

MAYWOOD-MELROSE PARK-BROADVIEW

School District 89

Student Services Report

March 14, 2013-April 8, 2013

1. Social Work Updates:

- March 22nd meeting
 - Discussion of needs/strengths
 - Need for regular collaboration
 - Compliance in the IEP process (No need to write additional report- but need to make Present Levels more extensive)
 - Request and discussion surrounding new evaluation tool - found sample tool to review with team, guided them to review with union representatives in order to initiate discussion.
 - Social Workers requested clarification in roles between Psychologists and Social Workers; I sent out job description for initiation of discussion for next meeting.

2. Psychology Updates:

- March 15th meeting
 - Medicaid billing - new provider will generate new funds for District
 - Psychologists asked about new role in inclusion - we discussed how they will support students' inclusion by supporting behavioral practice, Rtl and through the IEP process by utilizing Least Restrictive Environment thinking.
 - The psychologists asked for clarification on the role of the coordinator- we discussed my focus on all teams beginning to understand and be responsible for compliance in the IEP process.

3. Resource Teachers (Special Education)

- Meeting on March 20th with Stevenson team and teachers to discuss the IEP process - review of meaning of the IEP parts and document, compliance reminders and provided document to help team remember points of compliance.
- April 11th - Meeting with Garfield teachers to discuss IEP process and connectedness to practice.
- April 25th - Meeting with Melrose teachers to discuss IEP process and connectedness to practice.

4. Health Services:

- In collaboration with Dr. Sue Flanagan, rewrite of RN and Health Clerk job descriptions for increased funding opportunities.
- Researched CNA Program opportunities in the community
- Cancelled Stericycle contract as of July 1, 2013, via formal letter
- Ordered School Health "mail back" program Sharps Containers

5. Speech and Language Pathology Updates:

- Worked with PAEC to initiate survey of workloads
- March 22 Meeting:
 - Discussion of entrance and exit criteria- discussion of need for locally normed process to take into account experiences of our students. Speech team will spend collaboration time working on this.
 - IEP compliance process- Discussion of screening tools
 - Needs: Review and re-norm testing/qualification in Special Education for students with speech needs
 - Concern expressed that Hearing and Vision Screening data can hold up IEP and Evaluation process, Caroline working with IT to rectify.

6. PAEC and Outside Placement Providers Summary:

- Visit on to update on funding is on April 11th – numerous questions about funding process: billing for X fund students (4 times the per capita rate for our cost of service, no educational costs entered per pupil submitted, questions and concerns with grant process and allocation of funds.)
- 100 students currently placed in PAEC programming for ED, ID and SLD service.

7. Rtl:

- Completion of materials inventory currently in district for use for intervention
- Planning discussion at Principals' meeting about strengths/needs for Rtl
- District Rtl team initiated and planning meeting for May
- Work to determine universal screening process- as required in Special Education evaluation process
- Worked with secretary (with support from IT) to update Intranet site that will include Rtl overview process.

8. Community Connections and Support

- Phone conference with DCFS Education Liaison for District #89 to discuss strengths and needs from DCFS perspective- meeting scheduled for April 10th .
- Worked over spring break on a concept that will “bring the wrap around team” of District 89 staff and community representatives together with a laser sharp, clear focus on supporting students' academic, social and emotional well-being. Ideas for concept will be brought to cabinet.

9. Legal:

- Involvement with attorney representing student in SSI case. Assisted in assuring proper consent was signed in order for outside attorney to gather information.
- Reviewed and audited IEP's completed this school year with Ms. Sue Shoemaker. Training designed that will support staff in an improved IEP process.

10. Financial:

- Planning next year's trainings with new Medicaid provider
- Working to review PAEC billing for Students with Disabilities- summarize and review with Dr. Robey