Continuing Advisory Committee
CAC

Meeting Location Doubletree Guest Suites
Date and Time July 21-22, 2009
9 am – 4 pm

CAC Attendees	Rose Cruz, Debra Emerson, Julia Erwin, Kathy Grant, Sherri Hammack, Drusilla Knight-Villarreal, Diane Taylor, Jennifer Taylor, Paul Watson, Shewanda William
CAC Absentees	Pam Willson, Lene' Al-Rashid, Mel Capelo, Candy Hawks, Marjie Haynes, Terry Hernandez, Marnie Mast
Texas Education Agency Resources	Margaret Christen, Phyllis Gandy, David Carrales, Barbara Kaatz, Dottie Goodman, Carmen Noe, Cindy Swain, Judy Struve, Rachel Harrington, Petra Brittner
Facilitator	Margie Sanford

Agenda Item	**Minutes- July 21, 2009 (Morning Session)**
Welcome and Introductions	New committee members were welcomed by Margie Sanford and the agenda for the morning meeting was reviewed.
Meeting Purpose and Result	**Purpose** • Provide an Overview of the State Performance Plan (SPP) / Annual Performance Report (APR). For new members continuing member were invited. **Result** • Members will have a better understanding of the State's efforts to implement the requirements and purposes of IDEA
SPP/APR Overview	David Carrales presented an overview of the SPP/APR submitted on February 2, 2009, to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) at the U.S. Department of Education to the new CAC members. All CAC members were invited to attend. CAC membership was requested to submit comments through the CAC mailbox.

Agenda Item	Minutes- July 21, 2009 (Afternoon Session)
Welcome and Introductions	Committee as a whole was welcomed and the agenda for the meeting was reviewed.
Meeting Purpose and Result	**Purpose** • Update committee members regarding statewide activities and initiatives in the area of Special Education • Update committee members on IDEA Coordination Activities • Provide committee members the opportunity to internalize, make connections, and ask questions about the topics presented by TEA **Result** • Committee understanding of statewide activities and initiatives in the area of Special Education • Committee understanding of on-going IDEA Coordination Activities • Committee members will share their thoughts with each other and TEA regarding topics presented during the meeting
CAC Minutes	Minutes were reviewed by committee members. A motion was made to accept the minutes without changes for the April 1, 2009, CAC meeting by Sherri Hammack. Motion was seconded by Julia Erwin and minutes were approved by all members present.
State of the State	Phyllis Gandy discussed the stimulus money and the application process for LEAs to apply for the funds. USDE is encouraging LEAs to "think outside the box" when developing programs/training to improve results for students with disabilities using the stimulus money. Data collection is a key component of this process. Further guidance will be forth coming from the federal government. Barbara Kaatz reviewed the bills that were passed during the 81st legislative session and the implications for TEA. David Carrales discussed the determinations process. Texas received a level of Needs Assistance this year, an improvement over 2008. He also discussed Restraint and Seclusion issues. Texas has State Laws and Commissioners Rules regarding this issue, and collects data annually. Districts have this data available to them in order to proactively address this problem.
Quarterly Complaints Investigations/Due Process Decisions Update	Cindy Swain gave an overview of the Facilitated IEP Project as a way of assuring positive outcomes of the ARD process. She gave a summary of the most recent

	due process hearing decisions from January to June 2009.
PBMAS/PMI	Rachel Harrington addressed the principles that comprise the Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS). The Division of Performance-Based Monitoring is responsible for developing the system which is an automated data system that reports annually on the performance of school districts and charter schools in selected program areas including special education. Judy Struve explained the purpose of the Program Monitoring Intervention (PMI) Division and reviewed the role of PMI with the Division of IDEA Coordination.
Wrap-up	The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm and will resume at 9:00 am on July 22, 2009.

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Agenda Item	**Minutes- July 22, 2009**
Recap	Margaret Christen reviewed the previous day activities and discussed questions related to the topics covered on July 21, 2009.
RtI (Response to Intervention)	Petra Brittner, RtI Director for the State, and Barbara Kaatz explained that RtI is a framework designed to identify and support struggling learners in the general education setting and that participation is determined on a campus by campus basis.

TBSI (Texas Behavior Support Initiative)	Doug Maraffa from Education Service Center Region 4 delivered a presentation on Positive Behavior Supports. Region 4 has statewide leadership in this area.
Statewide Systemic Issues of Noncompliance State Performance Plan Table 15	Margaret Christen and Cindy Swain updated the CAC membership on the process to address the noncompliance issues in our State.
CAC Dialogue Time	Time was allocated for CAC members to make connections, internalize information, ask questions, and respond to items the Agency presented. Rose Cruz and Kathy Grant shared an overview of the State Supervision Meeting they attended on June 24, 2009.
Meeting Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm