

Committee of Practitioners
November 20, 2014
Colorado Children's Campaign Conference Room

Attendees: Jesús Escárcega, Larua Gorman, Kirk Banghart, Mary Ellen Good, Myra Westfall, Holly Goodwin, Bridgette Muse, Ines Stabler, Anita Burns, Melanie Jones

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Jesús Escárcega. The committee approved the September minutes.

Title III – ELD tool (Morgan Cox)

- Morgan presented the process used to develop and the purpose behind the ELD Tool
- An avenue to provide feedback was provided by Power Point
- Mary Ellen good suggested publishing the study in a peer review journal

1003 (g) – Cohort VI New Guidance (Brad Bylsma)

- Brad presented a summary of the 1003(g) grant process, requirements, etc. and highlighted the changes in the new guidance

1003 (a) – Update (Brad Bylsma)

- Brad asked the committee to provide thoughts and input regarding a December/May schedule for releasing 1003(a) DR and SIS Grants
 - Suggestion to be aware of timelines for winter and summer breaks
 - CoP supports the December and May timeline

Equity Plan Guidance (Jennifer Phillips)

- Jennifer presented the equity plan guidance and asked attendees for input and follow-up questions
- The guidance is draft but should be assigned an OMB number soon
- Suggestions and questions:
 - Provide guidance on how to address educator equity in the UIP

Consolidated Application – Pat Chapman and Brad Bylsma

- The Consolidated Application is a fundamental part of the ESEA Flexibility Waiver
- Vehicle to ensure funds will have an impact on student achievement
- Comments from committee members:
 - The strategy-based budget gives us the flexibility to use our UIPs to identify the needs, identify strategies, and use the funds to address needs
 - Wrapping the narrative into the strategy-based budget is a step in the right direction

- Districts must see programs as multi-tiered levels of support
- For a majority of districts – creating a system to address the needs of a few is a mistake
- Flexibility for districts performing well
- UIP is where plan should reside
- Suggestions for smaller, high-performing districts to use a multi-year application
- One budget for IDEA and ESEA would be helpful for supplanting purposes and to help us align the programs
- Ensuring equity could be wrapped into UIP

Waiver Renewal – Pat Chapman

- Consultation with stakeholders is important part of process
- Accountability workgroup will be meeting regularly to grapple with ramifications of assessment transition
- Pat will send updated waiver to CoP for input

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00. The next committee meeting will be on Thursday, February 26, 2015.