

Cleveland Educational Support Center

School Psychologists in Cleveland Region (SPICR)

Date: December 1, 2006

Present: Brian Bochman, Vivian Secrest, Ann Epperson, Bridget Wilfert, Rachel Wetton, Amanda Collins, Sharon Eagles, Shanna Paul, Celeste Hinton, April Bowersox, Debra Myers, Renee Kessler, LeAnn Coffman, Shelly Decker, Shanna Bowers, Annelle White, Melinda McNew, Regina Guthrie, Michelle Antle, Alayna McDade, Shannon Batchelor, & Lynn Croxton.

Minutes reported by: Debra Myers

Agenda

Welcome by Debra Myers & Betsy Flener

Welcome and introductions were completed. The morning was a joint meeting with VI consultants and River Region School Psychologists in attendance along with SPICR group.

Assessment and evaluation issues for students with Vision Impairments:

- Cathy Johnson, Director of Outreach services at KSB talked about Functional Vision Evaluations
- Dr. Anne McCall, school psychologist at KSB spoke on State testing and other issues for VI students
- Dr. Bill Greenlee, school psychologist at KSB addressed educational/intellectual assessment issues for VI students

Business Meeting

New Business

Calendar of events:

National Council of Exceptional Children (CEC) to be held in Louisville April 15-21, 2007. No state Exceptional Children Conference this year.

NASP Annual Conference held March 27-31 in New York City.

Disproportionality data: The group reviewed regional and district data related to disproportionality issues. It was discussed that the data measure has been changed to a risk ratio instead of a significant discrepancy formula. Risk is calculated by taking the number of disabled students from a targeted minority and dividing it by the number of total enrolled students from that ethnic group. The risk ratio is obtained by dividing this

number by the risk for being disabled for all other students enrolled in the district. The acceptable risk ratio in KY is 1.5.

When looking at our data on a regional basis, it appears that we may have some difficulties in two areas: Over identification of African American students with Mental disabilities and Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities. Our understanding of this issue is complicated by our difficulty understanding the data and no one likes to think we have a problem. Understanding the data is complicated because of the low numbers of a minority group in some of our districts. One or two student in an ethnic group identified as disabled can make the risk ratio rise significantly. Again just awareness of the issues is important.

CESC has provided the DSE in our region with a CD of disproportionality resources. School Psychologists are encouraged to talk with their director about having access to this information.

OVEC in Shelbyville is sponsoring training on Culturally Sensitive Assessments on February 23. Deb Myers is scheduled to attend and will bring back information to group. Anyone else interested in this information will need to check with Carrie Bearden at OVEC to register.

RTI Workshop (11/30/06) sponsored by the KASA: Several SPICR members attended this workshop. The group discussed the presentation.

SPICR membership roster: A new member was introduced, Melinda McNew with IIA endorsement, from Monroe County, was introduced to the group. Welcome Melinda.

KAPS Report: Nothing noted.

WKU Initiatives: Nothing noted

Future topics:

- English as a Second Language –By Skip Clevenger on Feb 23; however, our next meeting date has been changed. Will need to check with Skip to see if still will work.
- Bowling Green Tech College - Admission Criteria
- Response to Intervention - Group would like to have an awareness presentation for April Meeting. Discussed having BG school folks and/or Dr. Myers present to the group on the topic.
- High school drop out – Bill Gates on the Oprah Show

Future Meetings: March 1, 2007 & April 27, 2007

Please note the change for our next meeting. March 1 was changed from Feb 23 due to scheduling conflicts.