

# Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education

## *Low Incidence Exceptionalities Subcommittee*

### Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2022

#### **Members Present:**

Natalie Tappert	Mylene Foster
Lynn Miskiel	Alexandria Roque
Laura Chinloy	Mara Kunitz
Sascha Ramsay-Etienne	Enrique Escallon

#### Welcome and introductions

Members introduced themselves to the group.

#### Discussion

- Goal 1: Review data regarding low incidence student populations to consider students' eligibility.
  - Follow up on three students identified as DHH and VI but not Dual Sensory.
    - M-Teams will be advised to review and consider the Dual Sensory eligibility for those three students.

General discussion followed of how to improve the identification of applicable eligibilities. One consideration is to identify team members who need to attend the IEP meeting. Also, when hearing and/or vision screenings are failed, how is follow up testing facilitated so that the eligibility process continues and doesn't stall. Other considerations are:

- Collaboration with DHH/VI expert
- Appropriate tools for evaluation
- Red folders used in PreKg
- DNQ processes
- FDLRS/ESE boot camp

- Is there a person identified who can do periodic follow up to see that students don't fall through the cracks?
- Goal 2: Evaluate professional development needs for teachers in relation to instructional strategies for use with students with Low-Incidence exceptionalities.
  - Successful Educational Interpreter training 1/21/22
  - Identify needs and resources for implementation of language development curriculum targeting younger students.
    - Fairview training done prior to 2020. Restart this implementation.
  - Professional development for Staffing Specialists considering eligibility for students with sensory impairments.
- Goal 3: Monitor the development of transition resources for students with Low-Incidence exceptionalities.
  - Develop checklist of needs for students with sensory impairments as they articulate from one school to another school.

### Other

Consider making recommendation to the Panel regarding location of programs and how to preserve units when numbers go up and down. Discussion regarding centralized program for DHH so all are in the same school. Transportation issues were discussed as well as difficulty finding appropriate staff.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday April 12, 1:00-3:00pm