

STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Holiday Inn and the National Conference Center
399 Monmouth Street
East Windsor, New Jersey**

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Members in attendance: Lauren Agoratus, Myriam Alizo, Susan Colacello, Deborah Lynam, Melanie McGackin, Chris Shamburg, Tekelah Sherrod, Fred Tchang, Dorothy Van Horn

Members not in attendance: Mary Ann Comparetto, Barbara Gantwerk, Beth Kelley, Magaly Milton, Peggy O'Reilly, Leslie Rubinstein, Amy Smith

Resource Representatives in attendance: Kelley Michalowski, Eva Scott, Cheri Thompson

Resource Representatives not in attendance: Donna Holzschuh, Dawn Mergen

Guests and members of the public: Lauren Bennett, Sol Heckelman

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MAY MINUTES, CALENDAR, AND PRESENTATIONS

The meeting was called to order by chair Dorothy Van Horn at 9:52 a.m.

Plaques were presented to three members retiring from the Council: Lauren Agoratus (7 years), Peggy O'Reilly (2 years), and Tekelah Sherrod (4 years)

The May minutes were reviewed, and after being properly moved and seconded passed unanimously.

The Council approved the meeting dates for the 2016 - 2017 school year.

II. DIRECTORS UPDATE

John Worthington reported that he and two OSEP staff members attended the IEC Data Conference in Savannah, Georgia and gathered information about data collection for Indicator 17 of the SPP/APR.

John Worthington shared with the Council that he attended the statewide ISCI conference as well as the state PBSIS conference

John Worthington updated the Council on the status of the Dyslexia Manual as well as the Directors Manual.

John Worthington shared information on the electronic system to capture and make more accessible due process files.

III. PRESENTATION

Dr. Walter Zahorodny from Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School spoke to the Council on the topic of *Tracking Autism Spectrum Disorder in New Jersey*.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/addm.html>

IV. COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deborah inquired on the status of the hiring process for the Facilitation of Individualized Education Plan (FIEP) consultants. Fred informed the Council that the NJCIE Conference would be held for the first time at two sites on two separate dates this year. Susan reported on the Play Unified School Partnership. She also shared that nine teams of Special Olympians competed in Unified 4x100 meter relays through a new partnership between the Special Olympics and the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA).

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m. Committee's did not meet over lunch.

The next meeting of the SSEAC is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the Holiday Inn and National Conference Center in East Windsor, New Jersey.