

**MINUTES**  
**RESA 7 Regional Advisory Council Meeting**  
**August 20, 2015 at 10:00 am**  
**Randolph County at**  
**Randolph County Board Office**

	<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>
Barbour:	Mr. Jeff Woofter Mr. Eric Ruf	
Doddridge:	Mr. Rick Coffman Mr. Jack Bell	
Gilmer:	Mr. Gabriel Devono Dr. William Simmons	
Harrison:		Dr. Mark Manchin Mr. Frank Devono, Jr.
Lewis:	Ms. Theresa McAbee	Dr. Joseph Mace Ms. Sylvia McNeish
Marion:		Mr. Gary Price Mr. Tom Dragich Mr. Rockie DeLorenzo
Monongalia:	Dr. Frank Devono Dr. Clarence Harvey	
Preston:	Mr. Stephen Wotring Mr. Mac Crum	
Randolph:	Ms. Pamela Hewitt Mr. Bruce Haddix	
Taylor:	Ms. Kathy Green Mr. Richard Teagarden	
Tucker:	Dr. Eddie Campbell Ms. Janet Preston	
Upshur:	Mr. Roy Wager Dr. Greenbrier Almond	
SDE:	Mr. Mike Green	Mr. Joe Panetta
FSU:		Ms. Jeani Hawkins

Also in attendance: From RESA 7 – Kathy Hypes, Mary Lewis, Nicole Kemper, and Anna Casale; Jason Butcher (WVSBOE - Via Skype), Carol Bush, Kelly Taylor and Lisa Diehl (WV Healthy Start Project), Jonathan Paine (Randolph Co), Dr. Barbara Parsons (Monongalia Co), Leslie Tyree (RESA 2)

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**I. Call to Order**

Welcome with Ms. Pam Hewitt, Randolph County Superintendent. Ms. Pamela Hewitt, Superintendent of Randolph County Schools, welcomed everyone to Randolph County.

**II. Agenda Adjustments**

Mr. Coffman made a motion to approve the Agenda Adjustments. Mr. McCrum seconded the motion.

**III. Reports/Recognition – Executive Director**

Speaker: **Ms. Kathy Hypes, RESA 7 Executive Director**

**Introduction of New Board Members**

Ms. Hypes welcomed three new superintendents to the RESA 7 Regional Council: Mr. Jeff Woofter of Barbour County, Ms. Kathy Green of Taylor County and Ms. Pamela Hewitt of Randolph County.

**RESA 7 Organization Chart, Scope of Services Charts**

Handout distributed. A departmentalized guide to the staff at RESA 7 citing their areas of service and contact information. In addition, RESA 7 has launched a new website design.

**Graduation 20/20 Updates**

Handout distributed. Ms. Homberg was unable to attend to speak on the initiative. For now, the final list of schools has yet to be identified. On August 25, Ms. Homberg will be at RESA 7 from 9am-12pm to meet with county staff and principals and will provide more information at that time. Potential schools qualify by having a 70% or lower special education graduation rate. The RESA 7 Graduation 20/20 Coach is Lisa Heinbaugh. Each identified high school will receive \$2,500 per year

**Amicus Curiae Brief – Monongalia County Appeal to Supreme Court**

RESA 7 will be writing a letter collaboratively with the other RESAs in support of Monongalia County's court case pertaining to the use of interventionists. Dr. Devono hopes to have support from the RESAs, the School Board Association and the Superintendents Association. Those letters are due to the Supreme Court by October 13, 2015.

**Policy 3233 – Amendment**

This is the policy that governs the operations of RESAs. One change is the method of evaluating the RESA Executive Directors. In addition, references to specific technology platforms were removed to allow for inclusion of new technologies. This policy is currently on comment.

**WVDE Organization Chart**

Handout distributed. Details the restructuring of staff at the WVDE.

