



Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators

Report of the Executive Director

December 4, 2020

The following is a brief summary of the activities of the OAPSA Executive Director from September 18 through December 3, 2020. Further details are available upon request.

Activities included:

- Updated PowerPoint Presentation about OAPSA several times and recorded one to play today during our lunch break
- Emailed each new OAPSA member as soon as they joined to help them feel welcome and explaining steps to get engaged with OAPSA activities
- Created a spreadsheet of all the state-wide and/or nationwide committees and groups that we have an OAPSA representative on
- Contacted OAPSA Ambassadors to get updates on activities in regions
- Contacted Brenda George to get updated information about Medicaid in School Programs during Pandemic and updated information about therapists not being licensed to provide therapy in other states even if their students were temporarily living out of state with a relative
- Contacted Craig Burford from OESCA for sharing information

In addition, I attended and participated in the following meetings:

- Met with OAPSA Executive Board remotely several times
- Participated in NAPSA's Business Meeting (October 20)
- Attended and participated in 3 meetings of State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC) Sept 24, Nov.5, and Dec. 3
- Attended and participated in 1 meeting (virtually) with Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities Governing Board. (September 23 and Nov. 17)

- Participated in 1 meeting of the National Coalition on Personnel Shortages in Special Education and Related Services (Nov. 12)
- CASE Board of Directors Meeting (Nov.4)
- Participated in November's monthly CASE President and Executive Director Meetings (Nov. 19)

Participated in the following Professional Development

CASE Town Halls (2)

OASPA (HR) Conference (2 days)

OSEP Summit to Attract, Prepare and Retain Effective Personnel (3 days)

CASE Fall Conference (2 days)

CDC Virtual Forum: Recommendations for Safe Schools Reopening

30 Minutes with Myrna (2 times)

Trauma and Informed Schools Conference (Nov. 7)

OCALICON (November 11,12,13)

Ohio's Inclusive Education Leadership Institute (November 10, 2020) Speakers were from National Center on Educational Outcomes (which is funded by OSEP) to provide support to states and districts. Focus was on making decisions on Participation on Alternate Assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities and starting with the end in mind. We also discussed MTSS comparing it to an ice cream cone with 1, 2 or 3 dips (that would be comparable to tiers) and making sure students with disabilities are getting all 3 dips. Book suggested from one of the participants as a great resource was ***Leading Equity Based MTSS***.

New information from ODE:

In September, I had reported to you the steering committee for Ohio's ***Plan to Improve Learning Experiences and Outcomes for Students with Disabilities*** was done with their work and they were in the process of putting together an implementation team. **Ohio's Guiding Coalition** started their work in October and I was honored to be selected to be on that team. Each child means each child. We have made a great start to what will make a huge difference for

students with disabilities in Ohio. Our next meeting will be in January 2021. We have been assigned to various workgroups and those groups include

- **MTSS** Focus Area,
- **PD** Focus Area, and
- **Postsecondary Outcomes** Focus Area

My assigned area is PD.

In November, Bernadette Laughlin contacted me to get OAPSA representatives to participate in a proposed stakeholder meeting to discuss proposed changes to standards that were based on public comment. OEC agreed to add language that places ***the same 60 day timeline on any reevaluation completed prior to the triennial re-evaluation*** and also includes language regarding evaluations for students who transfer into the district from the same state. Our representatives attending those meetings are Paul M Kidd, Coordinator of Student Services at Lakewood City Schools and Mariah Hall Director of Special Education at Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City Schools. Their first meeting will be on December 10.

I participated in following presentations: Panel Member for OCALICON's session on November 12: ***Solutions to the Challenges on Related Service Staff Shortages***. That's still available at this time for OCALICON attendees to access.

Continuous: I have also maintained day-to-day email and/or phone contact with the OAPSA Executive Board members, providing input or taking on and completing assignments as directed, and responding to members and other's contacts. I have posted 12 items on Linked In Page that included:

1. Thank you to speakers at our Sept. 18 Virtual Conference
2. Please attend OCALICONLINE Nov. 11-13 with Panel Discussion on Solutions for Related Service Staff Shortages
3. Attend CASE Town Hall Meetings on Friday in October
4. Thanks to Kevin Rubenstein and Erin Maguire for CASE Town Hall Session
5. Congrats to OAPSA members: Deidre Parsons President Elect of NAPSA and Lisa Hildebrand, NAPSA Trustee
6. Registration Open for Dec. 4 Virtual Conference and Featured Speakers
7. Thanks to CASE for Board of Directors Meeting
8. Start with End in Mind for decision about Participation in Alternate Assessment

9. OCALICON Day 1 - Thanks to Sarah Walker and Paul Kidd (OAPSA) and Lisa Hickman and Marbella Caceres (Ohio Coalition) for presentation on Navigating Sp Ed Team Meetings.
10. Learn about solutions to Sp Ed Shortages in Related Services by attending Panel Discussion at OCALICON on Nov. 12
11. Thanks to Sarah Walker, Gwenn Spence and Val Riedthaler for presentation for new Sp Ed/Student Services Directors at OCALICON
12. 45th Anniversary of IDEA on November 29

During the first 30 minutes of lunch today, I encourage you to watch our OAPSA PowerPoint presentation to learn even more information about OAPSA. I also wanted to remind you that Lands End is offering FREE OAPSA logo and shipping for apparel from our OAPSA Lands End Store through December 9. Contact me if you have any questions. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Respectfully Submitted,

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