

KAPS

Kentucky Association for Psychology in the Schools

Minutes of the January 25, 1986 Executive Council Meeting

The EC of KAPS met at the Durett Education Center in Louisville following a KAPS' sponsored workshop on the MacDermott Multi-dimensional Assessment of Children (M-MAC). The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM. EC members present were Ronda Talley, Lois Beimrohr, Jim Batts, Bob Kruger, Bob Illback, Marcia McEvoy, Cookie Cahill, Pat McGinty, Patsy Thompson, Lynn McCoy-Simandle, Carolyn Brown, and Sue Hoagland.

Secretary: Minutes from the 12/18/85 EC meeting had been previously mailed to all EC members. They were approved without amendment. Bob Kruger (incoming KPA liaison) and Ronda Talley (outgoing KPA liaison) briefly reported on the 1/10/85 KPA executive meeting which they both attended. KPA was informed by Ronda of KAPS efforts in promoting a proposal for the funding of 20 experimental school psychologists' positions in the state. The main agenda item of the KPA meeting was the adoption of a proposal empowering Sheila Schuster, KPA president, to serve as a paid legislative agent (lobbyist) in promoting passage of HB 143 (a revision of KRS 319) and in monitoring all matters affecting the interests of psychologists in the state. KPA was informed that KAPS has taken a neutral position on HB 143.

Treasurer: Alan Kite, treasurer was absent. No financial report was presented.

Past President: Bob Illback involved EC members in a discussion of the issues and events related the "counselor testing question". A letter, dated 1/17/86 had been sent to Ronda Talley from James Barton, staff support, Kentucky Council on Teacher Education and Certification(KCTEC). The letter invited a KAPS representative, along with representatives from a number of other interests, to give a ten minute presentation at a 1/31/86 meeting on our "ideas, opinions, or proposed changes" regarding guidance counselor certification changes. Bob was going to ask Randy Kamphaus to represent KAPS.

Bob presented the EC with a copy of a draft of proposed testimony for this meeting. The presented document outlined essential objections to the assessment issue. In addition, it proposed a "compromise" which suggested expanding the endorsement requirements "to include eighteen (18) hours of integrated training above the provisional certification level." A provision for a supervised internship was also recommended. The EC members approved the drafted testimony for presentation with the proviso that a "written examination requirement" also be included as part of the endorsement requirements. Bob planned to send a copy of the proposed testimony to the representatives of the other interests that would be testifying at this upcoming hearing.

Also related to the counselor testing issue, Ronda reported that she has encouraged KASA, rather than to adopt a neutral stand, to develop a position emphasizing the contributions of both school psychology and guidance counseling, noting areas of their mutual co-operation.

Jim Batts indicated that to date, 277 counselors have submitted the paperwork to be considered for grandfathering under the currently proposed standards of the KCTEC committee. He also indicated that 18 of 182 counties had counselors as the sole providers of intellectual evaluations.

Liaison and Public Relations:

Lois Beimrohr reported that CASE had accepted Pat Guthrie as our liaison to their organization. CASE encouraged all KAPS members to attend the various workshops which they sponsor.

No one from the EC submitted a needs assessment form to Judy Bretschneider for presentation to the Mental Health Coalition. Those wishing to do so were reminded to respond immediately.

It was indicated that twenty-five dollars (\$25) will need to be allocated as a fee for setting up the KAPS booth at the spring "Mental

Health Fair" in Louisville. Lois encouraged anyone with any ideas on handouts for this event to submit them to her.

A new printer has been "commissioned" to work on the KAPS poster. Finding ways to obtain more recognition for KAPS members who might be providing innovative services, and the development of a suitable presentation for possible inclusion in high school "career days" were being considered for future PR projects.

Legislative:

Cookie Cahill reported that HB 241 (a bill for increased funding of special education and related services) had been read favorably in committee and was probably to be voted upon Monday, January 27. CEC had asked for KAPS endorsement. Ronda indicated that this was the most discussed bill at a recent KASA legislative review committee meeting and that it was supported with modification by KASA. The KAPS legislative "telephone tree" was to be activated to encourage KAPS members to call their state representatives and senators in support of this bill.

Cookie reported that HB 143 (psychologist licensure) was tied up in committee hearings.

Randy Kamphaus had been called by state representative Henry Moblery to provide assistance in securing expert witnesses who might have concerns about the statistical integrity of the KEST.

Randy was scheduled in approximately two weeks to present the Unit Funding Proposal for School Psychologists before the House and Senate Education Budget Review Subcommittees.

