## MCASE Region III October 20, 2021 Agenda

Present: Sara Novak, Brandyn Romo, Amy Berry, Sara Evans, Christina Olstad

- ARP Application and Fund Use
  - Down payment on a building-Brandyn

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- How have you addressed the speech aide changes in your district/coop? Impacts of revenue loss?
  - Sara N- Hasn't changed anything has two SLPA's that have a Bachelor's in communications
  - OPI is working on this
  - Many people are seeing an increase in speech needs
- Shortage of staff- Schools reaching out to the Philippine applicants to cover needs
  - o Sara shared some information from OPI about Emergency Licensure
  - Board of Public Ed and OPI is willing to look into different ways to recruit teachers but the University systems are the roadblock
  - An idea is offering a college student who finished their 3rd year of college in education can work in a school their 4th year under the mentorship and receive full salary and benefits
  - Accessibility of School Psychologists education
    - If Psych's come from out of state the state of MT is not easy to get licensed
    - Psychometrists- Assistant Psychologist-to conduct testing
      - No certification in MT at this time- would have to be an educational certificate
- Physical Therapy- How are you serving?
  - o Sara N. Rock Creek
  - o Brandyn PT on staff
  - Sara E. Contracting out

Next Meeting Nov 17, 2021 11:00 PM

10. Dyslexia Synmposium. Free to register. <a href="https://www.montana.edu/dxi/">https://www.montana.edu/dxi/</a>