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**MINUTES**
**Kansas Special Education Advisory Council**
**July 25 '07**
**Wichita Airport Hilton Hotel**
**Website http://www.kansped.org/ksde/advisory/seac.html**

**Attendees:**

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| √ | Kendra Bittner | √ | Neil Guthrie | | Krista Morris |
| √ | Ann Byington | √ | Mary Lou Heller | √ | Colleen Riley |
| √ | Susan Clayton | √ | Penny Hoffman | √ | Anne Roberts |
| | Mike Donnelly | √ | Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer | | Vicki Sharp |
| √ | Janice Frahm | √ | Larry Meyer | | Sean Smith |
| | | √ | Bert Moore | √ | Terry Deseck |

**Guests**: Kerry Ottlinger, KSDE-SSS team; John Copenhaver, MPRRC; Shirley Armentrout, past SEAC member

| Agenda Items | Action Taken |
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| **Welcome** | Chairperson Neil Guthrie called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm, welcoming new members to the first Council meeting of the 2007-08 year. Members provided brief introductions of themselves. This meeting being held in conjunction with the KSDE Leadership Conference. |
| **Approval of agenda and minutes of April '07 meeting** | The agenda was approved as written.<br><br>The April '07 minutes were approved as written on Susan Clayton's motion and Larry Meyer's second. |
| **SEAC Orientation** | John Copenhaver, Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center, lead members in a review of SEAC functions, responsibilities, and guidance intended to result in effective Council meetings. He emphasized the importance of the Council's role in shaping services for children with disabilities. A notebook entitled *A Primer for State Special Education Advisory Panel Members and SEAC Staff* was distributed to all members. |

**Old Business / New Business/SSS Update**

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| • **SPP/APR report** | Colleen Riley provided a powerpoint presentation of the history of Special Education and the SPP/APR, noting that IDEA 2004 moved education into accountability making sure that students with disabilities receive access to public curriculum and demonstrate improvement. An SPP parent guide is being developed by KSDE. |
| • **OSEP Determination letter** | Colleen provided a handout describing OSEP's determination of Kansas' SPP compliance indicators. |
| • **Autism Waiver follow-up letter** | Colleen and Bert Moore reported that the Autism Waiver project will be fully funded through a Medicaid Waiver with federal funding for services to children birth through age 5. Colleen, Bert and Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer participated in committee meetings where they voiced their concerns for lack of wraparound services being provided, etc |
| **Seclusion/Restraint Guidelines** | Colleen reported that the Guidelines, adopted by the State Board in 2007, go into effect this school year. The State Board has directed the KSDE SSS team to conduct a survey of every school on the use of seclusion procedures for students with IEPs. Surveys will be conducted electronically beginning October 1st. Colleen will report findings to the SEAC. |
| • **State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) update** | Kerry Ottlinger provided a handout overview of this 5-year grant award, which Kansas is one of 28 states to receive. |

**Review:**

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| • **2006-07 SEAC Annual Report** | On Bert Moore's motion and Mary Lou Heller's second, the report was approved as written and will be submitted to the State Board of Education at it's September meeting |
| • **2007-08 SEAC Meeting Schedule** | Members were provided a copy of the current meeting schedule, also available at **http://www.kansped.org/ksde/advisory/seac.html** |
| • **2007-08 Proposed SEAC Action Plan** | Members reviewed the 2006-07 Action Plan and proposed adding the following to the 2007-08 priority areas of discussion/study: Dyslexia; Deaf Education Bill of Rights; Licensure / teacher shortages; funding. Members will review |

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| | the updated document at the next meeting. |
| **Public Comment** | None received |
| **Adjourn** | After dinner was provided, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. |

Next scheduled meeting: September 11 ’07 @ KSDE Satellite meeting room 9:00 am

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**September 11 '07**
**KSDE 2nd fl conference room**
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| | Mike Donnelly | √ | Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer | | Sean Smith |
| √ | Janice Frahm | √ | Larry Meyer | √ | Terry Stewart |
| | | √ | Bert Moore | | |

