |
| TDOE Special Education and Student Supports | | |
| 12:45 – 1:15 p.m. | Summary of Performance Guidance Updates Transition Plan Writing Feedback | Catherine Bledsoe |
| 1:15 – 2 p.m. | Threat Assessment Feedback | Dr. April Ebbinger |
| | Reevaluation Requirements Feedback | Dr. April Ebbinger |
| 2 – 2:30 p.m. | 504 and Specific Learning Disability | Dr. Jessica Dainty Dr. April Ebbinger |
| 2:30 – 2:40 p.m. | FFY24 IDEA Part B Application High-Cost Reimbursement State Plan DSM 2.0 Monitoring Update | Dr. Jennifer Jordan Laurie Bruce |
| 2:40 – 2:50 p.m. | Office of General Counsel Updates | Taylor Jenkins |
| 2:50 – 2:55 p.m. | Open Floor | Council Members |
| 2:55 – 3 p.m. | Public Comments (Guiding Principle Seven) | Council Members |
| 3 p.m. | New Business/Additional Items (Guiding | Joey Ellis, Chair |

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| | Principle Seven) | |
| | Call for Future Meeting Topics (Guiding Principle Seven) | Joey Ellis, Chair |
| | Closing Remarks/Adjourn (Guiding Principle Seven) | Joey Ellis, Chair |

The Council's mission is to influence policy that shall ensure student success. This mission shall be accomplished through the following functions, as stated in the Tennessee Code at TCA §49-10-105 (e):

"The council shall:

(1) Have an opportunity to comment on rules and regulations proposed for issuance pursuant to parts 1-6 or this chapter [Special Education Programs and Services];

(2) Consider any problems presented to it by the governor, the commissioner, the state board of education or the director of the division of special education, and give advice thereon;

(3) Review the state plan prepared pursuant to part 3 of this chapter prior to its submission to the governor and general assembly and comment thereon to the governor, the commissioner, the state board of education and the director: and

(4) Make an annual report to the governor and the general assembly and the state board of education, which report shall be available to the general public and shall present its views of the progress or lack thereof made in special education by the state, its agencies and institutions, and its school districts during the preceding year."

The annual report shall include the following topics: P a g e 3

- Identification of unmet needs
- Reviews of evaluations
- Reviews of data reports
- Advice to the Department of Education in developing corrective actions
- Advice to the Department of Education in developing and implementing policy regarding coordination of services
- Advice on the education of eligible students in adult prisons referred to in the State Board of Education Rules and Regulations at Chapter 0520-1 -9. (7)(c)

Note: The public agency, after deleting any personally identifiable information, must—

(1) Transmit the findings and decisions referred to in [§ 300.512\(a\)\(5\)](#) to the State advisory panel established under [§ 300.167](#); and

(2) Make those findings and decisions available to the public.

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