

SLO Quarterly Conference Call Summary

5/18/2017, 9-10am

In attendance:

Molly Wagge	ADE-VISTA Service Member
Jim Buchanan	ADE-SLO Liaison
Elena McShane	SLO
Roxane Dietrich	SLO
Kelli May	SLO

Agenda:

1. Discussion: ESA Voucher Program & Military Children with Special Needs
Background information from Elena McShane: Military families may choose the ESA to either homeschool or privately place their children in private schools, but are in need of an IEP from a public school district in order for the military insurance (Tricare) to cover supplemental services. Since ESA recipients must withdraw their children from public education, it is becoming a challenge for these military families to get their children evaluated for special education. This, in turn, results in zero coverage from Tricare for supplemental services like speech, OT, etc.
2. Status of the AZ MIC3 State Council Meeting
3. In-Person SLO Summer Meeting

Call Notes:

1. ESA Voucher Program
 - Elena- quite a few private schools and families using ESA
 - ✓ Would like open line of communication with ESA officials
 - ✓ Cut-off date to apply to receive funds for first quarter of school (not well advertised on website)
 - ✓ How do we get officials to help us with that kind of communication?

- ✓ Families call SLOs first, provide info regarding letter from commanding officer, etc. – would be helpful for officials to understand the role of SLOs
- Special needs services cannot be provided to those using ESA money (Tri-Care requires IEP- district officers can only evaluate the child, not write an IEP)
 - ✓ **Jim will reach out to ESA director and explain this to see what kind of guidance we can get (will invite SLOs to attend a call)**
- ESMP- Exceptional Family Member Program: Marine Corps order for military family with a dependent with a special need to get orders to a station that can accommodate their needs. Offers support and resources.
- For families that do not accept ESA, a public school can create an ISP (individualized service plan) for students in private school and provide services to that child- will not do for families with ESA money (by law they have to withdraw student from public education)
 - ✓ Private schools really don't have the resources to provide appropriate services- some are receiving Title I funds connecting to public schools, but the law restricts families using ESA money from having access to services provided by the public schools

2. Status of AZ MIC3 State Council Meeting

- ✓ ADE has heard no word of a meeting being scheduled
- ✓ New national director wants us to reach out to Department of Defense contact dealing with nominations for appointments of State Council members
- ✓ Superintendent interested in being involved
- ✓ Process has been finalized but communication is still outstanding

3. In-Person SLO Summer meeting

- Thoughts?
 - ✓ Kelli- Always welcome opportunity to meet in person- beneficial to pull in legislatures for updates
 - ✓ Elena- Beneficial; great information has been provided in the past

- ✓ Roxane- Good thing to meet with people face-to-face
- **Molly will send out a Doodle Poll of dates for an in-person meeting**
 - ✓ 9am - 3pm in June at ADE Jefferson
 - ✓ Request for agenda topics

HB-2107 – Is there a plan to disperse that information to school districts? **Jim will reach out to Charles Tack in the Public Information Department to address this communication issue.**