Autism Commission

Sub-Committee for Three Years Old - Fourteen Years Old

July 27, 2017 –1:00am – 2:30pm

500 Harrison Avenue

Members present were Carolyn Kain and Dianne Lescinskas

Members accessing meeting remotely were Zach Houston, Alexis Glickman, Sue McCarthy, Michelle Poulin and Teresita Ramos

Carolyn Kain, the Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the meeting of this Sub-Committee. Ms. Kain stated that the meeting was subject to the Open Meeting Law and that the Sub-Committee members present would need to vote to approve the remote participation of some members because of their geographic location, whenever any members were utilizing video and/or tele-conferencing. Remote access was approved unanimously. Minutes from last meeting in May were reviewed and approved.

**Review of new IEP form being developed**

* Area’s to be captured - 7 areas of need that are identified in the statute 7B section 3
* BPS is developing a new IEP and it will address the 7 areas of need and transition (DESE and BPS to connect on this)
* DESE new IEP is in template form and they are moving forward
* Could ASD data be collected with the new IEP? Is there a way to capture a secondary diagnosis if ASD is not captured as a primary diagnosis – DESE will bring this forward.
* DESE put out an RFR for the software
* Goal of the new IEP is when you indicate a specific disability a form will open to address the disability, i.e., if a student is 14+ a transition section will open
* Noted, this is a significant improvement and should ensure consistency as much as possible
* Noted, it is largely a human driven process around the development of the IEP with input from different team members
* Members of this sub-committee are welcome to email their input for the new IEP – there is time for input and it is a developing process

**Update of PQA Meeting – Teri Ramos**

* Met with Director of PQA and Russel Johnston
* Discussed issues of usefulness and language access
* The form was updated and it is more user friendly – it also addresses language access
* They will continue to work to make it easy for families
* More training is being done with PQA around customer service
* Ms. Ramos is drafting a technical advisory on language access to submit to Russel Johnston – Ms. Kain commented that it would be helpful for families and also suggested the parents right brochure be updated in plain language and more user friendly

**3-14 brochure and website**

* The draft brochure for families and caregivers will be sent out to this sub-committee for review
* Ms. Kain asked members of this sub-committee to look at the Autism Commission website and give comments/feedback – add additional links

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.