I. ACCEPTANCE OF OCTOBER MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by acting chair Deborah Lynam at 9:48 a.m.

The October minutes were reviewed, and after being properly moved and seconded passed unanimously.

II. DIRECTORS UPDATE

Dr. Peggy McDonald shared that the updated version of the Parental Rights in Special Education (PRISE) booklet will be released in a few weeks and will be available on the Department website.

Dr. McDonald updated the Council on the recently passed Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Further information concerning changes from the former NCLB will be forthcoming from the Commissioner of Education’s Office.

Dr. McDonald will be conducting county held meetings with the County Supervisors of Child Study beginning this month and into April.
Dr. McDonald shared the *Planning a Successful Transition from School to Adult Life* timeline form developed by Bill Freeman after conversations with the Transition committee.

Dr. McDonald informed the Council that the *4th Edition, PARCC Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual* has been released and can be accessed here: http://www.parcconline.org/resources/educator-resources

Dr. McDonald updated the Council on the *New Jersey Collaborative Online Resource Exchange* (NJCore) website and informed them that it is once again up and running. She encouraged Council members to look at the updated site. http://www.njcore.org/

Dr. McDonald thanked Susan Colacello from Special Olympics New Jersey and Sandy Peth from the New Jersey Department of Education for their collaborative work on *Learn. Practice. Play. UNIFIED. Guide to Inclusive Physical Education and Sports Activities*. A copy of the guide can be found at: http://www.sonj.org/learn-practice-play-unified.html

She also thanked Deborah Lynam for her work on the Dyslexia Handbook.

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

Liz Manley, Assistant Commissioner of the Children’s System of Care (CSOC), Department of Children and Families presented to the Council. CSOC serves children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral health care challenges and their families; and children with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families. CSOC provides these services based on the needs of the child and family in a family-centered, community-based environment. Provided services are located at: http://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/desc/

PreformCare is the single portal for access to care and is available 24/7/365. Information is available at: http://www.performcarenj.org/ CSOC’s Mobile Response network provides crisis response and planning 24/7/365 and can be reached at 1-877-652-7624. The CSOC also serves over 17,000 individuals who are Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities eligible. They also provide substance abuse treatment services.

**IV. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Magaly Milton initiated a Council discussion about Special Education Parent Advisory Groups (SEPAGs).

Deborah Lynam gave an update on the activities of the Standards Review Committee. They are currently reviewing public commentary and are working on the Introduction to their report.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sol Heckelman felt that Liz Manley’s presentation was on point. He believes that the Children’s System of Care can provide a useful connection between those needing services and child study teams.
VI. ADJOURNMENT

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The Transition committee met briefly during lunch. The PARCC committee decided not to meet.

The next meeting of the SSEAC is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2016 at the Holiday Inn and the National Conference Center in East Windsor, New Jersey.