

MINUTES

DATE: June 15, 2021

9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present

Martha Anderson, Shirley Clark, Laura Colangelo, Alex Dominguez, Pam Evans, Marilyn Harris, Carrie Matthews, Alexis Neumann, Jayne Tavennar, Mary Thomas, Brenda Faz-Villarreal, Sharon Sanchez

Members Absent

Melody Collier, Mia Hall, Angela Lengefeld, Chris Munoz

Texas Education Agency (TEA) Staff Present

Didi Garcia, LaNetra Guess, Jaime Huerta, Idalia Ibanez, Nez Paniagua, Vivian Smyrl

Call to Order

The virtual meeting norms were shared with meeting attendees. Shirley Clark, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. before the roll call and welcoming the committee and guests.

Committee Action Items

Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2021, Committee of Practitioners' Meeting was made by Jayne Tavenner and a second by Alex Dominguez.

Committee Discussion Items

Department of Grant Compliance and Administration Updates, Cory Green

Cory Green was not able to join the meeting so Department updates were not shared.

Federal Program Compliance Division Updates

Anita Villarreal, Senior Division Director of Federal Program Compliance Division and Didi Garcia, Assistant Director of the Federal Program Compliance Division, shared the following updates with the committee:

Didi Garcia shared Division Celebrations. Jaime Huerta contributed information about conferences the division has presented at this year along with FAQ document resources for LEAs and ESCs and FPC resources and statewide series presentations as additional FPC Resources. Didi continued with updates of the 2020-2021 Random Validation overall results. Jaime shared survey results solicited for 2020-2021 concerning customer service for recent projects. Jaime reminded the committee of the additional trainings scheduled for the Statewide Series still to come and the resource where past presentations are posted.

Didi continued sharing plans for 2021-2022 including the compliance requirements alignment.

Title I, Committee of Practitioners Updates

Jaime Huerta, Title I, Part A Program Director, shared the following updates:

Jaime shared a special announcement that Martha Anderson would retire from serving to the COP for 17 years and offered gratitude to Martha for her service. Jaime shared updates for nominations and review for COP membership and noted that recommendations have been submitted to the Commissioner for approval. Vacancies remaining were shared and an informal review will be conducted to fill these available spaces.

Title I, Part C—Migrant Education Program (MEP) Updates

Didi Garcia, Assistant Director of the Federal Program Compliance Division and Idalia Ibanez, Program Manager, shared the following updates:

Didi Garcia shared that TEA has selected Catapult Systems to support and enhance the New Generation System (NGS) website moving forward. Texas will now be a stand-alone system referred to as TX NGS (Texas New Generation System). ESC Region 1, will support the helpdesk and system maintenance, enhancements, and modernization.

Idalia shared information about the Texas Migrant Interstate Program (TMIP) and the Intrastate and Interstate Coordination within Texas and receiving States. A list of current state partnerships was shared. TMIP will attempt to coordinate with a neighboring testing state to assist in administering the assessment.

Information updates were shared about the MEP Curriculum Initiative and Consolidated Capacity Building Initiative with ESC Region 20. Dates were shared for the MEP PFE Summer Institute Dates in August.

Idalia also shared information on the Continuous Improvement Cycle Update with META Associates, Inc. for the migratory plans in the state and timeline updates. The new Service Delivery Plan (SDP) will be implemented during the 2021-2022 performance period. The new strategies are included in the 2021-2022 ESSA Consolidated Grant Application.

Title I, Part A Updates

Jaime Huerta, Title I, Part A Program Director, shared the following updates for Title I, Part A:

Jaime shared the planning processes for LEAs as they prepare for 2021-22 and close out 2020-2021 items/activities in preparation for submitting the ESSA consolidated application including comprehensive needs assessments, plans, PFE, and annual meetings. The Consolidated Compliance Reports should be available at the end of July and are due September 30.

Additional updates included the following initiatives for 2021-22, ESC ESSA Basic Services; Statewide PFE and PFE Council Statewide Training Grant with ESC Region 16; and the Title I, Part A Capacity Building Initiative Grant with ESC Region 20. Additional ongoing and continuous technical assistance and support provided by the ESCs to LEAs was shared.

A reminder was shared for the Virtual Statewide Parental Involvement Conference in December 2021. Registration is open and presenter proposals are being accepted.

Adjourn

Shirley Clark, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Minutes were approved by the Committee on September 9, 2021.