

**Facility Schools Work Group Meeting Notes**

March 6, 2025, 9:00 - 10:30 AM Virtual - Zoom Meeting

**Work Group Members Present:** Sarah Baumgartner, Laurie Burney, Wendy Dunaway, Mylynda Herrick, Sonjia Hunt, Erin Osterhaus, Steven Ramirez, Deon Roberts, Robin Singer, Judy Stirman, Lindsey Tapp, Barb Taylor, Kevin Tracy, Susan Udenberg, Callan Ware, Laura Writebol

**Work Group Members Absent:** Danny Combs, Kathleen Homan, Ann Symalla

**Guest Observers:** Sara Pielsticker

**Facilitator, CDE & Support:** Virginia (G) Winter, Equinox Consultancy LLC, Allie Miller, Darren Serrato

**Analysis Team:** Nick Stellitano – Dillinger Research & Applied Data

**Public Comment:** no public comment

**1. SB23-219 Implementation and Work Plan**

* Dillinger RAD provided an update on the work plan and implementation of the recommendations in SB 23-219.

**2. Data Snapshot**

* Work Group members reviewed student enrollment data through January
* Initial staffing data was shared with discussion regarding the number of each type of facility and staff counts by role/title and facility type

**3. Third Party Evaluation Review**

* Feedback was solicited on the proposals for the third party evaluation - information will be shared and the topic will be revisited at the April meeting

**4. Technical Assistance Center Update**

* The TAC coordinator updated the group on the pilot project; solicited feedback regarding rates for services and support through the TAC; discussed direction and expectations of the work group. Overall consensus was that any Facility Schools contracted for support through the TAC, would utilize standard rates and could add additional services as needed. The Work Group also recommended that rural school technical assistance recipients contribute funding toward support services in order to have buy-in.

**5. Accreditation of Facility Schools**

* A brief review of the status of developing an accreditation system was shared with the work group

**6. Continuum Dialogue**

* The continuum of specialized education was revisited, with updates to two sections regarding day treatments and specialized day schools - dialogue was pushed to the April meeting

**Next Steps - Reminder of upcoming Work Group meetings:**

* Next meeting dates: Thursday, April 3, 2025

Friday, May 2, 2025

Thursday, June 5, 2025

[**Shared work group member folder for meeting notes, reports, etc.**](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IkfGjJ3uPxZtEAqBvdtH_o0RiIgxY08k?usp=drive_link)