

**MCASE Region 1 Meeting  
10/17 /2023**

Attendance: Taylor Salmi, Pam Pettigrew, Kendra Walker, Jill Myhre, Joe Bennent, Michelle Monson, Monte Silk, Patricia Black, Annette Gorton, Wade Sunby, Janessa Parenteau, Valerie Hafele

**Guests: John Gorton**

John shared about the Nuts & Bolts of Special Education training - designed to assist all special education teachers regardless of their experience

- Old look in IC will be going away at some point. Please practice the new look
- Reach out to Dena Senner if you would like the recording: cspd.r1@gmail.com

**Upcoming Events:**

\*State SpEd Director meeting via zoom - **November 8th at 8:30 am**

Recordings of meeting will be sent out by Anne Rainey

JP resigned. John Gorton is hosting the statewide meetings

\*MTSS High School Forum - **November 6-7, 2023 in Helena**

\*SpEd Community of Practice - **2nd Wednesday of each month 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

\*MCEC/MCASE Conference - **April 3-5, 2024 in Missoula**

In the process of planning

Requests for people to do outbreak session will be coming

Great speakers are being set

Pam will forward email to Val and she will share with the directors

\***Region I Professional Development**

\*Montana Youth Conference in Billings Nov. 14-16 - good conference for getting information on transitions- it is for anyone that deals with transitions

Western MT Professional Learning Community : <https://www.wmplc.org/>

**SAM - From Rob's Desk**

**From Rob's Desk! - Quick Links to Contemporary Issues, updated October 9, 2023**

1. MT New Accreditation Process: Important links, Oct 9, 2023
  - a. [Year 1 \(2023-2024\) Check list and due dates.](#)
  - b. [Accreditation Guidance Document](#), Released Oct 2, 2023
  - c. [MT OPI Accreditation Website](#)
2. [SAM Delegate Assembly Proposal, Positions and Resolutions](#): To be discussed at SAM Membership Meeting, Oct 20, MCEL Billings
3. [SAM Topic Brief - Administrative Licensure Fees](#): (Updated 10/6) OPIs Proposal to raise the licensure fees from \$30 to \$275 for the MT Admin License.
4. [SAM Topic Brief - 3Ps Bill List](#): 2023 legislative summary, reference guide to bills that impact Policy, Procedures & Practices.



5. [SAM Topic Brief - New Graduation Requirements](#): summary document which explains addition of Financial Literacy to graduation requirements under revised Chapter 55.
6. [95 Mills Discussion](#): MTSBA Memo drafted by Lance Melton in August 2023, describes history and legal requirements of 95 Mills calculation.
7. [Connecting with OPI](#): Information and links regarding weekly "office hours" hosted by OPI staff as well as other ways to connect with OPI.

### [OPI Monthly Compass](#)

Recommend to sign up for the automatic emails for the Compass

### [OPI Sped Contacts](#)

### [Data Collection/Verification Timelines](#)

### **Legal:**

SB 213 - Threat Assessment Teams



**Indicator 8** - provide 3 questions that you feel are important for us to know whether parents feel involved in the process - send to Anne Rainey by 10-15-23

#### Agenda

- OPI Update
  - GEPA Statements required
    - Needs to have actual content in it  
<https://opi.mt.gov/Portals/182/Page%20Files/Special%20Education/IDEA%20Fiscal/GEPA-Section427-Form-FINAL508.pdf?ver=2023-03-20-054422-297>
  - Self-assessment fiscal monitoring will be happening in the future
  - Director Calls second Wednesday of each month starting in October from 8:30-9:30
  - Infinite Campus Updates
  - Program Narratives - need to be updated

#### Montana-Specific Updates:

- When Specific Learning Disability is selected from the list of checkboxes on the Eligibility Determination editor in the MT Evaluation Report, the Determination Method is required. The dropdown is only available when the Specific Learning Disability option is selected. The determination method values available are RTI and Severe Discrepancy
- MT Evaluation Report PWN editor and print format has been updated (parent contact information changed to 'Montana Empowerment Center')
- MT IEP PWN editor and print format has been updated (parent contact information changed to 'Montana Empowerment Center')
- Print format has been updated to print the PLAAFPS and Measurable Annual Goals objectives in the order displayed in the editor
- MT IEP High School Graduation editor and print format has been updated (selections more clearly defined for senior year(s) selections)
- Validation has been added to the MT IEP Statewide Assessment editor that a selection must be made from the Assessment dropdown to Complete the editor.



- Validation has been added to the MT IEP District Wide Assessment editor that a selection must be made in the "The student will participate in the District Wide assessment in the following manner" dropdown to Complete the editor.

**General Updates:**

- New Region I Contacts
  
- HB 332 - School employee health insurance program
  - Start date? Possible July 1, 2024
- HB 396 - Admission of students on a part-time basis
  - Offer of FAPE will continue requiring 100% enrollment in order to receive sped services
- Medicaid dropping enrollment of most previously qualified families- families not complying with the requested info. Now that the covid relief period has closed they are asking for more information.
  - Expecting Medicaid funds to be cut in at least half
  - Federal proposed rule-making change on Medicaid Consent