**Guests**: Kerry Haag and Linda Geiger, KSDE-SSS staff; Kathleen Wilson, DRC; Dr.Tom Foster, KSDE Deputy Commissioner

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| **Welcome** | Chair-Elect Larry Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He reported that due to increases in her professional responsibilities, Krista Morris has resigned her position on SEAC as representative of other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to exceptional children. |
| **Approval of agenda and minutes of July '07 meeting** | The agenda was approved on Bert Moore's motion and Vicki Sharp's second, with one date correction and the addition of presentations by Tom Foster and Kerry Haag.<br><br>The July '07 minutes were approved with one correction on Ann Robert's motion and Penny Hoffman's second. |

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| **KS Special Education Teacher Recruitment & Retention solutions** | Dr. Tom Foster presented information concerning the supply of special education teachers in the state. He requested that SEAC address suggested solutions to barriers in Kansas special education teacher recruitment and retention to him by November 2007. |
| **State Performance Plan Update (SPP)** | Colleen Riley provided an update of work being done by SSS staff in support of the SPP indicators. An SSS SPP/APR Resource Guide was distributed. |
| **SSS update** | Colleen provided an overview of current priorities the SSS team is working on:<br>▪ Legislature –<br>o Autism Task Force<br>o Dyslexia<br>o Deaf Education Bill of Rights<br>o Early Childhood Realignment Proposals<br>▪ Seclusion/Restraint Guidelines<br>▪ Levels of Determination (LOD) for districts<br>▪ Data improvements for the SPP<br>▪ Analyzing data for the SPP<br>▪ Staffing in SSS<br>▪ Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) & Response to Intervention (RtI) |
| **Grants Update** | Kerry Haag presented information on the following projects:<br>▪ The redesigned on-line KS Education Employment Board (KEEB) scheduled to be launched on September 17th. She also presented a brochure detailing the projects and resources available with the Kansas Project for Children & Youth who are Deaf Blind.<br>▪ Statewide Professional Development Grant (SPDG) – the new state improvement plan is a 5-year grant providing a distribution of $1.23 million per year to promote systemic change and improvement efforts in staff development in states and has funded the school wide positive behavior supports project. |

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| **Council members introduced to members of the SBOE** | Members were introduced to SBOE meeting, questions from the board were answered, and a brief statement was presented concerning SEAC role and responsibilities to explain the difference between advise and advocate. |
| **Council member reports** | Member Ann Byington invited member participation in KASB state conf. Oct. 20th @ Pozez Education Center: Reading Strategies for Visually Impaired Students.<br><br>Members were provided a brochure inviting them to attend the 4th Annual Nebraska Institute on Special Education Law & Practice, November 8-9 '07 in Omaha, Nebraska. |
| **Public Comment** | Kathleen Wilson, Disability Rights Center (DRC), introduced herself and explained her functions w/DRC. |
| **Adjourn** | Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm |

Next scheduled meeting: October 31 '07 @ KSDE 2nd floor conference room 9:00 am

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**October 31 '07**
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| | Mike Donnelly | √ | Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer | √ | Sean Smith |
| √ | Janice Frahm | √ | Larry Meyer | √ | Terry Stewart |
| | | √ | Bert Moore | | |

**Guests**: Kerry Haag, Mark Ward, Kylie Stewart, Rebecca Rosenthal, Lesli Girard, Susan Helbert, Steve Sublett, Allison Emerson, Melanie McKay-Cody, Rod Bieker

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| **Welcome** | Chairperson Neil Guthrie called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. |
| **Approval of agenda and minutes of September '07 meeting** | The agenda was approved with one addition, on Janice Frahm's motion and Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer's second.<br><br>The September '07 minutes were approved on Bert Moore's motion and Penny Hoffman's second. |
| **Due process hearings, mediations and formal complaint investigations** | Mark Ward provided an overview of Due Process & Formal Complaint decisions for 2006. |
| **New KEEB website overview** | Kylie Stewart provided an overview and video highlighting the redesigned Kansas Education Employment Board (KEEB). The new KEEB provides job seekers with a variety of tools to apply for and locate positions, customize their employment efforts, and learn more about teaching in Kansas. The website www.kansasteachingjobs.com also |

