REGION III NASES MEETING

Lifelong Learning Center

Norfolk, NE

October 31, 2012

The Region III NASES meeting was held October 31st with the following members present: Claudia Feehan, Columbus Public Schools; Jason Harris, Columbus Public Schools; Darus Mettler, ESU #8; Ruth Miller, ESU #8; Frank Hebenstreit, Norfolk Public Schools; Stuart Clark, ESU #1; Lynette Mitzel, West Point Public Schools; Mary Luhr, Norfolk Public Schools, Larianne Polk, ESU #7; and Jean Bierschenk, Secretary.

Jason opened the meeting with confirmation of the concern regarding Service Location on IEP for non-public schools. Page 6 of the IEP is to be marked “Private” per Rita Hammitt. This does not hurt district determination.

Also on Page 6 of the IEP for kindergarten students who are not yet 6, the place of service is typically <10 hr/week at Early Childhood Program. It is the SPED service place.

A meeting regarding specialization for Special Education administrators will be held November 19th. Stuart Clark is the Region III representative to this meeting.

The group joined the SPED Director’s conference call at 9:30 a.m. The call was completed at 10:35 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding transportation to and from services and preschool.

Larianne Polk requested help in determining when students should be placed in residential settings. Ruth Miller explained that most of the time, this is parent driven. Need to keep in mind the least restrictive environment. Darus Mettler said ESU #8 uses an application process, for example, to their BD program. Frank Hebenstreit discussed that in the past that if the district requested from the Department of Ed and were approved, the State would pay for residential and educational. Stuart Clark looked it up on internet and it appears that is still the case. Jason Harris will post on the Wiki site the procedure for doing so.

The group was informed that NDE does not reimburse more dollars than the base for Birth – age 5. Districts need to use school age enrollment poverty for additional funding.

Lynette Mitzel had a question regarding an HHS placement from their district to an out of state placement. Who claims? At this point, if the out of state school is not requesting contract, let them have it. However, should the out of state school ask for contract, it would be up to West Point to control the IEP.

The question of who does a non-resident, non-public student was expressed. The evaluation is done by the district where non-public school is located. Once evaluation is complete, then a meeting is held as to whether student qualifies or not (MDT). Then equitable service goes into play. If no equitable service is left, then FAPE is used.

Larianne invited members to go the the ESPD (ESU SPED Directors) website regarding a meeting with Annette Wragge on Austims, ILCD, budget info, questions and answers.

Larianne asked for volunteers to work on a committee to get vision and O & M services. Jason Harris and Stuart Clark agreed to be on the committee. Frank Hebenstreit suggested perhaps paras be specifically trained to help in this regard.

Larianne showed an app for MAC users for a Time Table that has calendars for time and effort logs. It’s $13.00 for the app to download. Currently Larianne is piloting the app for her district.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 30th at Lifelong Learning Center.

Claudia Feehan will be the new secretary for Region III beginning with the November meeting, replacing Jean Bierschenk who is retiring.

Jean Bierschenk, Secretary