

Continuing Advisory Committee CAC

Meeting Location Hilton Austin Airport
Date and Time April 1, 2009
9 am – 4 pm

CAC Attendees Lene' Al-Rashid, Mel Capelo, Rose Cruz, Debra Emerson, Julia Erwin, Kathy Grant, Sherri Hammack, Candy Hawks, Marjie Haynes, Terry Hernandez, Drusilla Knight-Villarreal, Marnie Mast, Diane Taylor, Jennifer Taylor, Paul Watson, Shewanda William

CAC Absentees Pam Willson

Texas Education Agency Resources Kathy Clayton, Barbara Kaatz, Dottie Goodman, Carmen Noe, Cindy Swain, Maggie Baker, Judy Struve

Facilitator Margie Sanford

Agenda Item	Minutes
Welcome and Introductions	Participants introduced themselves and answered the following question: "As a seasoned CAC member, what information would you share with the new membership to help them become an effective participant?"
Meeting Purpose and Result	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update committee members regarding statewide activities and initiatives in the area of special education • Update committee members on IDEA Coordination Activities • Provide committee members the opportunity to internalize, make connections, and ask questions about the topics presented by TEA <p>Result</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee understanding of statewide activities and initiatives in the area of special education • Committee understanding of on-going IDEA Coordination Activities • Committee members will share their thoughts with each other and TEA regarding topics presented during the meeting
CAC Minutes	Minutes were reviewed by committee members. A motion was made to accept the minutes without changes for the October 29, 2008, CAC meeting by Debra Emerson. Motion was seconded by Druscilla Knight-Villarreal and minutes were approved by all members present. A motion was made to accept the minutes without changes for the Feb. 26, 2009, CAC meeting by Marjie Haynes. Motion was seconded by Sherri Hammack and minutes were approved as corrected by all members present.

State of the State

Kathy Clayton presented the State of the State by sharing the following information:

- Annual Performance Report was submitted February 1, 2009. After a week of clarification the APR should be finalized mid- April. New members will receive an overview at a later date.
- Stimulus Monies: ARRA funds are allocated to districts in the same way as are other federal monies. Application for funding begins April 15, 2009 and closes September 1, 2009. Expenditures may begin on April 15, 2009 or when the application is received by TEA, whichever is later, thru September 30, 2011. Monies must be spent by September 30, 2011.
- Mapping Graphic–Improvement Realignment: Improvement Groups are being realigned in order to provide more continuity and collaboration among the various entities regarding services for students with disabilities.
- Legislative Update: Participants were given a document which summarized the pending legislation: 81st Regular Legislative Session: Bills of Interest Related to Special Education—organized by topic.

**Update On:
Complaint Investigations/
Due Process Hearing Decisions**

Cindy Swain, Manager of the Complaints Team in IDEA Coordination, reviewed the number of complaints and due process hearings that were filed with TEA from 1/01/09 to 03/31/09.

Indicator 15 Table

Kathy Clayton, with Judy Struve and Maggie Baker, gave an update of the Matrix for Table 15 and the status of the non-compliance issues.

- Each ongoing noncompliance issue was reviewed with a summary of current actions, planned future actions to address the issue, and CAC recommendations from 2008.
- As each issue of noncompliance was reviewed, CAC members were given time to give additional recommendations.
- CAC members' recommendations (2009) will be compiled and will be updated at the next CAC meeting.

CAC Dialogue Time

Time was allocated for the CAC member to make connections, internalize information, ask questions, and respond to items that the Agency presented.

Closing Activities

CAC members decided to add an additional day to their July meeting to discuss the remaining topics for this year as identified by the CAC membership. The meeting will be held on July 21-22, 2009.