

Title I Committee of Practitioners

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

DATE: September 16, 2020

Minutes

Members Present

Martha Anderson, Shirley Clark, Alex Dominguez, Pam Evans, Brenda Faz-Villarreal, Mia Hall, Marilyn Harris, Angela Lengefeld, Carrie Matthews, Cris Muñoz, and Mary Thomas

Members Absent

Laura Colangelo, Melody Collier, Alexis Neumann, Jayne Tavenner, and Nadine Wolf

Texas Education Agency (TEA) Staff Present

Cory Green, 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 9:03 am before welcoming the committee and guests.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the June 17, 2020, Committee of Practitioners Meeting were approved as written by vote, following a motion by Brenda Faz-Villarreal and a second by Cris Muñoz.

Committee Discussion Items

Federal Program Compliance Division Updates

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

Collaborative Comprehensive Needs Assessment: In an effort to provide a roadmap for LEAs as they navigate through the statutory requirements for the CNA processes associated with several of the ESSA programs, the Federal Program Compliance Division has convened a work group to prepare a guidance document that will serve as a resource for LEAs. It will include the CNA requirements and required Stakeholders for each program in a format that is useful and beneficial for ESC and LEA Federal Programs staff. The following ESSA programs across TEA are represented in the CCNA work group: Title I, Part A; Title I, Part C; Title II, Part A; Title III, Part A; Title IV, Part A; and Education for Homeless Children & Youth.

2020-2021 ESC ESSA Basic Services Initiative Compliance Reports: The Division will be providing ESCs with the compliance reports for Title I, Part A; Title I, Part C; Title II, Part A; and Title IV, Part A. The reports will be collecting data by LEAs served and will be submitted on a quarterly basis.

2020-2021 ESC Meetings Calendar: The Division created and shared with ESCs a comprehensive calendar that provides the Program Meeting and Coffee Hour dates, times and Zoom meeting links for the year.

Division Projects: In the 2019-2020 year, the Division focused on a uniform system for random validations. For 2020-2021, the Division will be working on creating and web publishing Frequently Asked Questions documents by program beginning in November 2020.

Title I, Part C – Migrant Education Program Evaluation Overview

Idalia Ibanez, Title I, Part C Program Manager, provided a review of the results of the 2018-2019 evaluation of the Texas Migrant Education Program.

Title I, Part A Updates

Jaime Huerta, Title I, Part A Program Director, provided updates related to the Title I, Part A program which included: Award announcement of the 2020-2021 Statewide ESSA Title I, Part A Capacity Building Initiative to Education Service Center-Region 20; Overview of the newest Title I, Part A resource available (Frequently Asked Questions Document) and upcoming Title I, Part A ESC meetings.

2020-2021 Random Validation Process

Vivian Smyrl, Director of Program Implementation, provided an overview of the 2020-2021 Random Validation process.

PNP ESSER Update

Cory Green, Associate Commissioner, shared the following PNP ESSER updates: Status of the court cases related to the Interim Final Rule for PNP ESSER funding; Process for calculating the equitable services share; Process for re-opening the consultation process; Issues related to independent audits; Impact on equitable services to be offered and provided; and ESSER application updates/revisions.

Adjourn

Shirley Clark adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am

Minutes approved by the Committee on November 17, 2020.