

CAC Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Ad-Hoc Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2015

Present – Christy Scadden, Terry Bobryk-Ozaki, Raylene Dickinson, Moira Allbritton, Mina Kern, Michelle Crisci, Julia Childs-Andrews.

Call to order 7:30pm

Any waiting list is a denial of a Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE).

On March 19th Sonia reported that ECSE will have 5 blended classrooms opened shortly after Spring Break is over at the following sites – Miller, Lindbergh-Schwitzer, Rowen, Whitman, and Cabrillo. Chair requested to know how long the waiting list is for a blended classroom placement from both Sonia and Dr. Canada, but neither has responded.

Title 22 governs licensing for general ed. The district gets funding per child, if you add students with disabilities (SWD), the director of EC (Robin McCulloch) wants ECSE to pay for the spots that the SWD take. There are no additional licensing requirements for SWD, only fingerprints to be cleared. Robin needs to be instructed by Supt that she must allow SWD into blended classes. Not every child has to qualify for state funds to be in a Head Start program.

There should be a continuum of services starting at age 3. Not just separate setting, blended classrooms, but also access to other settings.

Fixing waitlist – open as many day classes as needed, if nothing else getting the child the services on their IEP. We went from a waitlist for assessment to one for classroom location. The district is potentially stalling so that SWD will be put into Transitional Kindergarten (TK).

EC would not allow ECSE to place SWD in state funded preschools unless they met the state income eligibility requirements. What happened to reverse mainstreamers?

Moira motions for CAC Chair to phone in a report to CA Dept of Education (CDE) that procedural violations are occurring in ECSE; that we've been notified of a waitlist, and we've been notified that there are classrooms being opened signifying that district acknowledges the waitlist. CAC has previously brought complaints of assessments waitlist, and lack of blended classrooms. Julia seconds.

Ayes:6,Nay:0, Abstain:0. Motions carries.

Motion to adjourn Michelle; Raylene seconds.

Adjourned at 8:00pm