

# CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

Superintendent Advisory Committee Meeting  
Cedar Falls Conference Center  
Friday, January 11, 2019, 10:30 – 1:00

The meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m. Those in attendance were Mike Crozier, Dr. Ed Klamfoth, Dr. Jane Lindaman, Barb Schwamman, Dr. Theron Schutte, Jim Stanton, Dr. Janet Stutz, and Tyler Williams. AEA staff present was Sam Miller, Beth Strike, Dr. Julie Davies, Amy Knupp, Karl Kurt, Amy Moine, and Lori Thomas (recorder).

## **Welcome**

Chief Administrator Sam Miller welcomed the committee members.

## **Inspire Learning Series 2019-20, Zoom & Facilitation**

Sam updated the committee members on the 2019-20 Lead, Inspire, Innovate professional learning series, which was sent to all school leaders in December in order for them to plan professional development days for staff. Zoom will be offered for one of the presentations and AEA staff will be present to facilitate.

## **Iowa Learning Online**

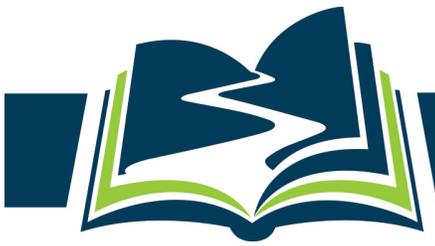
Sam requested feedback from the committee on the Iowa Learning Online and what topics the districts feel would benefit them. The majority of the committee members are using outside vendors for their needs and many shared that the Iowa Learning Online is not flexible enough to meet their needs. Several programs were discussed; the e2020 credit recovery that allows students to meet graduation requirements, Odysseyware, a virtual school, and the Iowa Net High Academy, which is home-based.

## **Advocacy Day Priorities**

Sam shared the top three top priorities for Advocacy Day in February: SSA, SAVE fund, and mental health.

## **Social Workers/Therapy Rooms**

Amy Knupp shared the agency's vision of a MTSS framework, which consists of universal and targeted support for students and educators and intensive support for students with mental health issues. Intensive support might possibly consist of the use of therapy classrooms, as well as the services of social workers. Sam shared that the AEAs are well placed to offer these serves and a survey might be used in the upcoming months to determine districts' needs. Dr. Jane Lindaman recommended Tom Eachus, Director of Black Hawk-Grundy Mental Health Center as a possible resource for the agency.



## **AEA Mini-Summit Topics**

Julie Davies requested ideas from the committee for topics that would be of interest to districts for the Mini-Summit being held on November 6, 2019. The following topics were shared: retaining/coaching new staff, English Language Learners, hot legal topics, and Future Ready Iowa internships. Julie asked that the group let her know if they have someone in their district that could be a possible presenter.

## **Open Forum**

Karl Kurt requested feedback from the committee on possibly sending information on open AEA positions to the districts to share with their staff. This was met with varying opinions with some in favor of the suggestion and some against using this as a recruiting tool.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M. The next and final meeting of 2018-19 is scheduled for Friday, March 1, 2019.