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Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Executive Committee

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

******* 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. *******

Microsoft Teams Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Tammy Raccio (Chair), Jen Lussier (Vice Chair), Nachi Bhatt, Susan Lemke, Bryan Klimkiewicz (Non-voting) and Jolie Medina (Non-voting)

Members Absent: Sean Cronin (Non-voting) and Tom Cosker (Past Chair)

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Tammy Raccio at 12:34 p.m.
- II. **Public Comment:** N/A
- III. **Council Matters:**

Tammy asks Bryan to provide updates on BSE guidance being released. Bryan talks about Addendum 6, which is Fall Reopening Guidance being published by the SDE today. The guidance will include mentions of IEPs, PPTs within the context of reopening, parent remote learning questions and answers, evaluations to include outstanding and due, secondary transition –supports and approved private schools.

Bryan appreciates the SAC feedback on evaluation, parent state advisory council and thanked Jen for coordinating. He can share document for feedback and will send to Executive Committee.

After speaking with Bryan, Director, Steve Hernandez, Council for Women, Children and Seniors is interested in having continued representation on the SAC by and will be recommending a member affiliated with his organization, as well as, attending meetings himself as a member of the public.

There will be a two hour webinar with ConnCASE and Board of Attorneys that Bryan will participate in and Jen states that she would like to hear the group's perspective in response to the director's conference discussion.

Bryan attended a CPAC Facebook live event and did not have all the information prior to the Fall Reopening Guidance being released but he took questions and answered what he was able to.

There is a two-page document for parents to Addendum 6, which is much lengthier. The SDE will continue to work with CPAC to provide guidance to parents. The document will consist of highlighted instruction for parents, descriptions of IEP implementation plan (model) and information on how IEPs are delivered. The group talked about the template and the benefit of consistency across

state with use. Tammy talked about having to know details of services being provided when she received a template from her district.

Tammy discussed as parents are being asked to make decisions about whether their child will return to school or participate in voluntary distance learning it will be helpful to have the two-page parent document in hand.

Susan talked about Distance Learning in relevance to IEP implantation. Bryan comments on parent related issues.

IV. **Summary/Action Items:**

Follow-up on Susan Lemke's membership letter and send September meeting reminder to the SAC including relevant resources.

V. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned by Tammy Raccio at 1:09 p.m.