Cookie raised a concern regarding a proposal by the state-operated Children's Psychiatric Hospital in Kenton County for funding of a 40 bed expansion for "dually diagnosed" (MR and emotionally disturbed)

patients. She expressed concern that on the surface the proposal appeared to run counter to community-based treatment and integration. The EC asked Cookie to develop a set of questions that the EC might want to consider asking in developing a position on this proposal.

On other legislative/regulatory matters, Ronda reported that school psychologists had been added to the KDE "42 hour" professional development requirement for administrators.

Ronda also distributed copies of 86 BR 452, a bill proposing mandatory elementary guidance services. Bob Illback made a motion that the EC formally support this bill. The motion was unanimously carried.

State Consultant: Jim Batts identified the proposed replacements for those on the school psychology exam committee whose terms have expired.

Program: Carolyn Brown reported that we made approximately \$200 on the MMAC workshop. Preliminary plans are being made for the fall convention. Mid-to-late September was suggested as a preferred time. Contact has been made with the Louisville Convention Commission. A couple of possible options were identified but needed to be followed up. It was suggested that if ECU was going to be considered, contact would need to be made very soon. There was discussion but no consensus about a possible convention theme. "Emotional and behavioral issues with students" and the "psychologist's role in instructional consultation and improvement" were two possibilities discussed. In order to generate broader recognition and increased attendance at the convention, it was suggested that consideration be given to securing a keynote speaker with an appeal to education-at-large. It was also suggested that consideration be given to having a luncheon format in lieu of the evening banquet tradition.

Ethics: Lynn McCoy Simandle reported that all changes had been incorporated in the "Procedural Guidelines for the Adjudication of Ethical Complaints." Final

adoption by EC was reserved until such time that KASA's legal counsel has commented on any possible legal concerns which might be incurred by KAPS with its adoption. Lynn indicated that there have already been several inquiries about the utilization of the procedural guidelines.

Newsletter: Marcia McEvoy reported that the deadline for the April newsletter will be March 1st. There was discussion of an upcoming "theme issue" in which there would be a review of alternatives to the categorical identification, placement, and program funding for special needs students. Marcia expressed pride in the fact that the KAPS newsletter has received a number of reprint requests for some past featured articles. Related to newsletter matters, Ronda suggested that all committee reports for the upcoming newsletter include a brief statement of committee goals.

Membership: Patsy Thompson has not received a specific updated status report from the previous membership chair as to the current membership roll. As soon as an updated list is available, it was requested that all EC members receive a copy.

President: Ronda thanked all committee chairpersons and their membership for their dedication and hard work. She indicated that she would continue in her tenure to strive for increased awareness of and support for comprehensive school psychological services. She encouraged all chairpersons to keep their members actively involved.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. Ronda was to inform EC of next meeting time.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Kruger

MINUTES - MAY 8, 1986

KAPS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The EC of KAPS met at Ft. Wright School, Kenton County. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. Members present were: Ronda Talley, Lois Biemrohr, Bob Kruger, Marcia McEvoy, Pat McGinty, Carolyn Brown, Sue Hoagland, Randy Kamphaus, Alan Kite and Patsy Thompson.

Secretary: Minutes of the January 25, 1986 EC meeting were approved without amendment. Bob Kruger reported on his attendance at a NASP-sponsored program on Long-Range Planning (LRP) which was held during the convention. He presented the rationale that NASP offered in advocating LRP for state associations and outlined several principles which should guide LRP efforts. After discussion, it was decided that Ronda would ask Joe Zins to organize a committee to develop a plan for LRP efforts in KAPS. It was hoped that this committee could be formed by the KAPS' fall convention and that its work could begin by the end of 1986.

As KPA liaison, Bob indicated that the recent passage of HB 143 (the licensure law) has been the highlight of KPA's activity this year. At KPA's last meeting on March 7, 1986, Bob informed KPA's EC of KAPS' success in acquiring a funding commitment for 20 school psychology units. He also reported to KPA, KAPS' concern about the proposed revision of the "counselor testing" regulation. Sheila Schuster, KPA president, offered the support of KPA in opposing this regulation. It was reported that KPA's fall convention would be held October 17, 1986 at Capital Plaza in Frankfort. Bob also reported that several state associations affiliated with APA have eliminated or placed in inactive status their ethics committees due to the prohibitive costs of

liability insurance to cover potential lawsuits (a pertinent bit of information in light of KAPS' efforts in working on a policy for the adjudication of ethical complaints).

Treasurer: Alan Kite reported a current balance of \$4632.30 in the KAPS' treasury. There was discussion of investigating tax-exempt status for KAPS, and it was suggested that Wayne Young, KASA's legal counsel, be contacted for further guidance on this matter. Alan reminded the EC of the expiration of his term of office as of 7/1/86. Ronda indicated that nominations would be solicited very soon for this position as well as that of president-elect.

