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Abstract

Collection of correspondence, records of committees and organizations, legislation drafts, and research material on the subject of Special Education programs and services, created and used by Lynwood Beekman in his law practice and in drafting of the Michigan Special Education legislation.

Biography

Lynwood Beekman is a Lansing, Mich. native and the University of Michigan Law School graduate. Beekman's father, Marvin E. Beekman, was Director of Special Education for Lansing Public Schools. He established the nation's first public school work experience program for the mentally disabled. Later, as the State's Director of Special Education, Marvin E. Beekman guided Michigan to a leadership position in service to the mentally impaired.

Lynwood Beekman's 30-year law career has been largely devoted to the representation of parents and their children with disabilities, over 90 Michigan school districts, and the Michigan Education Association and its members, including teachers, school psychologists, school social workers, bus drivers, paraprofessionals, etc. Beekman served in over 600 matters as a hearing officer and state review officer in three states. He has provided consultative assistance or hearing officer and mediator trainings for 46 states and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He has also served as a mediator, neutral evaluator, arbitrator, and complaint investigator in over 300 cases, including several matters pending before state and federal courts. He provided counsel to the Michigan Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), and sought special education programs and services for many impaired residents of State institutions. Beekman collaborated in drafting the Mandatory Special Education Act and revised Special Education Rules, among other important pieces of Special Education legislation. In 1975 Beekman founded the Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education and served as its President for 13 years. In 1976 he was appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Special Education Task Force that was primarily drafting of the new or revised Special Education Rules. For six years Beekman served as the Chairperson of the State Board of Education's Special Education Advisory Committee. Beekman also served as Chairperson of the State Board of Education's Special Education Delivery System Task Force.

Scope and Content Note

The collection documents the work of Lynwood Beekman and legislative history of Special Education in Michigan. The papers are arranged in five series roughly following Beekman's original arrangement of papers and records. The collection consists primarily of records of the Department of Education and its committees and task forces, as well as Special Education organizations. Also included numerous drafts of legislation, generously peppered with Beekman's scrupulous handwritten notes, and working files.

The **Mandatory Special Education and Life Services** series contains records of task forces and organizations that worked on drafting and revising the Mandatory Special Education Act. Records include correspondence and memoranda, questionnaires, recommendations and reports, minutes of meetings, drafts, discussion points and responses, report reviews and analysis.

The **Michigan Department of Education** series contains material related to MDE's legislative work in the area of Special Education, namely administrative rules, procedures related to hearings and hearing officers training, non-compliance and disputes, and regulations, and records of several MDE committees and workgroups on special education. Records include correspondence and memoranda, texts and discussion of proposals and legislation drafts and final versions.

The **Special Education Organizations and Cases** series contains records of several Michigan organizations advocating Special Education in Michigan and, and materials of court cases. The series contains records of Michigan Association for Retarded Citizens (MARC), Special Education Service Area (SESA), and Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). Included here are correspondence and memoranda, policies, and court materials.

The **Working Files** series contains materials on various topics used by Lynwood Beekman throughout his career. Material is organized in approximate chronological order. Files include correspondence, memoranda, articles, notes, statistical data, etc. Also included are two audiotapes of the State Board of Education meeting of April 18, 1979, with partial transcription.

The **Marvin E. Beekman** series contains papers and photographs of Lynwood Beekman's father. Included in the series are materials on the subject of history of special education in Lansing, Mich. and miscellaneous items. Photographs in the series depict Marvin E. Beekman's retirement event.

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**Mandatory Special Education and Life Services
Mandatory Special Education Act**

Box 1

Correspondence and memoranda, 1969-1974 (3 folders)
Working files and drafts, 1966-1971 (2 folders)
Regulations, 1969-1974 (4 folders)

Task Force on Special Education

Correspondence and memoranda, general, 1976-1978 (2 folders)
Minutes of meetings, 1977-1978
Delivery System Subcommittee, [1977?]
Finance Subcommittee, 1977 (2 folders)
Legislative Subcommittee
 Correspondence and memoranda, 1975-1976
 Mandatory Special Education Act, 1977
 Special Education Code, 1977 (3 folders)
 Report, June 12, 1977
Perceptions of the Field Subcommittee, 1977
State Leadership Subcommittee, 1977

Box 2

Mandatory Special Education Report, July 1977 (3 folders)
Public hearings, 1977
Task Force recommendations reviews, 1977-1978 (6 folders)
Implementation of plan, 1978-1981 (2 folders)
Gene Ceasar, educational consultant papers, 1971-1978

Parent Advisory Committee

Records
 1975-1977
 1980-1986 (2 folders)
Workshop, Sept. 1980
Publications, 1980, undated

Special Education Delivery System Task Force

Box 3

Intermediate School District Plan for Delivery of Special Education
and Services (ISD Plan), 1980-1992 (scattered)
Concerns, 1991-1993
Rosters, 1993
Steering Committee, 1993-1994
Subcommittees, 1993-1994 (2 folders)
Correspondence and memoranda, 1993-1995 (8 folders)
Report correspondence and memoranda, 1993-1995
Report draft, undated
Preliminary report, April-May 1994 (2 folders)
Final report, July 1994
Responses to report, 1994
Analysis report, 1996
Speeches, 1994-1995

