

STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
National Conference Center at the Holiday Inn
399 Monmouth Street
East Windsor, NJ 08520

MINUTES

Thursday, June 9, 2011

Members in attendance: Lauren Agoratus, Angela Durso, Scott Elliott, Dr. Howard Lerner, Phil Gartlan, Kathleen Mullery, Michael Nevin, Kathy Roberson, Bill Sellar, Blanche Stetler

Members not in attendance: Dr. Tracy Amerman, Rob Sandusky

Resource Representatives in attendance: Suzanne Canuso, Karen Carroll

Resource Representatives not in attendance: Susan Avny, Debbie Stewart

Guests and members of the public: Perkie Cannon, Sol Heckelman, Larry Lam, Dr. Sharon Lohrmann, Dianne Malley, Dr. Peggy McDonald, Lee Prantis, Mala Spivak

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MAY MINUTES AND PRESENTATIONS

The meeting was called to order at 9:58 a.m. by Chairperson Dr. Howard Lerner. The May minutes were reviewed and approved. Nine in favor, one abstention. Presentations were made to retiring Council members Scott Elliott, Dr. Howard Lerner, Kathleen Mullery and Bill Sellar.

II. DIRECTORS UPDATE

Dr. Peggy McDonald, Manager, Bureau of Program Accountability reported that she and Barbara Gantwerk presented to the Coalition on Inclusive Education. She shared with the Council some of the data on who is receiving services in New Jersey; as well as trend data.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Sharon Lohrmann from the Boggs Center presented to the Council on *Positive Behavior Support in Schools (PBSIS): Implementation and Evaluation*. She outlined the goals of the initiative, along with the training being conducted and the supports being given to districts. More information about this collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Education can be found at: <http://www.njpbs.org/>

Larry Lam, Dianne Malley, Lee Prantis and Mala Spivak gave a presentation to the Council on Bergen County's Post 21 Club and North Jersey Friendship House. They provide advocacy for and support to adults with autism who have aged out of New Jersey's social service system. More information about their services can be found at:

http://post21club.org/?page_id=7 and at <http://www.njfriendshiphouse.org/index.html>

IV. PUBLIC

Sol Heckelman commented on his work with Jewish Family and Vocational Services of Middlesex County.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m. The next full meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2011 at the Holiday Inn in East Windsor.

VI. LUNCH