

DRAFT**Education and Employment Committee**

April 18, 2018

Meeting Summary

Members present: Hillary Bordelon, Alan Coulter, Jill Demerritt, April Dunn, Robert Paddy (Chair), Tara Smith, Mary Tarver, and Jamie Wong

Members absent: Donnica Conway

Staff: Rodney Anthony, Shawn Fleming, and Derek White

Guests: Jolan Jolivette, Ashley McReynolds, Melanie Washington, Ken York (LRS Representative)

Robert Paddy called the meeting to order with a quorum at 3:02 p.m.

Motion Passed. A motion to accept the summary of the October Education/Employment Committee meeting made by Tara Smith, seconded by Mary Tarver, passed without objections or abstentions.

Monitor/Policy/Implementation of Act 833 of 2014 (4.1.1)

- At the October 2017 meeting the EE Committee requested LDOE (and Jamie agreed to) provide data on the numbers of students in applied level courses (i.e., non-Carnegie Credit courses) similar to data provided in 2014 along with breakdowns by LEA, if possible, so the Committee can determine the extent of this practice. The Committee requested LDOE report back on the implementation of Act 833 at the January and/or April meeting.
- The Committee discussed data related to numbers of students who are not on Alternate Assessment taking non-Carnegie bearing coursework and how the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs (GACDA) has a request in to LDOE related to this issue.
- Jamie Wong indicated she was not aware the Committee expected a presentation on implementation of Act 833 of 2015.

Motion Passed. A motion for a presentation by the Department of Education on implementation of Act 833 at the July 2018 Committee meeting and for staff to check availability of Rebecca Hanberry to present this information at the July 2018 meeting. And, request for LDOE to provide the Committee in July any data relative to the request from the GACDA on non-Carnegie bearing courses made by Jill Demerritt, seconded by Hilary Bordelon, passed without objections or abstentions.

Advocate for LDOE focus/capacity on Special education (3.1.1)

- Discussion clarified Committee member's understanding the intent of this objective is to ensure LDOE staff have the appropriate expertise, not necessarily causing an increase in staff numbers, and for access to special education and related services be consistent statewide.

Motion Passed. Request data from LDOE, from the 2010 through 2018 school years, on behavioral occurrences related to students with disabilities and LDOE plans to address issues related to behavioral practices and outcomes made by Tara Smith seconded by Alan Coulter, passed without objections or abstentions

Emergent education issues (3.3.1)

- Discussion on reports of problems with students not receiving instructional materials in alternative formats in a timely manner. Information requested from the LDOE on the extent of this issue was not available.

Customized Employment training (demonstration project) (5.1.4)

- Derek presented on the upcoming Customized Employment trainings the Council has planned. Two one-day training events will occur in May; May 17th in West Monroe and May 18th in Bossier City.
- Ken York shared LRS's new milestone reimbursement schedule for vendors related to supported employment.

Motion Passed. The EE Committee recommends for the Council to endorse rules for approving vendors for Customized Employment (CE) to have at least one Employment Support Professional with applicable competency-based certification(s) based on the essential elements of CE by the Workforce Innovation Technical Assistance Center (WINTAC) and the Vocational Rehabilitation Youth Technical Assistance Center (Y-TAC) by 2020. Prior to 2020 interim requirements for CE vendors should require training or knowledge-based certification accredited by the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) or consistent with nationally recognized essential elements of CE made by Hilary Bordelon seconded by Jill Demeritt, passed without objections or abstentions.

Motion to adjourn. Motion made by Tara Smith seconded by Jill Demeritt, with no opposition, Mr. Paddy adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.