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Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Executive Committee

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

******* 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. *******
Teams Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Tammy Raccio, Jen Lussier, Catherine Summ, Sean Cronin and Jolie Medina

Members Absent: Bryan Klimkiewicz and Nachi Bhatt

Guests: Tom Cosker (SAC Dispute Ad-Hoc Committee)

I. Call to Order:

Tammy called meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

II. Public Comment:

SAC meetings are public meetings and members of the public may participate.
Call-In Number: 866-880-0098
Participant Code: 89689633

III. Council Matters

Note: SAC Dispute Resolution Ad-Hoc Committee Members invited to attend this meeting.

Sean C. starts the meeting with a discussion/review of the SAC Dispute Ad-Hoc Committee meeting on May 28.

Catherine S. talks about the benefits of the presentation and CPAC

Tom C. talks about the Rhode Island Call Center trainings, length center has been in existence, the benefits of the center and suggestions on how the process can work for CT. Has further discussion about the goals.

Jen L. discussed a formal training process and the amount of staff that would need to be looked at for CT if we established a call center. She further talks about the size of the state of Rhode Island, which leads to less complaints filed by families that of course would be different in CT. Sean C.

responds and agrees with Jen L then starts to talk about a few scenarios he and Bryan discussed in their follow up to the Ad-Hoc Dispute Resolution meeting.

Tom C. mentions data and additional aspects that CT would have to consider and look at. Sean C. responds about compliance, data and a brief mention of what he and Bryan have discussed in reference to the Rhode Island interview.

Tammy R. talks more about data and Sean C. says he will check with Jim Moriarty (BSE) who oversees the specific data. She mentions concerns. Tom C. and Jen L. respond further about conflict and concerns. The state should have specific and identified goals.

Sean C. moves on to review Executive Matters, talks about LRP attending our next SAC Ad-Hoc meeting on June 28 and then talks John Copenhaver, which the SAC Executive Committee do a virtual presentation at the SAC Summer Training on July 28. Tammy R. lists topics she would like reviewed at the training. Sean C. asks about member's interest in SAC officer positions and Jolie M. suggests sending a follow up message to the full SAC.

Catherine S. talks membership and the survey that Jon Metcalf created for the SAC website. Jolie M. will send to full SAC for review and further discussion.

Jen L. asks about the CT Accelerate documents being translated into Spanish and Jolie M. provides status. Translation should be complete and document posted by mid next week.

Summary/Action Items:

Jolie to send full SAC link to membership survey for review and include a follow up message on office positions to be discussed at the July 28 training.

IV. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 by Sean C.