# **ACCEPTED** Minutes and Proceedings

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Allegheny Intermediate Unit

Local Task Force

475 East Waterfront Drive

Homestead, PA 15120-1144

# **Members Present**

Mr. Regis Charlton

Ms. Cynthia Grace Devine-Kepner

Mrs. Cindy Duch

Mrs. Debra Efkeman, Chairperson

Mrs. Mary Evrard

Mrs. Janice Geniviva

Ms. Amy Guthrie

Mr. Rusty Hewitt

Ms. Sharon Janosik, Co-Chairperson

Ms. Natalie Krall, Recording Secretary

Mrs. Leanna Lawson

Mrs. Theresa Lydon

Ms. Sue Moyer

Ms. Brianna Staulder

Ms. Michelle Walker

Ms. Susan Wuenstel

Ms. Heather Zak

# **Guests Present**

There were two guests present at this meeting.

Mrs. Debra Efkeman, Chairperson of the Local Task Force on the Right to Education (LTF #3) called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM on March 4, 2020.

**I. Welcome, Introductions, Excused Members**

Members and guests introduced themselves and their affiliations.

The following members have been excused from this meeting: Penny Gardner, Marci Katona, and Brian Welles

**II. Speaker - Mrs. Cindy Duch – Peal Center – Writing Effective and Measurable IEP Goals**

Mrs. Duch informed the membership of the following items during her presentation:

* Understand the criteria for writing measurable goals.
* Identify examples and non-examples of complete measurable goals.
* Measurable annual goals criteria for writing measurable annual goals.
* Non-Example vs. Example
* IEP Examples
* Clearly Defined Behavior
* Performance Criteria and Examples

**III. Review/Acceptance of the Minutes of February 4, 2020**

The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the

minutes with changes. Motion was made by Cindy Duch and seconded by Rusty Hewitt.

**IV. Treasurer’s Report – Mrs. Debra Efkeman**

Mrs. Efkeman reviewed the March treasurer’s report with the membership.

**VI. Consumer Concerns**

There were no consumer concerns brought up at this meeting.

**VII. Informational Items**

1. **OID – Mrs. Mary Evrard**

Mrs. Evrard shared the following items with the membership:

* [Self-Advocates United As One Workshops](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442470284)
* [AC Community of Practice LifeCourse Tool Workshops](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442470285)
* [The ABC's of Augmentative and Alternative Communication throughout 2020](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442470286)
* [ACHIEVA Family Trust Understanding Guardianship vs Power of Attorney April 17](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442470291)
* [Bridges for Transition Moving on from Pediatric to Adult Healthcare March 28](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442470288)
* [Project Prom March 2020](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442470289)
* [Preparing to Transition Looking in depth at waivers and financial planning March 21](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442470290)
* [ACHIEVA Family Trust Home and Community Based Medicaid Waivers March 13](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442470287)

1. **AIU – Special Education – Mr. Brian Welles**

Mr. Welles was not in attendance at this meeting.

1. **– AIU – Training and Consultation Program – Mrs. Leeanna Lawson**

Mrs. Lawson informed the membership that she is planning for training sessions for parents on such topics as autism and dyslexia for next school year.

1. **Superintendent Updated – Ms. Sue Moyer**

Ms. Moyer did not have any new information to share with the membership.

**E. LTF/STF Update – Mrs. Debra Efkeman and Ms. Sharon Janosik**

Ms. Janosik informed the membership that the State Task Force Meeting will take place on March 18, 2020 and the topic will be Executive Functioning. Please contact her if you would like to attend this meeting for the gate code.

Ms. Janosik informed the membership that the following members will be attending the PDE Conference to represent the LTF and they are Debra Efkeman and Heather Zak.

Mrs. Efkeman shared the information she obtained from the Dan Miller Summit with the membership. She was able to obtain information from the following organizations at the resource fair and she shared them with the membership:

CMU

Children’s Hospital

Autism Caring Center

Rise Cranberry

Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh

Living and Support Services

MAPS Research Study

Evolve Coaching

Parent to Parent of PA

McAndrews, Mehalik, Connolly, and Huse

Ryan and Marone PC

Mainstay Life Services

RMU Trees Network

1. **MH Update – Allegheny County MH Children’s Team – Mr. Rusty Hewitt**

Mr. Hewitt informed the membership that the Allegheny County MH Children’s Team is currently completing SAP Monitoring.

1. **Right to Education – Ms. Amy Guthrie**

Ms. Guthrie informed the membership of the following information:

* Legislation action center call to action flyer.
* Governor Wolf – Senate Veto 906 – Moratorium on closing of state centers.
* National – Lifespan Care Reauthorization Act
* Report to Congress on IDEA implementation released.
* 21 and Able – Open House on 3/19/2020
* Ed Law Center Update

1. **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) – Ms. Marci Katona**

Ms. Katona was not present at the meeting but shared that OVR attended the Dan Miller Summit and had over 110 attendees at the students and youth information session and over 30 attendees at their adult services informational seminar.

OVR Order of Selection has contacted 324 people off of the waiting list and they are now receiving services.

1. **Disability Options Network – Mr. Regis Charlton**

Mr. Charlton informed the membership that the Disability Options Network was represented at the Dan Miller Summit.

Mr. Charlton also informed the membership that the Disability Options Network received a grant from the Pfizer Corp to start a Self-Advocacy Group. All meetings will be held at Panera Bread on Center Avenue in Shadyside on the 4th Thursday of the month. All disabilities are welcome and food will be provided at all meetings.

**VIII. Committee Update**

1. **Parent Assistance Line**

There were three calls for the month of February and two calls were not returned. One call was from a parent from Chartiers Valley School District about after hours IEP meetings.

1. **Cyclical Monitoring – Mrs. Janice Geniviva**

The Cyclical Monitoring Schedule for the 2019-2020 school year is as follows:

March 30, 2020 – Mt. Lebanon School District

April 27, 2020 – Propel Charter School – McKeesport

Please contact Ms. Geniviva if there is any information about any school districts being monitored at this time and she will pass this information along to the state.

1. **Parent Satisfaction Survey – Mrs. Debra Efkeman/Mrs. Susan Wuenstel**

Mrs. Efkeman and Mrs. Wuenstel informed the membership that the parent satisfaction survey has ended on 3/1/2020 in the Hampton Area School District. The survey results will be reviewed at an upcoming LTF meeting.

**VIII. Old Business**

There was no old business covered at this meeting.

**IX. New Business**

A motion was made to nominate Brianna Stalder as a new member of the LTF. Motion was made by Cindy Duch and seconded by Janice Geniviva. Motion was discussed. Motion was passed unanimously.

**X. Membership Rounder**

Mary Evrard shared that her daughter is expecting a baby soon.

Cindy Duch shared that the Health Relationships seminar at the AIU was wonderful and very informative to everyone.

Theresa Lydon shared that her daughter recently became the Pool Manager at the Rivers Club.

Heather Zak shared that Cindy Duch has helped her with her son’s IEP.

Sharon Janocik shared that the PEAL Center has invited her for a lot of great trainings.

Debra Efkeman shared the Hampton Parents Network is open to everyone and is on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at St. Catherine of Sweden Church.

Cynthia Devine-Kepner shared that the National PTA will be on Capital Hill on March 11, 2020.

Leanna Lawson shared that she had a great time with the children who attended her seminar at the Dan Miller Summit.

**XI. Motion for Adjournment**

A motion was made for adjournment.

Motion was made by Janice Geniviva and seconded by Cindy Duch.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.