

**Region IV MCASE Meeting**  
January 25, 2024 at 9:30 AM  
Via Google Meet [Link](#):

**Participants:** Kim McCauley, Jenny Malloy, Sara Novak, Maria Pace, Emilie Maule, Mary Farber, Sara Jones, Juliana Robinson, Norah Barney, Sean Maharg

Guests: Rob Watson, Billi Taylor

**AGENDA:**

1. Montana School Recruitment Project Update - Billi Taylor
  - a. [Montana Schools Recruitment Project](#)
  - b. Available OT in the Billings area looking for employment
  - c. Have 33 Districts/Coops signed up for membership. Celebration!!
  - d. Lani on site in Missoula to place school psych internships for students coming out of U of M.
  - e. Update:
    - Winter/Spring **Confirmed** Recruitment Fairs:
      - University of MT Psychology Meeting - this afternoon
      - University of Mary: February 7th
      - NASP in New Orleans: February 14- 17
      - CEC in San Antonio: March 11 - 15
      - MEC in Missoula: April 2 - 5
      - Oregon Professional Fair: April 10
      - OPI Special Education Advisory Panel: April 24/25
      - Tribal College Career Fair (Emilie Maule)
    - Other Options being considered, but not guaranteed:
      - Idaho Department of Education Educator Fair (awaiting date)
      - Boise State (Career Fair Feb 14, awaiting Educator)
      - Utah Education Fair (Feb 14th)
      - Western Washington Educator/Internship Fair (March 8th)
      - California Educator Fair (April 11th)
2. SAM Update - Rob Watson
  - a. HB676 and active consent for SLP hearing screenings at member school districts
    - i. Parent's rights bill
  - b. HB203 impacts special education funding within a cooperative model
    - i. District being reimbursed beyond child count-does the money flow to the CoOp? Rob-money flows to the district and it is dependent on the agreement between the district and CoOp. The District could reduce the funding to the CoOp depending on the funding agreement. ANB goes to the serving District.

- ii. Out of attendance areas CoOps can become confusing.
  - c. February 22nd Monthly SAM Webinar at 10:00.
    - i. Focus on the open enrollment bill. Providing guidance on policy updates on open enrollment.
  - d. HB890-school boards required to record their meetings
  - e. March 11-12 in Helena at Great Northern Hotel - combo conference with MASS and META-legal issues and technology. The Dept. of ED will have a FERPA update and someone from Bea Kaleva's office will present. Business meeting for MCASE will be held as well.
  - f. Starting the Early Literacy Programs as well as the Jump Start over the summer. How do they work with the ESY and Sped PK programs? They should cross over and students should not be eliminated from programs because they are in one of the other programs.
    - i. Look at SAM website for further information on the Early Literacy Program. 20 page doc created by the Department of Education explaining how to qualify students for the programs.
  - g. Update on School Psychologist out of state licensure
    - i. SAM advocated for a change for the certification of School Psychologists licensure -Rule 10-57-434 (How school psychologists are certified when transferring between states)
    - ii. OPI can certify without going through the U of M. This rule change has to go through public comment on March 5th. Open for public comment via email up to March 5th and then can be in person on March 5th.
    - iii. This is a change for anyone getting the license/endorsement. Class 6 License for those who do not have an educator's background such as School Psychologists and Counselors.
    - iv. Licensure costs increase for everyone.
3. OT/PT Consult Questions - Mary Farber
- a. List under supplemental supports under personnel
  - b. OT/PT does not need to report out in present levels or progress reports
  - c. OT/PT would report the change through the IEP process and document in the Notes or PWN that there is a change in service model.
4. MCASE Awards
- a. Please consider nominating a deserving candidate for the following awards. Nominations are being accepted until Friday, February 23, 2024. These will be presented at the combo conference with META, MCASE, MASS on March 11-12th in Helena. CSPD Awards will still be presented at MCEC.

MCASE Awards:

- [MCASE Outstanding Administrator of Special Education Award](#)
- [MCASE Special Education Teacher Award](#)
- [MCASE General Education Teacher Award](#)
- [Lori Ruffier Legacy Award](#)
- [MCASE Nomination for CASE Awards](#)
- [Early Career Special Education Administrator Award Nomination](#)

**Next Meeting: March 7, 2023 at 9:30**