

Title I Committee of Practitioners

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

DATE: June 17, 2020

Minutes

Members Present

Martha Anderson, Shirley Clark, Laura Colangelo, Melody Collier, Alex Dominguez, Pam Evans, Brenda Faz-Villarreal, Mia Hall, Marilyn Harris, Angela Lengefeld, Carrie Matthews, Cris Muñoz, Alexis Neumann, Jayne Tavenner, and Mary Thomas

Members Absent

Nadine Wolf

Texas Education Agency (TEA) Staff Present

Anita Villarreal, Didi Garcia, LaNetra Guess, Jaime Huerta, Idalia Ibañez, Gerardo Ramirez, and Vivian Smyrl

Call to Order

The committee reviewed the norms for virtual meetings. Shirley Clark called the meeting to order at 9:05 am before welcoming the committee and guests.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the April 23, 2020, Committee of Practitioners Meeting were approved as written by vote, following a motion by Laura Colangelo and a second by Alex Dominguez.

Committee Discussion Items

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Funding Update

Cory Green, Associate Commissioner, was unable to attend the meeting so this item was removed from the meeting agenda.

Federal Program Compliance Division Updates

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

Additional Program Responsibilities: Based on the needs of the Division and with the addition of PNP CARES, Division responsibilities were shifted.

2019-2020 Grant Initiatives Errata: An Errata will be published for the 2019-2020 Grant Initiatives that will state the following, "The ESC was unable to complete the required activities listed under TEA Program Requirements because of the disruption in the 2019-2020 school year due to COVID-19."

2019-2020 ESC ESSA Basic Services Funding Update: The grants will end on 08/31/2020. After the subgrantee submits the final expenditure reports, TEA will determine how much each ESC has in remaining funds. These funds will be allocated back to the same grantees in their 20-21 grants through the

reallocation process.

2020-2021 Grant Initiatives Uniform Language: The Division will be adding uniform language for all grant initiatives administered by the Division to include a contingency disclaimer due to COVID-19, clarifying information related to virtual meetings and meeting requirements in a virtual setting.

2019-2020 Consolidated Compliance Report: The reports will be streamlined to assist LEAs challenges under the COVID-19 environment and gather programmatic data that is reported to the USDE for the Consolidated Performance Report (CSPR) for the ESSA programs. Program implementation questions will not be reported in the 2019-2020 compliance reports, but this does not eliminate the mandatory program requirements. TEA intends to use the program implementation questions as part of the 2020-2021 Random Validation process.

2020-2021 Random Validations: The process will be designed to meet the needs in the environment facing LEAs in 2020-2021 while ensuring that we meet all the monitoring requirements that the State reports to USDE. Changes will include fewer items validated, added time for LEAs to submit their documentation and keeping it simple and in consideration of the current environment.

Title I, Part C Funding Update: Didi Garcia, Assistant Division Director and Program Director for the Title I, Part C program, provided a funding update on the 2019-2020 MEP Discretionary Grants (includes MEP Basic Services Grant). The grants will end on 08/31/2020. After the subgrantee submits the final expenditure reports, TEA will determine how much each ESC has in remaining funds. These funds will be allocated back to the same grantees in their 20-21 grants through the reallocation process. A funding update was also provided on the 2020-2021 LEA MEP funds. After the original application deadline has passed, TEA will determine the LEAs that had a MEP allocation and elected not to apply or be part of an SSA. These LEA allocations will be reallocated to the respective ESC as part of their 20-21 MEP Basic Services grant for the purpose of activities for non-project districts.

2019-2020 LEA Compliance Reports

Vivian Smyrl, Director of Program Implementation, provided an overview of the 2019-2020 compliance reports that LEAs will submit for Title I, Part A; Title I, Part C; and Title I, Part D. She also provided information related to the resources available for LEAs to complete the reports.

ESSA Private School Equitable Services (PNP) Updates

LaNetra Guess, PNP Ombudsman, provided updates related to ESSA private school equitable services. She provided updates on the ESSA Affirmation of Consultation form and where to locate ESSA PNP guidance related to COVID-19.

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act PNP Guidance and Updates

LaNetra Guess, PNP Ombudsman, provided a summary of the CARES Act PNP requirements as it relates to LEA responsibilities, consultation requirements, calculation of equitable share and allowable services.

Title I, Part C – Overview of the Continuous Improvement Cycle

Idalia Ibanez, Title I, Part C Program Manager, provided an overview of the MEP continuous improvement cycle (CIC) with a focus on the comprehensive needs assessment (CNA). Information was provided related to Texas' CIC plan, where we are with the Texas CNA and next steps.

Title I, Part A Updates

Jaime Huerta, Title I, Part A Program Director, provided updates related to the Title I, Part A program. Due

to COVID-19, the 2020 Statewide Parental Involvement Conference will be postponed to December 2021. An update was provided on the 2020-2021 Title I Initiatives at the ESCs.

Adjourn

Shirley Clark adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am

Minutes approved by the Committee on September 16, 2020.