**Ms. Anna Casale, RESA 7 College Access Coordinator**

**Program Update**

Ms. Casale reported on CFWV. She works with 26 counties including all of RESA 7 and beyond. She trains primarily on the CFWV.com website and its benefits. With Policy 2510, there has been a greater need to train teachers during their academic advising periods. Ms. Casale also works with adults on the new requirements to obtain a Board of Governors and Regents degrees. In addition, Ms. Casale conducts college fairs sharing information on the Promise Scholarship. College Exploration Week will be October 29-31, 2015. February 21, 2016 will be College Goal Sunday. College Decision Day is another future event TBA. This is a national college signing day. Finally, there is a new text messaging campaign that started with GEAR UP schools. Texts are sent with important reminders pertaining to financial aid deadlines and college application deadlines. All information is distributed through school counselors.

**Ms. Carol Bush, Navigator**

**WV Healthy Start Navigator Project**

Ms. Bush is a navigator hired through WVU Healthy Start Program on a federal grant to assist people in signing up for health insurance. A handout was given showing the income based guidelines for qualifying families from moderate income levels. Aside from signing individuals up, she educates them on how to properly access their benefits. Ms. Lisa Diehl presented on the affordable care act as it relates to the initiative.

**Ms. Leslie Tyree, Attorney**

**Shared Services**

Ms. Tyree is the RESA 2 attorney. She represents five out of six counties in RESA 2. Each county, based on student population, is assessed a premium fee. They contribute to the attorney salary and benefits to retain counsel. In the first 18 months, well over \$1 million was saved in legal fees. The counties are not charged hourly for communication. Ms. Tyree provides grievance assistance, bid protests, etc., in addition to ongoing client advice and procurement of documentation. Ms. Tyree discussed different models for sharing legal services.

**Ms. Mary Lewis, RESA 7**

**School Messenger/FCC Update**

Handout distributed. As of July 10, 2015, the FCC passed a regulatory action pertaining to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) stating that you cannot send non-emergency messages via automated dialing software to any device without prior express written consent. Recommended language was shared from School Messenger to draft consent forms. Consensus was to suspend use of the system until September 12 when School Messenger will enact an auto-removal option and so that counties have time to distribute and collect consents.

**IV. Information**

- A. Regional Advisory Council Meeting Dates – Attachment A
- B. Medicaid – Attachment B
- C. Activities Report – (June - July 2015) – Attachment C

**Agenda – Action**

**V. Approve the Minutes**

- D. Minutes from June 18, 2015 Meeting – Attachment D

Mr. Ruf made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 18, 2015. Mr. Devono seconded the motion.

**VI. Consent Agenda**

- E. Budget Adjustments – Attachment E
- F. Payment of Invoices – Attachment F
- G. Treasurer’s Report – Attachment G
- H. Aging Report – Attachment H

Dr. Almond made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

**VII. Personnel**

- I. Employment – Attachment I
- J. Resignations – Attachment J

Mr. Wager made a motion to approve the Employment agenda. Mr. Woofter seconded the motion.

Mr. Wotring made a motion to approve the Resignations agenda. Mr. Coffman seconded the motion.

**VIII. State Department**

- K. State Board Meeting Agenda – Attachment K

Mr. Mike Green was present to report. Mr. Green mentioned the WV Academic Spotlight website on the curriculum standards. On September 1, 2015 there will be a town meeting at the WVU Erikson Alumni Center in Morgantown beginning at 6:30pm to discuss the curriculum standards. Mr. Green mentioned the NASA program which promotes STEM opportunities (handout given). Mr. Green expressed his passion for the 1:1 technology initiative and his hope to expand it to more schools.

**IX. WVASA Report**

Dr. Devono reported. Mr. David Banks is now the President of the WVASA. Additional positions held: Dr. Eddie Campbell, WVSSAC rep; Mr. Gabe Devono, RESA rep; Mr. Gary Price, secretary treasurer. A winter seminar is being planned for January 28-29, 2016.

**X. WVSBA Report**

Mr. Eric Ruf reported that superintendents should have received an email from Howard O’Cull detailing the work he’s been doing and important updates. A fall conference is being planned for November 2105.

**XI. Council Members Discussion**

**XII. Next Meeting – September 17, 2015 – Preston County, 10:00 am**

**XIII. Adjournment**

Mr. Teagarden made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ruf seconded the motion.

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**Ms. Kathy Hypes, Executive Director**  
*Submitted By*

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**Date**

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**Dr. Eddie Campbell, Chairperson**  
*Accepted By*

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**Date**

