



Special Population Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, November 17, 2015 1:30 PM  
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Item  
Chair of Committee
  - 3.1. Steve Milliken  
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  - 3.2. Statewide Mental Health Services
  - 3.3. Recruiter for hiring difficult positions  
Committee Chair - Polk
  - 3.4. Wade Fruhling - SRS Report  
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    - 3.4.1. AAP
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Committee Chair - Polk
    - 3.4.2. Project Para
    - 3.4.3. SRS Report
    - 3.4.4. ILCD
4. Next Meeting Agenda Items
5. Executive Session
6. Adjournment

## ESUCC Special Education Committee Update

11/14/15

### AAP Website

- Met with Dean Folkers and the ESU#3 SIMS Development team to explore the possibility of letting the Rule 18 schools use the SIMS School Information System to connect to the NDE Advisor System.
  - Provided Demo of AAP site to group
  - ESU#3 SIMS team will look into what they would have to charge to bring SIMS to all of the Rule 18 schools
  - AAP could potentially be built into the SIMS software package

### Project Para

- Para Educator Conference was held on October 29<sup>th</sup> in Kearney.
  - Keynote from Sue Kemp (UNL Professor), Lunchtime speech by Dr. Blomstedt
  - Handed out two Paraeducator of the year awards
  - 28 different break out sessions were offered
  - Wade served as event photographer
- Several new districts have joined Project Para and they have added 188 new participants

### SRS

- Most of the coding has been completed for the Bennington data Import/Export system and we are now in the testing phase.
  - System will automatically create SRS records for all Bennington students from the data stored on their local SIMS system
  - SRS will send IEP Summary Forms to SIMS system to give teachers quick access to IEP data
  - SRS will send all NSSRS Report data to Bennington's SIMS system nightly
- Mike is currently converting several older SRS forms to the Zend Framework
- Provided SRS trainings at ESU#15, Nebraska Wesleyan, UNO, and South Sioux City
- Met with staff from West Point Public Schools to talk about ways to improve usability on SRS
  - Will be meeting Beatrice Public Schools Staff in early December for a similar discussion
- NSSRS Reporting was very challenging this year
  - SRS has a tool that will allow districts to generate the NSSRS Special Education report directly from our forms
    - Our system will only add a student to the report if the student has up-to-date IEPs and MDTs to pull data from
    - When student's exit Special Education during the school year their IEPs and MDTs are not re-newed and the forms become outdated.
      - The outdated forms cause the records to be considered incomplete so they get left off of the report.
      - Since the records are not on the report, the exit reason for those students never gets sent to the state
  - The State's NSSRS system alerts districts if there are missing kids on the NSSRS report, but for some reason that didn't happen last June
    - This allowed a lot of kids who had exited special education to not have their exit reasons recorded by the State.
  - To fix these problems, we had to generate many NSSRS reports by hand and date them as if they were the June 30 upload to fix these omissions.

- Ultimately, the glitch on the State's NSSRS system exposed a weakness on the SRS system.
  - Dawn and I have identified several improvements that we can make on SRS to prevent this from happening again.

## **ILCD**

- We continue to maintain the ILCD Staff Survey site
  - Our office emails the data (along with a summary) to school districts upon request