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| | provides blogging tools, a video library, KSTARS resources, coaching tools, curriculum & instruction models that allow for staff development credits, on-line modules allow for staff development credit. |
| **Teacher licensure overview** | Susan Helbert provided an overview and summary of Regulation changes adopted by the State Board to improvements made by the standards board to address barriers to the licensure system. The standards board addressed out-of-state applicants and licensing, access to practice, additional methods for adding license endorsements, and concerns over supply. |
| **Overview of Kansas Deaf & Hard of Hearing Education Bill of Rights** | Steve Sublett provided an overview of IDEA law through the eyes of a hearing officer and lawyer. The Rowley Case, established by the U.S. Supreme Court, established the standard for FAPE.<br><br>Allison Emerson, parent representative from the ad-hoc committee that developed the Deaf/HH Education Bill of Rights, presented the draft document. She stated that the committee began Dec. '06 to discuss the basis for a draft document. The committee invited professionals, parents from many backgrounds within the deaf community, and teachers of the deaf to look at issues faced by parents and children and provide input into drafting this Bill of Rights that benefits deaf children birth – 21, stressing that parents be equal participants in their child's IEP. Allison acknowledged that some objectives are already in place and others could be accomplished without a Bill of Rights. |
| **Public Comment: Deaf/HH Education Bill of Rights** | Rebecca Rosenthal requested written feedback from SEAC on the Bill of Rights by Dec 1st . Colleen commented that SEAC had previously received an overview of the proposed Bill of Rights. SEAC will provide formal feedback to the SBOE, which will become public record. A copy of the letter was sent to Rebecca.<br><br>Veronica Frambers, lead interpreter at USD 259 Wichita, commented that the Bill of Rights is a great concept for any disability but needs to be in line with IDEA Law. Many great things are being done as a result of IDEA, assuring parents voices are heard. |

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| | Melanie McKay-Cody commented that there needs to be more balance within the Bill of Rights and aligned with IDEA; laws are already in place to protect children. |
| **Review SBOE request for position papers:**<br>• **Deaf/HH Education Bill of Rights**<br>• **Autism Task Force**<br>• **Dyslexia** | Rod Bieker provided feedback on the State Board's request for information on the Deaf/HH Education Bill of Rights, Autism Task Force, and Dyslexia. He states that there is room for improvement but not for more legislation.<br><br>• Dyslexia: Recommendations made by SEAC in years past still hold today – seem to parallel parent needs.<br><br>• Deaf/HH Education Bill of Rights: Parents need knowledge of resources available. Don't pit children with disabilities against other groups.<br><br>Rod is available for further expertise as needed.<br><br>After Council member discussion, a motion was received from Bert Moore, seconded by Janice Frahm, and agreed upon by Council members to address all three papers utilizing previous letters submitted to the State Board; that SEAC would not support one area of disability over another because IDEA supports all identified disabilities. Concern was expressed that too many advocacy groups want preference. There are a great number of things moving forward in KS - MTSS, early intervening services for individual children's needs – this will help students with autism; as well as current guideline documents for Deaf Education and Autism. |
| **Review recommendations for teacher licensure to Dr. Tom Foster's request at the Sept. meeting and review of APA Licensure Act Proposal** | Members discussed issues with teacher salaries, KPERS vestment, and work on the KPA; how to get over barriers to support teachers; how to redesign special education training for the proper skills sets to get teachers into the special education environment; general education teachers need prep on how to deal with all students, differentiated instruction on mild disabilities; reading and language specialists could provide added levels of support with the MTSS. Districts are providing professional development to teach teachers.<br><br>Susan Helbert suggests looking at Professional Education standards to see how much is being done for special education – beefing up that piece, and how to work with |

