

Ohio Supervisors of School Psychologists

(O.S.S.P.)

Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2010

1. OSSP Chair Dr. Clark welcomed the group and notified them of the new OSSP website. It can be found on the OSPA website at: <http://www.ospaonline.org/practitioners/OSSP.htm>. Among the items on the OSSP website are the items that were previously approved at the last meeting – OSSP mission statement, OSSP functions, upcoming meetings and locations, and contact information for Dr. Clark.
2. Ann Brennan (Director of Legislative Affairs and Professional Relations for the Ohio School Psychologists Association) gave a legislative update. Among topics that she covered were:
 - The Executive Summary of the Special Needs Subcommittee of the Ohio School Funding Advocacy Group (SFAC) was presented.
 - The OSPA Fall Conference (November 4th and 5th) will be at the Columbus Renaissance Hotel. Speakers include Dr. Robert Brooks and Dr. Sam Goldstein. The OSPA Intern Conference (November 3rd) will also be at the Columbus Renaissance Hotel. The registration deadline for the hotel is October 15th. The Inter-University Council (IUC) is organizing the Intern Conference. Interns are compensated for half the price of a room.
 - The State Board of Psychology has formed a task force for proposing changes to the rules governing practice in Ohio. It may elect to redefine the definition of school psychologist to expand practice beyond educational settings. Dr. Kathy McNamara has been providing some input for proposed language on behalf of

OSPA. Proposals for MCE hours currently stand at 23, but an increase to 4 hours of ethics training is currently being considered. There may also be a component for cultural competency. There may be a mandate to demonstrate competency to supervise interns via a 4-6 hour course. The issues surrounding supervision of interns by school psychologists who are licensed by the State Board of Psychology were discussed. Specifically, it is currently vague as to when these supervisors must put these interns on their license for training supervision. An article previously written on this topic by Dr. Cathy Telzrow (Professor Emeritus at Kent State University and former President of the State Board of Psychology) and published in *The Ohio School Psychologist* was shared with the group.

- Intern funding is presently in the biennial budget at 90% of what was received last year—approximately \$2.5 million. We currently don't have 100 interns statewide, so this may lessen the impact of the projected funding reduction.

3. Barbara Murphy (Consultant with the Office of Exceptional Children of the Ohio Department of Education) gave a legislative update. She spoke about the Special Education Leadership Conference and distributed Expanded Facilitation Questions that are being used within the context of the Ohio Improvement Process. She also shared excerpts of an ODE document, *Procedures and Guidance for Ohio Educational Agencies serving Children with Disabilities*. The topic of “waiving” reevaluations (i.e., conditions under which parents and school districts might decide a reevaluation is no longer necessary) was discussed extensively.
4. Dr. Linda Neiheiser (Manager of Psychological Services within the Cleveland Metropolitan School District) initiated a discussion on procedures and options available to supervisors in terms of employee evaluations. Different policies and forms were shared (and will be shared) among the group.
5. Dr. Perry Clark (Coordinator of Psychologists in the Akron Public Schools and OSSP Chair) initiated a discussion as to how supervisors were responding to the mandates of

Indicator 11 (Child Find). A robust discussion was shared with respect to how different districts strive to maximize their compliance in this area.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Kubick, Jr., Ph.D.

Secretary – Ohio Supervisors of School Psychologists (OSSP)

October 4, 2010