



Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education

Low Incidence Exceptionalities Sub-Committee Meeting

February 15, 2024

2:30pm-3:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dadeschools.zoom.us/j/3513561743?pwd=Z3hQa2hJQzdmUFIPUHdqjGvK03QT09>

Attendees:

Natalie Tappert

Lynn Miskiel

Sascha Etienne

Mara Kunitz

Kathy Vergara

Shashana Howard

Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review 2023-2024 Goals
 - Goal 1: Within one year, D/HH students will increase Vocational Rehabilitation enrollment by at least 9 students with the support of the D/HH teachers.

As of this meeting VR forms were sent to 26 students. Eight forms have been returned indicating that VR has received them and meetings have been scheduled or completed.

The process consists of three steps:

1. Identify appropriate students and send the form to them.
2. Receive confirmation that the form has been received by VR.

3. Confirm that the meeting has been scheduled or completed.

- Goal 2: A continuation of adding resources to the padlet platform and ongoing publicity with additional family resources.

Development of the padlet is ongoing.

- Goal 3: Formalize and schedule a presentation for staff members to address access to services and eligibility for DHH, VI, and DSI. Create padlet aligned to center and school specific needs and checklists.

Presentation completed at the North Service Center on Jan 10. Attendance at additional informational meetings is ongoing.

Another project to support this goal was discussed. The project would include the development of an informational flyer with processes and resources that could be a quick reference tool.

Also, Sascha Etienne has the draft of a Handbook for DHH that the committee would like to review and potentially update and expand with VI information as well. Likely this project would be a focus for the 2024-24 school year.

Other Business:

Consider a professional learning activity to target district speech-language pathologists to support their skills in intervention for students who are DHH.

Commendation to Shashanna Howard for attending the RMTTC/DHH Coffee with the Contact meeting 2/7/24. She was able to represent MDCPS and bring back numerous resources to share with the team.

Next Meeting:

April 11, 2024