

## MEETING MINUTES FORM

**GROUP MEETING:**

Regulations and Standards Committee

**MEETING DATE:** April 14, 2003

**Members Present:**

Jim Reddick, Sandy Walsh, Roma Lester, Pat Gracey, Becky Gooch, Beth Hall, Kelley Worley. Visiting: Kenna Seal, Melanie Clark, Karen Duckworth.

**KEY POINTS DISCUSSED**

**KEY DECISIONS MADE**

**Introductions**

Presentation on the Office of Education Performance Audits by Dr. Seal

Excellent and informative presentation by Dr. Seal. Points of interest to the committee: On-site reviews are selected by a weighted system. Review inspection reports by other agencies. If deficient can have up to three year for date certain compliance. Six month correction on high quality standards with a follow-up. Pre-school is excluded from the attendance standard. A need to merge identification of resource needs with licensing requirements. Different monitoring is used for special education. The only agency auditing teacher performance evaluations. Preventive discipline, student involvement, and character education is statutory and applies to pre-k.

Identified an issue of day care centers expelling children.

WV Pre-K classrooms will have to comply with school policy.

How are complaints about a pre-k classroom handled?

OEPA files the complaint and notifies the superintendent.

OEPA can add the licensing approval in the selection of school criteria.

**Recommend this be done.**

Communication between DHHR licensing and OEPA.

DHHR licensing will notify OEPA if corrections are needed in public school pre-k. OEPA will request an improvement plan. OEPA will verify completed within 18 months and notify DHHR licensing.

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<p>Review of DHHR licensing document for Pre-K Classroom Request for Inspection. Discussion on approval process.</p>	<p>Changes made to document. Discussion regarding whether or not licensing approves the public school site. 2525 states they must meet licensing requirements. DHHR licensing issues approval to state operated programs under child welfare law. 2525 states DHHR monitors and notifies OEPA of corrections needed. <b>Decision made that DHHR will send letter indicating approval of site or non-approval of site to county superintendent. If non-approval, then OEPA is notified of corrections needed. Recommend council approve this.</b></p>