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Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Executive Committee

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

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

Conference Call & Teams Meeting

Call-In Number: 866-880-0098

Participant Code: 89689633

MINUTES

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

I. Call to Order:

Tom Cosker called meeting to order 12:41 pm.

II. Public Comment: N/A

III. Council Matters:

Group talks priority work for Commissioner review on COVID resources, best practices, and guidance responses.

Jen talks ESY and Bryan asks her to respond to guidance from Commissioner when providing feedback.

Talk about summer school and plans for authorized in person lessons starting 7/1/20. Meg responds, Southington plans to do this virtually although cost is an issue.

Tom and Bryan talk the next topic for SAC to address in regards to commissioner's roundtable. Tom wants to be prepared to bring recovery guidance to the table.

Jen and Bryan talk comprehensive evaluations as a topic and a way to be able to inform. Meh talks about initial evaluations being necessary and working to overcome that issue. It has difficult to work with no hard data but they are willing to hear suggestions in Southington.

Bryan discusses student teachers and the assistance they can provide. Tom adds therapeutic teachers is a place to look as well and has seen benefit from their involvement with COVID.

Short review of summer orientation and decision to run a half-day virtual meeting on July 22.

Group mentions membership and replacements for Council.

IV. Summary/Action Items:

Jolie to send save the date email to Council for a hold on July 22 tentative summer orientation.

Jen and Tom to provide SAC work group document to Bryan for Commissioner Cardona to review.

Schedule June meetings virtually (Teams).

V. Adjourn:

Meeting is adjourned by Tom Cosker at 1:31 pm.