

MINUTES

DATE: September 14, 2023

9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present

Lisette Allen, Meredith Dodd, Alex Dominguez, Pamela Evans, Brenda Faz-Villarreal, Marilyn Harris, Lauren Hodge, Carrie Matthews, Ashley McKelvey (proxy member for Stephanie Dominique), Cris Munoz, Ellie Ross, Sharon Sanchez

Members Absent

Estella Anzualda, Laura Colangelo, Melody Collier, Mia Hall, Alexis Neumann

Texas Education Agency (TEA) Staff Present

Didi Garcia, Jaime Huerta, Idalia Ibanez, Matt Lashlee, Nez Paniagua-Jimenez, Gerardo Ramirez, Vivian Smyrl

Call to Order

9:00 a.m. Jaime Huerta reviewed the virtual meeting norms, and Alex Dominguez called the meeting to order.

Welcome

Welcome and Roll Call

Alex Dominguez, COP Committee Chair, welcomed all. For roll call, Ms. Dominguez instructed members to type their name and affiliation using the chat feature on zoom.

Committee Discussion Items

Federal Program Compliance Division Updates

Jaime Huerta – Division Director shared his new role at the Texas Education Agency (TEA). He is now the Division Director for the Federal Program Compliance Division in the Department of Grant Compliance and Administration.

Mr. Huerta reviewed an aggregate amount of the trainings the Federal Program Compliance Division offered in 2022-2023 and the number of attendees. Favorable evaluation data was captured from the trainings. The 2023-2024 Statewide Random Validations virtual training registration information, process, and timelines for Phases 1 and 2 were provided. Mr. Huerta shared upcoming trainings and conferences specific to Title I offered in the fall of 2023 such as the Association for Compensatory Educators of Texas (ACET) conference, Association for Migrant Educators of Texas (AMET) conference, Statewide Training Series, and the Parent & Family Engagement Statewide Conference.

Title I, Part C – MEP Updates

Idalia Ibanez – Title I, Part C Program Director reviewed common acronyms the members will hear in her segment of the meeting regarding the 2021-2022 Title I, Part C Program Evaluation Results. Ms. Ibanez explained why the Migrant Education Program (MEP) needs to be evaluated. She shared what the 2021-2022 Implementation Evaluation Results addressed. Texas' MEP numbers over the years and how many migratory students were served in 2021-2022 was presented. Ms. Ibanez shared the types of Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) and Professional Development opportunities that were provided across the state for staff. Texas' MEP has 14 strategies for implementing services to migratory students that address various needs. Results from the 2021-2022 Performance Evaluation and progress towards the Measurable Performance Outcomes (MPOs) were shared. Texas MEP is now a part of two Consortium Incentive Grants

(CIG): Identification and Recruitment Consortium (IDRC) and Instructional Services for Out-of-School Youth and Secondary Youth (iSOSY).

Title I, Part A - Updates

Vivian Smyrl – Program Director shared results of the 2022-2023 Random Validations for Title I, Part A. Based on the results, TEA will continue to monitor the campus written PFE policy for the 2023-2024 Random Validation process. Additionally, other Title I, Part A requirements that will be validated are the LEA written PFE policy, the Title I, Part A campus allocations, and the LEA’s supplement, not supplant methodology. SC5000 desk reviews will continue in 2023-2024. Items TEA will monitor during the SC5000 desk reviews were shared. Ms. Smyrl also shared details about the upcoming 2023 Parent and Family Engagement Statewide Conference. Registration and hotel information are available at <https://statewideparents.com/>.

Committee Action Items

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Alex Dominguez, Committee Chair, confirmed with the members that they had reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting which was held on April 13, 2023. A motion to approve the minutes meeting was made by Lauren Hodge and a second by Pamela Evans. The motion to approve the minutes passed.

Title I, Part C – MEP Funding Formula

Didi Garcia – Division Director discussed the proposed MEP Allocation Formula for 2024-2025. The formula is responsible for calculating Title I, Part C entitlements to LEAs. Ms. Garcia discussed the 4 parts of the formula that are required by statute. She shared the current funding formula and the two proposed funding formulas. Ms. Garcia shared the proposal TEA recommended which was Proposal 2 because it gives more weight to the number of students served across a three-year period. A motion to accept the recommendation suggested by the state was made by Ashley McKelvey and a second by Meredith Dodd. The motion to approve Proposal 2 for the MEP Funding Formula passed.

Adjourn

Alex Dominguez, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Committee on November 16, 2023.