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| | IHEs to put more emphasis on meeting the needs of teacher vacancies; review funding formulas; special education be at the table to create a solution for all students to meet high content standards using the SPP data to help drive the conversation.<br><br>Dr. Foster will present SEAC recommendations to the State Board on teacher licensure. |
| **SSS update** | Colleen provided an overview of current priorities the SSS team is working on:<br>• KSDE currently being reorganized and Commissioner Posny chose the Special Education Team to remain intact instead of integrated into other teams.<br><br>• Seclusion/Restraint survey: still collecting data, was sent to 1800 school principals statewide will be reported at the January '08 meeting..<br><br>• SPP/APR: Data issues currently being addressed. |
| **Council member reports** | Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer asks if SEAC needs to provide a position statement to the SBOE concerning proposed changes for school psychologist licensure and the effect on school psychologists that weren't required to have a doctorate level w/clinical license in the past.<br><br>After Council member discussion, Colleen Riley was asked to confer with Rod Bieker for clarification on the effect of Statutes. Rod's response will be sent to Council members via e-mail. |
| **Adjourn** | Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm |

Next scheduled meeting: January 8-9 '08 @ KSDE 2nd floor conference room, 9:00 am

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| | Janice Frahm | √ | Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer | √ | Sean Smith |
| √ | Lesli Girard | √ | Larry Meyer | √ | Terry Stewart |
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**Guests**: Kerry Haag, Patty Gray, Margy Hornback, Wendy Blaauw, Gayle Stuber, Debbie Matthews, Joan Houghton, Linda Geiger, Wayne Ball

**Tuesday, January 8 '08**

| Agenda Items | Action Taken |
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| **Welcome** | Chairperson Neil Guthrie called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. |
| **Approval of agenda and minutes of October '07 meeting** | The agenda was approved with additions, on Larry Meyer's motion and Susan Clayton's second.<br><br>The October '07 minutes were approved on Bert Moore's motion and Anne Roberts' second. |
| **Families Together, Inc. inclusion in SEAC membership** | Colleen Riley entertained a motion that an ex-officio position on the Council be created for Families Together, Inc. as the federally appointed Parent Training Information Center of Kansas. Members provided feedback noting the valued input that Families Together will provide to the Council. The motion was approved on Bert Moore's motion, Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer's second. |

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| | It was recommended that Colleen study the possibility of creating an additional position to the Council for a General Education Professional. |
| **Seclusion/Restraint (S/R) Guideline overview** | Patty Gray provided an overview of seclusion data. Principals were asked to provide survey feedback on a quarterly basis as a means to collect the data needed for reporting purposes; reports for data clarification will be sent to all district directors; survey results will be provided to the districts as an opportunity to train the field as to what seclusion means. It was noted that the seclusion data confirms the need for PBIS initiative and the focus of the State Personnel Development grant. KSDSE would like to link the data reporting by districts with the MIS system, and the KAN-DIS online project, an integrated tool that schools & districts can use to maintain information on a wide variety of discipline-related incidents. Colleen notes that SEAC will report to the SBOE and make recommendations after the four cycle reporting period is over.<br><br>Members provided feedback to help clarify survey questions for school administrators.<br><br>Members approved a motion made by Bert Moore & seconded by Larry Meyer, that a seclusion check-box be added to the MIS data collection system, as a mechanism to assure that school administrators are aware of any problems with seclusion in their districts and implementing KAN-DIS & MIS changes to be ready for the 2008-09 year. Members support districts receiving interventions for those who use seclusion. |
| **Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)** | Colleen Riley and Margy Hornback provided an historical overview of the MTSS and Pre-K MTSS, which includes the Reading First Initiative. MTSS is a model for school improvement so that schools take an extensive look at how to maximize resources by looking at the framework to address the needs of students at each level. The MTSS has created a shift in thinking and systems change by intervening early; providing visionary leaders; ensuring caring and effective teachers; and designing an education system to meet needs of the 21st century, providing supports and services to ALL students. An additional development grant is being sought to |

