Ohio Supervisors of School Psychologists

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Meeting Minutes September 27, 2011

- 1. Dr. Perry Clark (OSSP Chair) welcomed the group. Dr. Linda Neiheiser brought Krispy Kreme doughnuts. All were happy.
- 2. Ann Brennan (Director of Legislative Affairs and Professional Relations for the Ohio School Psychologists Association) gave a legislative update. House Bill 136, which will create a broad-based voucher/scholarship for attending private schools with public money, appears ready to pass. There are also two dyslexia bills that appear to be moving along. They will be pilot programs that will investigate the identification and serving students with dyslexia. Governor Kasich will be rolling out his new foundation formula next month. Also coming up will be the referendum vote in November for the repeal of Senate Bill 5. Finally, the OSPA Fall Conference will be Thursday and Friday, November 3rd-4th. The intern conference and ethics seminar will take place on Wednesday, November 2nd. Attendees must register by Oct 14th for early registration. Presenters will be Matthew Burns and Amanda VanDerHayden and topics will be assessment and intervention within the RtI framework, with an emphasis on reading and math.
- 3. Cathy Csanyi (Consultant with the Office of Exceptional Children of the Ohio Department of Education) gave a legislative update. She discussed some of the department reorganization going on within the Ohio Department of Education. She shared that President Obama and Secretary of Education Duncan have publicly indicated that states might receive waivers from No Child Left Behind—guidelines for these waivers will be forthcoming. She encouraged school psychologists to closely monitor the integrity and thoroughness of ETRs and IEPs. There was some discussion about creating

standards for quality evaluations that provide data to make justifiable eligibility determinations, particularly as it pertains to reevaluations with students who do not require additional assessment.

- 4. Dr. Clark distributed paper copies of the two previous copies from the OSPA Omnibus Survey (from 1991 and 1994). OSPA will be commissioning a new Omnibus Survey this fall. Feedback as to what should be included or removed from this survey was solicited. There was robust discussion on this topic.
- 5. Dr. Clark and Cathy Csanyi discussed on-site monitoring reviews. Resources were shared so that school districts might understand components of these reviews that should be considered.
- 6. Next meeting: December 7th, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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