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Mandatory Life Services

Box 4

Michigan Association for Retarded Citizens (MARC)
1979-1980
1983-1986 (2 folders)
Model Life Services Project, 1981
Matrix, 1985
Project to Assure Services for Handicapped Citizens (PASH), 1984-1987
Five-Year State Plan for Independent Living Programs and Services in the state of Michigan (State Independent Living Council, 1992)

Michigan Department of Education

Legislation

Special Education State Plan
1971
1980-1985
1987-1988
1991
Correspondence and memoranda, 1973-1981 (3 folders)
Correspondence and memoranda, 1994-1999 (4 folders)
Michigan Dept. of Management and Budget, 1991, 1996-1997
Legislation drafts
School Code
1976-1977
1997-1999 (2 folders)
2001

Box 5

Administrative Rules for Special Education, 1997-1999 (4 folders)
Special Education Code proposal responses, 1979-1980
Demised proposals, 1977-1980 (3 folders)
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Implementation Agreement, 1997-1998
Preliminary rules, 1980-1981 (4 folders)
Permanent Emergency Rules, 1981-1982 (2 folders)
Special Education Rules revision, 1984 (2 folders)
Runkel Rules, 1984-1985 (2 folders)

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Runkel Rules, 1986 (2 folders)
Proposed rules, 2001

Committees and workgroups

Inclusive Education Committee, 1992-1993
School Health Issues workgroup, 1990-1999 (scattered)
Medications in School workgroup, 1996-1997

Procedures

Hearings,
1974-1981 (2 folders)
1983-1989 (scattered)
1992-2001 (6 folders)

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**Michigan Department of Education (cont.)
Procedures (cont.)**

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Hearings, 2002-2006 (3 folders)
Non-Compliance, 1970s-1980s, scattered
Disputes
 1990-1991
 1994-1996
 1999-2000
 2006-2007
Process statute, 1999-2002 (2 folders)
Continuous Improvement Monitoring Process (CIMP), 1991-2002
(scattered)

Special Education organizations and cases

Michigan Association for Retarded Citizens (MARC)

Documents and correspondence,
1972-1977 (2 folders)
Court documents, 1974-1975 (4 folders)
Agreements, 1974-1975

Special Education Service Area (SESA)

Box 8

Leadership, 1975-1978 (2 folders)
Proposals, 1975-1977
Response letters, 1975-1979 (2 folders)

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Ad Hoc Rules Committee
 1979-1982
 1984-1985 (6 folders)
Policy Committee, 1981, 1984-1987
SEAC expansion, 1979-1983 (3 folders)

Michigan Department of Social Services (DSS)

Beekman et al v DSS
 Pleadings, 1987-1991 (2 folders)
 Court of Appeals, 1991-1992
 Supreme Court, 1994-1995
 Working files and research, 1986-1994 (scattered)

Working Files

Box 9

History of Special Education in Michigan, 1970s-1980s (scattered)
Future of Special Education Committee, 1991-1992
State Schools
 1974
 1982-1983
Private Schools, 1985-1989 (scattered), 2005
Mental Health v Special Education, 1980
Special Education Cost Cutting, 1980-1981 (2 folders)
Caseloads, 1981-1987 (scattered)
Medically fragile children, 1983, 1990-1992
Study of Transportation of Medically Fragile Children, 1989

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Working Files (cont.)

Box 9 (cont.)

Medication and physical therapy in schools, 1983, 1987, 1996
Corporal punishment, 1984, 1987, 1991
Weightedness, 1989, 1993
Special Education speeches, 1983-1984, undated
Legislative action talks, 1995-1998, 2001
State level hearings, 1995-1998 (3 folders)
Committee on Lovaas/Style Interventions, 1995-1996
Special Education legislation meeting, 2002 (2 folders)
Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, 1971, 1980, 1996
State Board of Education meeting, April 18, 1979 (2 tapes with partial transcription)

Printed materials

Box 10

Special Education Curriculum Guide, 1971
Guidelines for Special Education Programs and Services in Michigan (Michigan Department of Education), 1974
Guidelines for Special Education Programs and Services in Michigan Rev. ed. (Michigan Department of Education), 1977
Alternatives to Litigation: The Necessity for Parent Consultation, [1977]
State Board of Education Recommendations for Legislative Action, 1979
Special Education Rules (Michigan State Board of Education), 1980, 1982-1983
Request for Proposal, Fiscal Year 1980/1981 (State of Michigan Developmental Disabilities Program, Michigan Department of Mental Health)
The Michigan School Aid Act [of 1979] Compiled and Appendices, 1998

Marvin E. Beekman

History of Special Education in Lansing, Mich, 1955-1967 (scattered)
Basic Driver Education by Bouner, Gutshall, and Kenel (Lansing, Mich.: Special Education Pub.), 1966
Miscellaneous, 1970s-1990s (scattered)
Photographs, 1972-1973