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Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Executive Committee

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

******* 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p. m. *******

Conference Call

Call-In Number: 866-880-0098

Participant Code: 89689633

MINUTES

Members Present: Tom Cosker, Jen Lussier, Meg Walsh, Sean Cronin and Jolie Medina

Members Absent: Bryan Klimkiewicz.

I. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm by Tom Cosker.

II. Public Comment: N/A

III. Council Matters:

Jen talks about the beginning stages of the workgroups meeting and correct name to reference these groups as a workgroup and not committee to ensure legal compliances. Tom talks about the expectations of the groups. Jen brings up concerns from her workgroup about connecting via technology during the pandemic for families and districts, and Tom adds that similar conversations took place with his group and gives an example of DOC being limited to technology. All members talk about disability resources.

Sean provides Bryan's report and talks about the organization, advising, direction and expected outcomes of the group works on how to move forward. Continued conversation on resources and Jen sent email with web links to executive committee members. Bryan looking for a parent to consult with SAC on successfully coping with stress during COVID.

Meg and Tom talk ESY and categories. She also mentions the contracts and variations whose needs are not being met due to virtual learning and how to charge for services provided.

IV. Summary/Action Items:

Jolie to send email to SAC, which includes a request for parent to assist SAC with recommendations on how to deal with stress. Include line on member feedback regarding unmet needs sent to Jen and mention of Zoom call in option.

V. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned by Tom Cosker at 1:05 pm.