

Colorado Committee of Practitioners
April 29, 2005

Paige Grubbs- meeting chair in the absence of Larry Romine and Sheryle Hutter.

Review past meeting notes: The letter from COP created results in getting applications.

New Membership:

Anita Burns – NE

Needed – replace Paige Grubbs for West Central Region. Paige would like to remain on the Committee through 05-6 but will defer to someone else if there is interest.

District monitoring tool

Copy for committee – please review and bring any comments to fall meeting. Trish Boland reviewed Intro 2-6 – Model came from feds modeling

- compliance
- piece missing is verbiage for assurance rubrics

Overall feedback from this committee is needed regarding

- clarity from introduction
- appropriateness of citations/ evidence/ rubric/ descriptions

Clarification – district could use to evaluate self (self review) with this document; not to be submitted to CDE, but kept at district.

If multiple red flags/alarms become evident, would /could trigger an onsite.

Suggestions

- Programs Not Fiscal
- Colored sheets between programs to separate
- Email Trish with any issues that arise
- Get a couple of districts to pilot using this tool
- Bring this back in fall for review
- Compliance vs. technical assistance thru onsites (believe this was helpful to people in the field) this tool will be helpful to new program administrators.

Cop may want to make a recommendation for CDE to set up onsite review cycle

Evelyn Jacobi move – this committee recommends CDE look at reinstating monitoring visits for the purpose of providing technical assistance.

Discussion

Recognize budget and limits to CDE

Sandy Mc Hugh – Seconded

Define technical assistance - awareness of strengths and needs in any program Title I A or other

Purpose of site visits – Not audit/monitoring, but rather support
Proactive monitoring and Non-punitive

Districts on Program Improvement – programmatic district support

Voluntary

Visit not attached to citations; thought this motion was voluntary

Wording:

District initiated to improve on strategic plan

COP recommend that CDE investigate the feasibility of a more cycled monitoring schedule for the purpose of providing program support

MONITOR REPLACED W/ EVELYN MOVED AND SANDY SECOND

Motion passed

05/06 Application Workshops – any feed back on workshops – very helpful- should continue, good structure, regional workshops.

Quote

People do what is inspected – not what is expected – Swindell?

Finds from USDOE Monitoring Visit: District w/onsite Jeff Co and DPS

Sending response to School Board and Commissioner for feedback.

- Title IA overarching theme – monitoring.

Discussion: CDE identify things every district will need to submit demonstrating compliance, i.e. requires SW Plans/ School Improvement Plans

CDE working on Title I Handbook to help needs examples/Samples

ie – compacts, Parent Policies, SW Plans, Improvement Plans.

Available electronically

Motion – COP encourage CDE to get electronic version of Title I Handbook readily available

Seconded – Mary Ann Saffer

PASSED

Alyssa findings:

ELL findings

Draft memo to be sent to districts regarding not including all ELL. CSAP assessments must be tested in Reading and Math in what ever language. Need input from Districts of How to test in language

Use for AYP \$6million

State funded creating a single ELL English Lang. Proficiency assessment reading content will be placement in language assessment in lieu of CSAP (choice) can take this but not used in determining AYP

Discussion – issue of Special Ed cognitive vs. long issue
How identify appropriately if long delay due to cognitive or exposure to language could have some OCR issues.
Like CD idea accommodation – read in native language

Response – finding-reallocation of funds for districts refusing funds

- District report cards collected by CDE – District must report accreditation and NCLB (make available school data) – or refer to CDE website
- Complaint
- Supplemental Service Program

Trish shared

- complaint procedure
- annual report card – COP suggests – include checklist & USDOE Guidance
- reallocation fed funds – do reallocation go back to LEA or can it be used for school improvement?
- Eval Supplement - will they be evaluated by site?

Check with Census bureau procedure district boundaries
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Response to Monitoring Report
Title I Part B
Even Start own COP – Frank Fielden contact Even Start to find representation on COP

Membership Requirements
-need school board
-parent

Need Chairperson and Co-chairperson – Elect in fall.

Trish-
Issues for COP membership
3rd year reinstate membership in fall
Trish filling missing areas
Trish send letter (May or August) to Superintendents – need School Board and Title I Parent

Next meeting – Monday August 22 or Friday August 26 - ALTERNATIVE