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| | help develop a training framework for schools to provide professional development. Information is available at: www.kansasmtss.org<br><br>Colleen distributed the Commissioner's **Partners in Change** memo addressing the need for MTSS to move out of special education and into the regular education arena.<br><br>Members discussed the relationship between RtI and MTSS. Copies of the RtI publication were distributed that looks at how to identify students who need support. |
| **Review letter of recommendation to SBOE** | Members discussed the letter of recommendations to the State Board, dated November 8 '07, addressing Board issues raised on autism, dyslexia and the Deaf Education & Hard of Hearing Bill of Rights. |
| **Regulations Public Hearings** | Via TV monitor, members viewed the Regulations Public Hearings occurring during the State Board meeting. Additional hearings were held previously in Hays and Wichita. |
| **1% - 2%** | Debbie Matthews & Joan Houghton presented an overview of the 1% & 2% provisions of IDEA Law concerned with assessment. The KAMM assessment is commonly referred to as 2%, and the Alternate Assessment as 1%. Districts have been participating in KAMM trainings on how to develop an alternate assessment. Scoring trainings will take place in February '08. CETE has made some changes to the KAMM –which includes access on-line for evidence labels, etc. The Alternate Assessment has been approved by Federal Peer Review Committee. During March '08 the KAMM will be reviewed by the Peer Review Committee for approval |
| **Public Comment** | No public comment was heard. |
| **SPP/APR review & update on Indicators** | Colleen welcomed Wayne Ball, MPRRC, who provided an overview on the state's responsibilities regarding the State Performance Plan / Annual Performance Reporting (SPP/APR). Wayne distributed copies of the SPP pocket-sized "cheat sheet", 20 indicators for success brochure, levels of determination brochure, and TAESE technical assistance newsletter. |

**Wednesday, January 9 '08**

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| | The following KSDE staff provided an overview of work being done to the following SPP indicators:<br><br>Indicator 9 & 10: Linda Geiger provided a packet containing summary information and self assessment tool.<br><br>Indicator 14: Wendy Blaauw asked the Council to set target, which can be adjusted next year. Data is currently baseline at 89.9%. The Council agreed to set the target at 89.9% - keeping it the same for two years, and adjust to a new target the next year.<br><br>Indicator 20: Colleen Riley shared a scoring rubric developed to analyze timely & accurate 618 data, both district and state formats. Rubrics and status reports will be sent to districts. |
| **Autism Task Force** | Colleen referred to the handout Report of the KS Autism Task Force to the LEPC, noting that the task force will remain active for one more year. Colleen serves on the task force. |
| **MPRRC Advisory Council upcoming conference calls** | Colleen referred to the list of MPRRC sponsored conference calls for advisory councils, a valuable tool for all Council members to access. |
| **Council member reports** | Lesli Girard distributed information about an upcoming conference by Families Together, Inc.: Together We Can Learn – Discover the Music Within.<br><br>The KSDE Law Conference is scheduled for February 26th at the Topeka Capital Plaza Hotel.<br><br>The KSDE Leadership Conference is scheduled for July 24 – 25 '08 at the Wichita Airport Hilton. The SEAC meeting, held in conjunction with the conference, will be held on July 23rd. |
| **Adjourn** | Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am. |

Next scheduled meeting: February 13 '08 @ KSDE 2nd floor conference room, 9:00 am

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**Guests**: Kerry Haag, Patty Gray, Deanna Lieber, Kathleen Wilson

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| **Welcome** | Chairperson Neil Guthrie called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. |
| **Approval of agenda and minutes of January '08 meeting** | The agenda was approved with the addition of an MTSS update. Motion received by Bert Moore, seconded by Penny Hoffman.<br><br>The January '08 meeting minutes were approved with one change on Bert Moore's motion and Susan Clayton's second. |
| **SES Updates** | Colleen Riley introduced Deanna Lieber, the new KSDE staff attorney/general council who replaced retiring attorney Rod Bieker who retired recently. Members introduced themselves individually.<br><br>Kerry Haag provided an overview of the NASDSE Workshop on Meeting the Needs of Students Who Are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, held Feb. 11-12 '08 @ Overland Park Sheraton Hotel. The intent of the workshop was to provide |

