

**STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**National Conference Center at the Holiday Inn**  
**399 Monmouth Street**  
**East Windsor, NJ 08520**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 10, 2010**

**Members in attendance:** Lauren Agoratus, Dr. Tracy Amerman, Angela Durso, Scott Elliott, Phillip Gartlan, Carolyn Hayer, Dr. Howard Lerner, Kathleen Mullery, Michael Nevin, Katherine Roberson, Rob Sandusky, Blanche Stetler

**Members not in attendance:** William Sellar

**Resource Representatives in attendance:** Suzanne Canuso, Karen Carroll

**Resource Representatives not in attendance:** Susan Avny, Debbie Stewart

**Guests and members of the public:** 64 students, school personnel and parents

**I. ACCEPTANCE OF MAY MINUTES**

The meeting was officially called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Dr. Howard Lerner. Council introduced themselves to guests. The May minutes were approved and seconded. **All in favor.**

**II. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Dr. Wohle announced that the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs received notice on June 3, 2010 that it received a determination of "Meets Requirements." The determination notice was distributed to Council members and posted on the NJDOE website at: [http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/info/spp/usdoe\\_determination10.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/info/spp/usdoe_determination10.pdf)

Council members were informed that the USDOE, Office of Special Education Programs changed the data collection requirements for Preschool Educational Environments. Dr. Wohle indicated that states were awaiting further clarification regarding this data collection. She indicated that changes for this coming year would be imposed on districts only if the clarifications indicated that the changes had to be in place immediately.

Dr. Wohle presented Carolyn Hayer with a plaque and flowers and thanked her for her service as co-chairperson and her membership on the Council from 2004 to 2010.

Dr. Wohle thanked the Council for all of their efforts during her term as Director of NJOSEP.

### **III. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

The Council reiterated the need for NJOSEP to disseminate clarification regarding IEP Goals and Objectives for students being educated in general education classes.

### **IV. STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations were made by students and school personnel involved in NJOSEP supported initiatives. The presentations highlighted the district programs and the students' participation in the initiatives. The district/student presentations included the following:

- **INCLUDE Grant: Universal Design for Learning**  
Presenters: Hamilton Township School District (Mercer County)
- **Governor's Initiative on Autism and Social Skills**  
Presenters: Howell Public School District
- **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inclusive Program Development**  
Presenters: Bergen County Special Services School District/Hackensack Public Schools
- **Positive Behavior Supports in Schools**  
Presenters: Edison Public School District
- **Community Based Instruction**  
Presenters: North Brunswick Public School District
- **Dare to Dream Conference**  
Presenters: Freehold Regional School District
- **Centers for Independent Living**  
Presenters: Northern Burlington School District  
Egg Harbor Township School District

### **V. PRESENTATION OF STUDENT RECOGNITIONS**

All student presenters received a plaque from the SSEAC Council as well as special thanks from Dr. Wohle and Dr. Lerner for their presentations and accomplishments.

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next full meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in East Windsor.

## **VIII. LUNCHEON**