

## The Arc Michigan Education Committee

October 7, 2009

Present: Maggie Kolk, Michelle Driscoll, Trisha Kayden, Michelle Miller, Kathlyn Parker, Sue Lind, Sandra McClennen (by phone)

Staff: Dohn Hoyle

The minutes of the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were approved as corrected.

### SEAC Report

- Jacqui Thompson reported that due to lack of a state budget, they cannot yet release federal grant funds.
- State performance plan indicator #4 on suspension and expulsion – group was asked for input on proposed change from averaging districts to instead give information by individual districts so can target districts with high rates for focused monitoring.

Discussion addressed the issue of sending students home without suspension and some other issues.

- State performance plan indicator #8 on parent involvement – State Dept. suggests separating data on 3-5 year olds from students 6 and older. They also asked for input on targets.

The Board has not yet acted on our proposed position statement and proposed elimination of old position statements because they have been working on a strategic plan.

Dohn reported that the Michigan Alliance PTI (Parent Training Information Center) has received a grant for parent training from the federal government. This is a new Board of which The Arc Michigan is a major part. We will continue to receive federal money for Michigan Alliance for Families as soon as the state budget is resolved.

To access *2009 Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services Yearly Update*, go to: [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530\\_6598---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6598---,00.html) then click on the document under OSE-EIS Spotlight.

We are continuing to work on a proposed Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) position statement. Committee members are sharing information and will use email to respond to drafts during the month.

We looked at our current (now quite old) position statement on transition and will begin the process of developing a new proposed position statement.

Members will review 2009 goals during this month and be prepared to develop 2010 goals at our next meeting.

Our next scheduled meeting will be November 4, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McClennen