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| | an overview and explore issues around supports & services for this group of students, as seen through administrators eyes. Assessment issues were studied.<br><br>Colleen provided an overview of indicator data and targets that was reported on the FFY 2006 APR submitted to OSEP on Feb. 1 '08. This information is available on the kansped.org website. Member discussion followed.<br><br>Colleen provided an overview of current legislative issues:<br>*Part C Lead Agency* – The Legislative Education Committee and 2010 Commission heard public testimony this week. The final decision by the Governor is expected the spring.<br>*HB2778: Dyslexia* – public testimony will be heard Feb. 14th – concerning Reading. Members discussed barriers to evaluation and supports to this issue.<br>*Autism Task Force* continues to meet. SB 406 proposal addresses scholarships for masters degrees in an applied healthcare program with an emphasis on Autism, which includes many different areas per IHE – the bill removes teacher eligibility with this bill. Members request that Colleen submit a bulleted statement to the SBOE addressing Council concerns to this proposed legislation. HB 2351 (mental health parity bill) is another autism bill from this task force proposing that Medicaid supplement insurance coverage for treatment of mental health coverage be provided for any child.<br><br>Colleen provided an update on the Multi-Tier Systems of Support project.<br><br>Patty Gray updated members on clarifying data recently collected for the Principals Seclusion Survey, as recommended by SEAC at their January '08 meeting. |
| **Public Comment** | Kathleen Wilson (Disability Rights Center) provided comment on HB 2351. |
| **Adjourn** | Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm |

Next scheduled meeting: April 16 '08 @ KSDE 2nd floor conference room, 9:00 am

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**Guests**: Kevin Davis, Crystal Davis, Lee Stickle, Victoria White, Terri Cooper-Swanson, Elena Lincoln, John Green, Traci Kalic, Judy Rockley, James Baker, Patty Gray

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| **Welcome** | Chairperson Neil Guthrie called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. New KSDE Special Education staff Elena Lincoln & John Green were introduced. |
| **Approval of agenda and minutes of February '08 meeting** | The agenda was approved on a motion received by Janice Frahm, seconded by Larry Meyer.<br><br>The February '08 meeting minutes were approved on Vicki Sharp's motion and Kendra Bittner's second. |
| **Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Update** | Kevin Davis and Crystal Davis, Tracie Kalic, Deb McVey, James Baker, and Judy Rockley presented an overview of MTSS work/events in the upcoming months, and how MTSS is affecting teachers & students. The goal of MTSS is to develop a single system to serve the wide variety of needs of students; EVERY education for EVERY student. MTSS encompasses both academics and behavior supports, while working to implement PBIS that provides practices that provide supports to ALL kids. Project SPOT provides resources and tools to help guide educators. Sept. 4-5 '08 KSDE will sponsor the Kansas MTSS Symposium, in Wichita – focusing on reading strands. Work is being done on an Innovation Configuration Matrix (ICM) – a document to convey all major components of MTSS, as well as development of the MTSS Self-Assessment, a tool schools can use to guide their progress toward implementation of MTSS. KSDE will use this document to help determine recommendations for demonstration sites that will partner with centers across the state to develop training of trainers. Secondary interventions are being developed |

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| | and pilots begun with KU as the lead.<br><br>James & Judy provided an overview of their MTSS work within their school districts. They provided data analysis that indicated the need to accelerate ALL levels of learning, including students that are both above and below grade level.<br><br>Members provided feedback and requested future MTSS updates/discussion.<br><br>Info is available at www.kansasmtss.org |
| **Autism Update** | Lee Stickle provide overview of Autism and what's planned for the future. The Governor's Commission is working with the Autism Taskforce to develop a comprehensive system to effectively serve kids. Early intervention waiver allows identified 4 year olds guaranteed 3 full years of intensive early intervention services. Studies show that 1 in 94 boys are identified on the autism spectrum. Underserved districts are receiving priority for professional services from Project STAY. INKS and Project STAY also work with autism spectrum kids. KISN collaborates w/FHSU, PSU, K-State, KU, WSU (Autism Consortium) to deliver workshops via ITV, offering graduate credits. KISN's collaborative partnerships include: Univ. KS Medical Center for Child Health & Development (CCHD) to bring ASD diagnostic training to 9 interdisciplinary teams to help get kids into services earlier, in particular in rural areas of the state; partnering with Families Together to share a full time position responsible for development of a system of first responders to enable families who have received a positive screen for autism but have not yet been diagnosed with autism and are waiting for Tiny K Network to begin their screening processes; working to developing on-line mentoring network for teachers who are new to working with children w/autism; developing Autism Interdisciplinary Teams in area of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) especially in area of transition and alternate assessment; collaborating to pilot TEACCH Transition Assessment Profile; partnering with KSDE on a conference for administrators in the area of ASD, March 3 '09 @ Wichita Marriott, in front of the KASEA meeting on March 2nd; collaborating the Ohio Center for Autism & Low Incidence to develop an Effective Supervision Checklist; regional autism consultant to provide single IEP team with opportunity to be trained in the Ziggurat Model of functional behavior assessment; collaborating to supplement the character education / bullying curriculum through the addition of ASD specific materials to be distributed to general education counselors.<br><br>Terri Cooper-Swanson and Dr. Victoria White, PSU, provided an overview of the Autism Certificate Program, being offered via ITV beginning fall '08, along with Autism Workshops being offered via ITV this summer. The certificate program, designed to include standards from Kansas, NCATE, CEC, for a 15 credit hour certificate, with coursework beginning fall '08 which helps to bring together SD resources into one area. |
| **Psychiatric Treatment Residential Facilities** | Ann Roberts provided a brief overview of Kansas Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PTRF) and what it means to students. These programs are intended to restore functioning and provide a structured therapeutic environment for children and youth with significant functional impairments. |