As CEC liaison, Alan reported that the state CEC convention in March had been well attended. CEC put considerable effort into promoting the successful passage of HB 241.

Past-president: No report

Liaison and Public Relations: Lois Biemrohr reported that KAPS will have an exhibit at the May 10th Mental Health Fair in Louisville. She also requested any assistance that could be given in helping to staff the KAPS' exhibit planned for the July KASA convention. Lois presented a list of individuals who had signed up at CEC to receive a sample of KAPS' mailings. She was to coordinate the effort to get the appropriate information out to these interested persons. The Governor's office has been contacted to have the proclamation of School Psychology Week, September 21-27. This will coincide with our fall convention. Support and recognition of School Psychology Week will also be sought through contacts with regional PTA associations. Lois

asked for input from the EC regarding awards. This was discussed, and there was a consensus that the whole awards procedure needed to be better planned and organized. Ronda was to ask Bob Illback to assume this responsibility in his role as past-president.

President: Ronda Talley reported that KDE was to establish a committee to oversee the implementation of all special education matter passed by the legislature this past year. Jim Batts was to suggest that a steering committee be established to guide the implementation of the consortium proposal. On a similar note, Randy Kamphaus informed the EC that the Legislative Review Committee of Governor Collins' office had contacted him for any ideas on implementation of the consortium proposal. He indicated to the EC that he suggested that steps be taken to assure that the positions created be new school psychology positions (i.e., not supplanting monies for already-existing positions), and that there be consultation with sources outside of KDE regarding implementation.

On other matters, Ronda presented for considered endorsement by the EC, a KAPS' position statement on corporal punishment drafted by Joe Zins in consideration of a similar position developed through NASP. Endorsement was unanimous, and it was recommended that KAPS' liaisons report the endorsement to their affiliates. Ronda also reported that she had given extensive time to her position as KASA liaison in the monitoring and development of positions on education legislation. There was specific discussion of KASA's executive committee's reaction to her requested endorsement by KASA of the school psychology consortium proposal. Ronda received EC support for her suggestion to nominate Bob Illback for a Leadership Award at the upcoming KASA convention.

On a final note, Ronda reported that several of her staff had been interviewed by the Courier Journal for an upcoming article on school psychology services in Jefferson County.

Legislative: In addition to Randy Kamphaus' previously-noted comments regarding the consortium proposal, he reported that this endeavor had been viewed as being particularly innovative and unique by associates of his with whom he discussed it at NASP. He indicated that there was a suggestion by certain colleagues that KAPS attempt to gain publicity for its efforts by chronicling the process of its development and implementation in some future NASP publication. Relatedly, Randy suggested that KAPS may need to develop measures geared toward promoting more permanent and extensive funding for school psychology services.

Program: Carolyn Brown reported that the site and dates for KAPS convention have been set (Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, September 26 and 27). Consensus was reached on issues of format, theme, and main presenters. The Call for Papers will be sent out in May. It was agreed that the convention registration will include the cost of a luncheon. She also reported that the Summer Institute at ECU has been set for July 18th. There will be a full day presentation by Lizanne Destefano, Ph.D., on the "New Binet."

Ethics and Professional Standards: No report

Newsletter: Marcia McEvoy indicated that there would be experimentation with theme formats for upcoming newsletter editions. There was a discussion about possible ways of expediting newsletter production in order to enhance the timeliness of its content to membership. Marcia

indicated that contributors' failures to meet deadlines has been one problem. The EC agreed that deadlines should be firm and not extended. Additionally, it was suggested that Marcia investigate whether the presentation of materials to the printer on an as-readied basis could be a means of expediting production. The next newsletter deadline was set as August 1st.

Membership: A newly developed "Membership Directory" has been prepared for distribution to the membership. The EC concurred with the suggestion of Patsy Thompson that new membership forms be sent out with the convention mailings.

Continuing Professional Development: No report

NASP Delegate: Pat McGinty reported on the delegate meetings held at the NASP convention. She presented a document outlining NASP's adoption of management changes for the organization. She also reported that there had been joint APA-NASP agreement on the components of doctoral level training for school psychologists. She distributed copies of a NASP-sponsored position paper on corporal punishment and a document on "Evaluation of School Psychological Services." She mentioned the auction conducted at the NASP convention to raise monies for the Children's Fund (KAPS donated a KAPS T-shirt), and she reported that NASP was unable to find a carrier who would provide private practice liability coverage at a group rate. Pat announced that NASP's 1987 convention would be held March 4-7 in New Orleans.

The next KAPS EC meeting was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on September 25th at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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