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Iowa Dyslexia Task Force Meeting Notes

Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

ICN, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E 14th St., Des Moines, IA

Notes Submitted by Mandi Bozarth, West Wind Education Policy Inc.

ATTENDEES

Task Force Members: Dave Tilly (Chair), Lonna Anderson, Helen Blitvich, Amy Conrad, Susan Etscheidt, Katie Greving, Elizabeth Hoksbergen, Erin Klopstad, Cindy Lewis, Nina Lorimor-Easley, Kristin Orton, Deborah Reed, Kim Schmidt

Facilitator: Circe Stumbo

DE Staff: Kathy Bertsch, Tana Mullen

Note-Taker: Mandi Bozarth

Agenda Item: Meeting convenes

Dave Tilly convened the meeting.

Task Force members discussed upcoming meetings and plans for completing the report and presenting it to the legislature.

Circe Stumbo reminded participants of core values and ground rules

Agenda Item: Review and Approve Notes from Previous Meeting

Task Force members reviewed the notes from the May 2, 2019, meeting. Nina Lorimor-Easley motioned to approve the meetings. Helen Blitvich seconded the motion. The notes were approved unanimously.

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Agenda Item: Information Gathering Small-Group Report

The small group discussed the survey responses and how they would be analyzed.

Agenda Item: Definitions, Symptoms, Characteristics, & Cognitive-Linguistic Correlates Small-Group Report

The group shared their draft current practices, current concerns, and recommendations.

The Task Force took a break to get lunch then continued working

Agenda Item: Technology & Accommodations Small-Group Report

The group shared their draft current practices, current concerns, and recommendations.

The group discussed that they need to understand the costs associated with recommendations.

Agenda Item: Screening & Interventions Small-Group Report

The group shared their draft current practices, current concerns, and recommendations.

Task Force members discussed the need for data to understand how FAST is working as a screener. They suggested making the recommendation that a group of experts look at how it is working.

Agenda Item: Preservice Small-Group Report

The group shared their draft current practices, current concerns, and recommendations.

The professional development and preservice small groups will be combining their work.

Agenda Item: Professional Learning Small-Group Report

The group shared their draft current practices, current concerns, and recommendations.

Agenda Item: Public Comment

Task Force members reviewed comments from members of the public made via the button on the Dyslexia Task Force webpage.

Agenda Item: Taking Stock and Next Steps

The group discussed next steps for the survey data and plans for what they would prepare for the July meeting.

Agenda Item: Agenda Setting for Next Meeting

The group would like to discuss the following topics on July 19, 2019:

- Survey data
- Recommendations
- Report structure
- Review the statute

Stumbo agreed to work with small groups on Google docs to determine what they bring to the July 19 meeting.

Agenda Item: Scheduling

Members completed polls to schedule meetings for September, October, and November.

Agenda Item: Meeting Evaluation

Stumbo shared a meeting evaluation survey and asked members to complete it.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

The Task Force agreed to adjourn at 3:40 pm.