

Colorado NCLB Committee of Practitioners
Meeting Notes
May 9, 2006

Members Present: Evelyn Jacobi, Sandy McHugh, Nancy Sanger, Angelika, Patsy Roybal, Holly Brilliant, Sheryl Hutter, Mary McGrane, Paul Johnston,

Ex Officio: Patrick Chapman, Alyssa Pearson

Discussion Items:

1. Change in Leadership for COP
 - a. Thanks to Sheryl and Larry for chairing the committee
 - b. Mary and Paul now co-chairs
2. Review of the Front Range discussion meeting and issues for next year:

Schoolwide Issues:

- a. Oregon has a good model for SW planning, but fiscal issues and measuring results are not addressed
- b. Tennessee website talks about consolidation of funds
- c. Idaho, ND, other resources for SW
- d. Goal to have technical advisors for SW planning, as well as published technical assistance workbook (Request to have by August, but CDE noted that this may not be realistic).
- e. Request for a chart or study that compares the value of TA vs. SW programs; Pat mentioned that there is a report out of Texas
- f. State needs to provide a clearer definition of SW consolidation of funds and more guidance
- g.

Monitoring Issues:

- h. Monitoring- recommendation to do a survey of districts' experience with process this year to gather suggestions for improvement
- i. CFIRS on-site communication- only went to Application Coordinator- request to send to all Title contacts.
- j. Plan for 3-5 year on-site monitoring- release schedule
- k.

Communication Issues:

- l. CFIRS on-site communication- only went to Application Coordinator- request to send to all Title contacts.
- m. Communication to decision makers (including Superintendents) about Corrective Action
- n. Recommendation for single point of contact for NCLB

- o. More communication between the Titles at CDE. Strong compliance components out of Title I, but affect all the Title programs. Specifically the consolidation of funds- Title III didn't know about it and planning for SW programs.
- p. Superintendents not getting the same message as the message to NCLB contacts. Moloney sending out a different message.

Other Issues:

- q. 2% flexibility for students with IEP needs to be an issue for next year
- r. Renewal of NCLB- Angelika requested, on behalf of CASB, any stories people have to share in the process of lobbying for re-authorization changes
- s. Impact of cuts in other federal programs
- t. Set-aside amounts- up to 36%, loss of local control of funds- and it's impact of carryover (15% limit)
- u. Timely release of 10% for corrective action districts
- v. Operationalizing the state plan amendments
- w. CELA and accountability
- x. Even Start
- y. Consolidating plans for the multiple accountability systems in the state

3. CDE Advisory Needs for 06-07- Discussion at COP meeting

- 1. Sanctions
- 2. Operationalizing state plan amendments
- 3. CELA
- 4. Even Start/ Family Literacy/ Parent Involvement
 - a. Take research base of Even Start and use it as a Parent Involvement strategy
- 5. Monitoring feedback
- 6. Streamlining of plans- SW, SI Grant, SI Plan, Accreditation and PI plans; creating plan templates
- 7. CFIRS results and technical assistance needed from the state

Two front loaded issues for the beginning of the school year (or even over the summer) should be sanctions (meaning Corrective Action for districts) and Even Start/Parent Involvement. Other priorities for the year include: monitoring, CELA and ELL, 2% IEP, and E-grants- fiscal and program coordination.

4. Membership and Resignations

- 1. Evelyn is resigning...give other people the opportunity, but if no one else, than she'll stay in
- 2. Mary will find an ELL Advisory member

3. Charter Rep- have Trish talk with school in Cortez
 4. Special Ed- Sheryl and Alyssa will both recruit
 5. Teacher or principal(?) at Risley- Paul
 6. SE contact- still need
 7. Do we want legislative representation?
5. CASE presentation
1. Held an opening for the August 3-4 conference
 2. Focus of presentation- broader communication of NCLB statewide plan and amendments; annual report from COP about its work, agenda for next year
 3. Pat and Mary, Paul facilitates

Updates:

Title I, Part B- Even Start funding cuts and possible elimination next year. What are we going to do to support programs in the future?

Title I, Part C- possible turn-over at state, Bernie is retiring

Title II, Part A

- responding to monitoring findings from USDE, teachers pre 1994 and out of state teachers need a HOUSSE definition (elementary teachers only), and re-run data accordingly
- make case that state is making a good faith effort so we don't get sanctions for not reaching the 100% HQT by the end of this year

Title III

- possibility of using CELA for reading content for AYP instead of CSAP- with both Title I and Title III folks
- memo from Kathleen Leos about only serving NEP and LEP

Title IVA, cut to funds and looking to be eliminated

Title V- cut as well

Decisions:

1. COP should take formal action on recommendation and then disseminate.
2. Two formal recommendations from the meeting:
 - a. In addressing communication issues, the COP recommends that the state define a single point of contact for SARs, NCLB, and Accreditation.

b. The COP recommends that notification of significant import for NCLB be sent to Application Coordinator, Superintendent, Authorized Representative and all Program Contacts, as applicable.

3. By-laws

- see attached changes from Mary
- Need Trish's rationale for addition of 4.4

4. Agenda posted on website

5. Karen Carr invited to next meeting

6. Broad based participation- recruitment efforts

7. COP will write up an NCLB COP Annual Report

Next meeting date: meeting at CASE- meet Friday, August 4th in Breckenridge
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