

# Title I Committee of Practitioners

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

DATE: November 17, 2020

## Minutes

### Members Present

Shirley Clark, Laura Colangelo, Alex Dominguez, Pam Evans, Marilyn Harris, Carrie Matthews, Cris Muñoz, Mary Thomas, and Sharon Sanchez

### Members Absent

Martha Anderson, Melody Collier, Brenda Faz-Villarreal, Mia Hall, Angela Lengefeld, Alexis Neumann, and Jayne Tavenner

### Texas Education Agency (TEA) Staff Present

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

### Call to Order

The committee reviewed the norms for virtual meetings. Shirley Clark called the meeting to order at 9:01 am before welcoming the committee and guests.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the September 16, 2020, Committee of Practitioners Meeting were approved as written by vote, following a motion by Mary Thomas and a second by Cris Muñoz.

### Committee Discussion Items

#### Title I Committee of Practitioners Updates

Jaime Huerta, Title I, Part A Program Director, shared the following updates. We are in the early process of adding members to the Title I Committee of Practitioners. We will be sharing additional information at the next meeting as we initiate the process. There have not been any Ed-Flex waivers submitted and thus, we have not brought any to the committee for consideration. The Statewide ESSA Title I, Part A Capacity Building Initiative will be communicating with members related to the meetings. They will be assisting Jaime Huerta in the meeting coordination activities. The National Title I Distinguished School Video for Valley View Elementary School was shared.

#### Federal Program Compliance Division Updates

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

**2020-2021 Random Validations:** Major changes made to the process were based on the environment that the LEAs and TEA are in this coming year. This includes preparing for any potential interruption during

the school year. The changes include:

- 1) Extending the timeline allowing ESCs more time to provide technical assistance.
- 2) Extending the timeline allowing LEAs more time to respond.
- 3) Limiting the number of compliance questions for each program which helps the ESCs provide technical assistance to the LEAs.
- 4) Adjusting the timeline. One of the most notable changes is the RV document is in two parts with different timelines for each part. We will not have a calendar where each program requirement selected had a separate timeline.

LEA selection was also discussed. Four LEAs were randomly selected from each region to participate in a two-part process. LEAs selected for random validation in 2019-2020 may have been selected in 2020-2021 for a different program. LEAs in an SSA are eligible for selection. The process was described and the random validation web page resources were shared.

**Collaborative Comprehensive Needs Assessment:** The Collaborative Comprehensive Needs Assessment TEA committee has begun the work on this project. As the project progresses, additional updates will be provided.

**Division Resources:** The Division will be web publishing Frequently Asked Questions documents for all programs. Title I, Part A has been the pilot program since June 2020.

### **Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth (TEHCY) Program Updates**

Cal Lopez, State Coordinator, provided an overview of the resources that have been created for engaging highly mobile and at-risk students. Information about the 2020 TEHCY Program Summit was shared. Various tools to assist with identification were also shared.

### **Texas Migrant Education Program Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) Overview**

Idalia Ibanez, Title I, Part C Program Manager, provided updates related to the Texas Migrant Education Program Comprehensive Needs Assessment process for 2019-2020. The continuous improvement cycle was described, and a summary of the data analyzed was shared. The next steps related to the process were also shared and the process for updating the Service Delivery Plan. Information about the 2020-2021 Title I, Part C ESC Basic Services Compliance Report was also shared.

### **Title I, Part A Updates**

Jaime Huerta, Title I, Part A Program Director, provided updates related to the 2020-2021 National Title I Distinguished Schools. A video of North Houston Early College High School, 2019-2020 National Title I Distinguished School, was shown. Upcoming Title I, Part A ESC meeting dates were shared and the 2020-2021 ESC Title I, Part A Compliance Report was also shared.

### **Texas Federal Programs Parent and Family Engagement State Plan and Infographic**

Terri Stafford, Coordinator (ESC – Region 16), provided an overview of the draft version of the Texas Federal Programs Parent and Family Engagement State Plan and Infographic. She solicited input and feedback from the committee and advised them of the process taken to develop the document.

### **Adjourn**

Shirley Clark adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

**Minutes approved by the Committee on March 5, 2021.**