

NEBRASKA SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

An advisory panel providing policy guidance to the Nebraska Department of Education with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities.

AGENDA
Embassy Suites
1040 P Street
Lincoln, Ne
September 13, 2018

8:00	Registration	
8:30	Welcome	Amy Rhone Kristen Larsen
8:45	Welcome/Ice Breaker Activity	Mark Draper
9:00	SEAC Orientation	Amy Rhone Norm Ames, TAESE
9:45	Break	
10:00	SEAC Orientation (Cont'd)	
11:00	Council Business	Kristen Larsen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Meetings Law Announcement• Approval of September 13, 2018 Agenda*• Approval of April 26, 2018 Minutes*• Notice of Conferences/Meetings• Review of 2018 Operating Procedures	Mark Draper Amy Rhone
11:15	Preparation for New Strategic Plan	Mark Draper Amy Rhone
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change from prior "committee" focus• New focus on emerging trends• Preparation for December 13, 2018 Activity	

11:30	SEAC Committee Report: Executive Committee	Kristen Larsen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening Points for Strategic Plan Preparation • Orientation to Election of New Executive Committee Member 	
12:00	Working Lunch**	
1:00	NDE Special Education Office Team Reports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Staff • Director's Report 	Amy Rhone Amy Rhone on behalf of Steve Milliken
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part B Programming • Early Childhood (Birth – 5) • MTSS • Systems Alignment • Data Systems • Fiscal 	Amy Rhone Cole Johnson/Teresa Berube Amy Rhone Kelly Wojcik Robyn Gonzales Greg Prochazka
2:30	SEAC logistics and information follow-up	Amy Rhone Mark Draper
3:00	Public Comment***	Kristen Larsen
3:30	Adjourn	Kristen Larsen

*Items requiring Council action

**Lunch is provided for SEAC members and scheduled presenters

***Per the SEAC Operating Procedures, opportunity for public comment is requested in advance

Next Meeting Dates: December 13, 2018, March 21, 2019, May 2, 2019

Upcoming Conferences:

November 8th and 9th... Omaha, NE: Tri-State Regional Special Education Law Conference

NE SEAC Executive Committee Members

Kristen Larsen, Chair (2018-19) Nebraska Developmental Disabilities Council

Ann Auten, Chair Elect (2019-2020) Hastings College

Brian Wojcik, Chair Elect (2020-2021) University of Nebraska at Kearney

To Be Determined, Chair Elect (2021-2022)

Understanding the Advisory Council Functions under IDEA

All Council activities should relate to one or more of the functions

1. Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities. CFR 300.169(a)
 - a. Training educations on working with children with Autism
 - b. Students not being adequately served in juvenile and adult correctional facilities
2. Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the State regarding the education of children with disabilities. CFR 300.169(b)
 - a) The federal law is reauthorized and the State makes revisions to their regulations
3. Advise the State in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under Section 618 of the Act. CFR 300.169(c) *Grown the most since 2004
 - a) The SEA is reviewing and refining APR improvement strategies
 - b) Upon completion of a State and school district drill down, it was concluded that students with disabilities had lower graduation rates than students without disabilities.
4. Advise the State in developing corrective action plans to address finding identified in federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act. CFR 300.169(d)
 - a) The State has just experienced an OSEP Visit and was found to be in noncompliance on various fiscal issues.
5. Advise the State in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities. CFR 300.169€
 - a. The SEA is proposing a new MOU with the Department of Corrections
 - b. The SEA is revising its MOU with the Department of Health
6. The SEA, after deleting personally identifiable information must
 - Provide the Advisory Council with the DPH findings and decisions and
 - Make those finding and decisions available to the public. CFR 300.513(d) & 300.514(c)
 - a) DPH decisions identify consistent issues.
 - b) The SEA has experienced a spike in DPHs
7. Waiver of non-supplant requirement. State must consult with the Advisory Council regarding provisions of FAPE. CFR 300.164(c)(4)
8. States retain discretion to determine the risk ration threshold above which disproportionality is significant so long as that threshold is reasonable and based on advice from their stakeholders, including their State Advisory Councils. 34 CFR 600.647(b)(iii)(A)