

CT STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

SRBI Ad Hoc Committee

Special Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2011

9:00am – 10:00am

Room 343, Third Floor, State Office Building

CT State Department of Education, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Member Attendance: Julie Swanson, Stephanie Johnson

Ms. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05

II. SRBI Ad Hoc Committee Update

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Swanson reviewed the charge of the committee as defined by the SAC: Review and update recommendations concerning the following areas:

- SRBI Tenets, Implementation and Referral to Special Education

III. Discussion Items

A/B. Following a review of the tenets of SRBI as defined by the SRBI Executive Summary, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Swanson reviewed the SAC Annual Report which documented to the legislature the following concerns regarding SRBI:

- Considerable degree of misunderstanding among administrators, teachers and parents about what SRBI is intended to achieve.
- There are not clear guidelines to SRBI – ie. What are the mechanics?
 - Which educators are responsible for implementing SRBI at the district?
 - What are the roles of the interventionists?
- When are parents to be notified that their child is in SRBI?
 - Is there a timeline for how long that a student will be in SRBI before a referral is made for special education?
- Will the parents be provided with their child's SRBI data to document the progress and/or lack of progress achieved during the semester.

C. Nancy Prescott, director of CPAC, was unable to attend the meeting.

D. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Swanson discussed the following potential unmet needs surrounding SRBI:

- Creation of a Topic Brief on the SDE website to clarify all areas that remain ambiguous to parents;
- Notification and documentation (Topic Brief and progress monitoring) provided to parents regarding their child's participation in an SRBI program;
- Provision that the State directly provide training to *all* districts' special education directors, special education teachers and general education teachers regarding implementation of SRBI with fidelity and its relationship to the referral process for special education;
- Data collection from districts regarding the length of individual student participation in each Tier as a precursor to the Special Education referral process to provide accountability and prevent undue delay of referral. Data collection should also include those students who have been referred to special education, found not eligible, and documentation that supported the refusal.

IV. Action Items:

- A.** The discussions regarding SRBI for the past three years have primarily referenced interventions in reading and math. However, SRBI programs also include behavioral intervention. Ms. Johnson will meet with Rebecca Auger, University of Connecticut student teacher regarding her on-site research regarding SRBI-Behavioral implementation.
- B.** The committee would like to reschedule a meeting with Nancy Prescott, director of CPAC.
- C.** The committee would like to extend an invitation to Perri Merdica, State Department of Education, to meet with the committee at her earliest convenience to discuss the most recent activity regarding SRBI at the state and district levels.
- D.** The committee will refrain from setting a meeting schedule at this time until the availability of Ms. Prescott and Ms. Murdica has been determined; and pending deadline by the Executive Committee for Ad-Hoc recommendations.

VI. Adjournment

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.