

Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children
Summary of Actions
March 18, 2016

Tour of Haynes-Inman

Council members took tour of Haynes-Inman led by Kevin Carr.

Call to Order

Introductions – Council members and visitors provided self-introductions.

Review of Agenda – Council reviewed agenda.

Review of Meeting Minutes – Council approved December meeting minutes and January conference call minutes with a note to add statement regarding public participation.

Public Comments – discussed later.

OSEP Public Comment Opportunity: Proposed Rule Making on Significant Disproportionality

Council may review for comments/proposed changes at link provided and submit questions to Nancy Johnson. OSEP deadline for comments is May 16, 2016.

Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

No action

Agency Update

School Mental Health Initiative – Cynthia Daniels-Hall recommended to serve as Council representation. Anyone else interested in serving should let Nicole Jimerson know and Nichole will forward that name as well.

Public Comments

Laura Hall of the Unmet Needs Committee provided a draft of the guidelines for Public Comment for review. Laura will accept all feedback back regarding email, written and in-person criteria to incorporate into draft to submit to the Executive Committee which in turn will submit to Katie Cornetto for legal interpretation. Upon legal review, the Council may set up a call to vote on the final Public Comment guidelines.

Bylaws

A draft of the Bylaws was submitted by the Policies and Procedures Committee. Nicole will provide the Bylaws electronically and accept comments/recommendations/edits to the draft. The Executive Committee will submit to Katie Cornetto for legal interpretation.

Committee Work

To assist with the Annual Report, Council members should email Nicole information on their participation as Council representative on other committees, any activity during the past year to promote the work of the Council, as well as support parents and students in their area.

Focus: Each Committee provide contributions for Annual Report

Reports & Data - Reminded Council to use the Committee Reporting Forms to assist with the annual report. Tish will send Committee Report Form electronically.

Unmet Needs - Reported out on Public Comments.

Policies & Procedures - Reported out on Bylaws.

Executive Committee - The Executive Committee will draft an annual report for review. The Annual Report will be presented to the State Board of Education.