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| **SES Updates** | SPDG: The Statewide Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) now includes new KSDE staff John Green. Linda Geier will join the SPDG team as PBIS coordinator to provide mentoring statewide to teachers and para-educators. The SPDG contracts with Families Together to provide parent training in MTSS.<br><br>SPP/APR: KSDE's revised SPP/APR was submitted per OSEPs first round of evaluations. KSDE had 4 business days to make specific changes. KSDE focused on OSEPs written requests. The updated APR/SPP reports are available on website www.kansped.org.<br><br>Plans have been made for an upcoming stakeholders meeting to revise the Integrated Accountability System, and review Levels of Determination (LOD) rewards and sanctions to districts.<br><br>Seclusion Data: Members received an overview of the updated seclusion data obtained through the 2nd round of principal surveys on the reported use of seclusion rooms. The data showed use of seclusion rooms went down from the first report survey results. Members expressed concern that findings of abuse or an IEP that was not followed need to be followed up with by KSDE. Members suggest that reporting be broken out by public school bldg. and PRTF. Patty requested a recommendation from SEAC for the type of reporting for the upcoming year. Upon a motion from Neil Guthrie, seconded by Janice Frahm, members agreed that Larry Meyer, Co-Chairperson, collect the final seclusion data and present it to the SBOE.<br><br>Legislature: Special Education Bills saw change. A conference committee on Dyslexia put into place a resolution for KSDE to spotlight general education interventions in math and reading. KSDE has received two public comments since going on-line in March'08 asking input on the proposed application for Federal Fiscal Year 2008 grant aware under Part B (IDEA). 92% excess cost: a conference committee agreed to develop a task force to review. $9 million appropriated for Medicaid students effective March 1. Autism Teacher Scholarship proposal died in committee. |
| **Council member reports** | Sean Smith reported the Board of Regents will meet to decide on geographic areas allowing endorsements (i.e. ESU duplicating endorsement program in same geograhic area). He voiced concern that standards may not be met and duplication of a Masters Program. He requested feedback from SEAC. Member discussion included concerns over: maintaining efficiency of $$ and eliminating the urgency of need; going into areas of the state being served and possibly offering a less quality program; access by teachers across the state to ALL programs. Members asked what is it that the data shows on success of these programs? Members suggested that Sean forward his concerns as a SEAC member, in an e-mail to Commissioner Posny. |
| **2008-09 SEC nominations** | On a motion from Neil Guthrie, and seconded by Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, members approved nomination of all current member who are eligible for a 2nd term be submitted to the SBOE for consideration to the 2008-09 SEAC. |

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| | Terry Stewart will not fulfill the remainder of her term in the upcoming year. |
| **Public Comment** | None received |
| **Adjourn** | Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm |

Next scheduled meeting: July 23 '08 @ 1:00 pm – Wichita Airport Hilton, in conjunction with the KSDE Leadership Conference.