



Superintendent’s District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education

Low Incidence Exceptionalities Sub-Committee Meeting

February 11th, 2025

1:00pm-3:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dadeschools.zoom.us/j/3513561743?pwd=Z3hQa2hJQzdmUFIPUHdqjGVk03QT09>

AGENDA/Minutes

Attendees:

Natalie Tappert	ESE Supervisor, MDCPS
Lynn Miskiel	UM Debbie School
Kathy Vergara	UM Debbie School
Barby Sanabria	D/HH, MDCPS
Angel Perez	FAVI
Mara Kunitz	VI, MDCPS
Jennifer Sando	Parent

- **Welcome/Introductions**
- **Review of established 2024-2025 Goals**
- **Goal 1:** To be able to provide the full continuum of services to students with sensory impairments by creating “cluster schools” in the District. D/HH students whose primary mode of communication is American Sign Language, inclusive of uninterrupted ASL Interpreter Services, D/HH counselor, D/HH Itinerant Services and access to afterschool activities and VI students can access the full continuum of services inclusive of the VI counselor, VI Teachers, Orientation & Mobility instructor, and creation of extensive materials (i.e. Braille transcription, assistive technology and tactile graphics and models).

Requesting transportation to move middle and high school in south, more north. Also requesting students to be moved to Barbara Goldman even if not in self-contained. And moving VI students to Braddock. Looking at individual students to identify barriers to access and mitigate.

- **Goal 2:** To increase assistive technology in the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Department by piloting and

implementing Google's Live Transcription and provide video relay services for equity of access in communication at our program and cluster schools.

Experimented with tablet in a math class to determine feasibility. Appeared to have 80-90% accuracy with the live transcription. Student was able to use context clues to fill in errors. Student report was that it was helpful for quick references back. Next pilot opportunity will see how it works in tandem with a sign language interpreter.

- **Goal 3:** To increase student enrollment with Vocational Rehabilitations services. To have 18 DHH students aged 14 years and older complete the application for Vocational Rehabilitation. To have 100% of 14 years old and older VI students enrolled with The Division of Blind Services, the branch of Vocational Rehab for Visually Impaired students.

Barby reported that she has a new student applying and very excited about getting new hearing aids through VR. Big success! Follow up is always the challenge, accessing the meetings that it takes to activate the resources.

- Next Steps for Established Goals
- Additional News!
 - **Reminder about Mailman Center ICC DHH conference 2/19/25.**
 - **Articulation meetings will be starting soon.**
 - **Opportunity for cochlear implant representatives to present to DHH team. Lynn will work with Natalie to schedule and have potential location at the Debbie School.**
 - **FAVI is hosting a 3-part series on cortical vision impairment, start in March. Angel will send Natalie information.**