

Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education

Low Incidence Exceptionalities Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2023 2:30pm-3:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://dadeschools.zoom.us/j/3513561743?pwd=Z3hQa2hJQzdmUFIPUHdqjGvk03QT09>

Attendees:

Natalie Tappert

Lynn Miskiel

Shashana Howard

Sascha Ramsay-Etienne

Mara Kunitz

Jennifer Sando

- 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.

DHH teachers have been working on this goal through communication with high school students. The Rochester Institute of Technology has made visits to Braddock Senior High School, Barbara Goleman Senior High School, South Dade Senior High School, Palmetto Senior High School, and Coral Reef Senior High School to discuss their program and to highlight the critical role Vocational Rehabilitation can play in supporting students' post-secondary choices.

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

Resource development is ongoing and parents continue to have access to these resources. Committee is investigating ease of access for parents through a QR code or written information that can go home with students when applicable for specific needs. The Committee would like to be able to customize resource access to better serve the students and their families. Input from Ms. Sando emphasized that parents receive many communications from the school and sometimes it can be challenging to sort out what is relevant to their family.

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.

Presentations on this topic have been completed as follows:

September 11, South Service Center

December 14, LEAs from across the district (approximately 250 were in attendance)

Presentations have been scheduled:

January 10, North Service Center

Other Business

The Mailman Center for Child Development Innovation and Connection Conference “Creative Solutions for Children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing” wants to thank Ms. Tappert and the committee for facilitating professional learning credits for this event. This was much appreciated by the M-DCPS professionals who participated in the workshop.