

Colorado NCLB Committee of Practitioners
Work Session
September 26, 2005

Minutes

Participants: Larry Romine, Sheryl Hutter, Holly Brilliant, Mary McGrane, Evelyn Jacobi, Sandy McHugh, Melanie Jones, Carol Harris-Fike, Jane Toothaker, and Paul Johnson.

Ex Officio: William Windler, Patrick Chapman, Alyssa Pearson, and Trish Boland

Discussion was held around the following areas:

1. *The current accountability workbook (Part I) and the format for response to the USDE.* Patrick Chapman explained the ten principles and guiding questions that underpin the Part I workbook. These were examined and a set of guiding questions developed that should assist the committee in its recommendations to the State regarding plan amendments. Guiding questions to be distributed to the Committee for their consideration.
2. *N Count and confidence intervals.* Request for historical information regarding these two areas is needed in order for the Committee to understand the contexts for the decisions made when the initial plan was submitted to USDE. Clarification was given regarding the “N” for AMAOs and AYP (16 vs. 30). Additional information will be forthcoming from the AYP subcommittee, which will convene on October 11, at the Adams 12 Training Center. This group will be able to grapple with many of the statistician-type questions related to AYP. Information coming out of this work group will be available at the next work session on October 17th.
3. *Public comment for October 17th work session.* A protocol for eliciting public comment regarding the State’s NCLB plan amendments will be used. This will include a memo to be sent out to major organizations, program directors, and parent groups. People who wish to provide public comment will be asked to put their recommendations in writing, so that the Committee has explicit verbiage for these.
4. *October 17th Work Session.* The next work session and meeting will take place on October 17th at Cherry Creek’s Student Assessment Resource Center, 14188 E. Briarwood Ave, Centennial. The following agenda will be followed:

9 am – 10:30	Colorado NCLB Committee meeting
10:30 – Noon	Public Comment
1 pm – 2:00 pm	Public Comment
2:00 – 4:00	Committee work session