

Committee of Practitioners Meeting ~ September 7, 2011

Held at the Charter School Institute, 1580 Logan, Denver

Present: Kirk Banghart, Christy Bloomquist, Anita Burns, Parke Covarrubias, Jesus Escarcega, Mary Ellen Good, Laura Gorman, Renee Howell, Dianna Hulbert, Melanie Jones, Bridgette Muse, Shelly Ocanas, Jonelle Parker, Mark Rangel, Linda Spreitzer, Christine Vidal, Kathryn Smukler and Clara Algiene

Welcome and Introductions– Mary Ellen Good, CoP Co-Chair

- Mary Ellen opened the meeting by welcoming all attendee and thanked everyone for coming.
- Mary Ellen will chair the meeting and Clara will take the minutes.

Reauthorization and Waivers –Patrick Chapman

- Draft summary of potential ESEA waivers request was handed out. The document is not the updated version; it has already been changed.
- Current AYP and NCLB Improvement categories were discussed. The two systems are similar, but not the same and often yield different results.
- September 14 & 15 there will be a work session with the State Board to see if they support the waiver request.
- The timeline on drafting proposed regulations has been fairly quick. DRAFT proposals will be circulated to the CoP members for their feedback.
- We will get feedback from CoP, CASE, CASBE and CEA
- Waiver Handouts - ESEA Waiver Consideration letter; Projected timeline for USDE ESEA waiver process chart (with the actions that need to be taken the timeline in need to be done in) and NCLB Waiver Request handout is still a DRAFT version.

Portability – Trish Boland

- Portability was reviewed by the Committee of Practitioners a couple of years back and was not supported.
- There is no way of keeping track of the students that generate Title I funds that will be using these programs. Go to “Portability Model Overview” handout for 3 reasons why it would be difficult to accomplish.
- Need some feedback from the Committee stating that, “The committee has reviewed CDE guidance to Portability and here is our feedback.....”

- We will review in depth more on Portability issue at the November meeting
- DO NOT SHARE THE PORTABILITY HANDOUT. You can read, review and discuss it with colleagues, but do not make it public.

Effective Schools / SST / CADI – Trish Boland

- Effective Schools- SST/CADI has come back to the OFPA Office. Rubrics and process will be redone. There will be an over-hall of these programs.
- We will have more information regarding this area by the November meeting.

Human Capital Indicator– Lisa Medler

- Passage of 191- It's still in draft form and needs to be worked on a little bit more.
- This will work with smaller school districts and BOCES
- CoP feedback is needed
- This has been shared with the field
- Helen Riley will get feedback from you about your ideas

UIP Updates – Lisa Medler

- UIP – Open discussion
- New Sample of new template is going to go up.
- Templates are due to be up the next few weeks; they will still be in the old template.
- Per population Report is coming by the end of the month and will be done in Word format. A word of caution - Word cannot be downloaded into CEDAR. The report will be emailed to the Title I, II & III Contacts.
- Can BOCES have access to districts AYP, instead of contacting the districts to ask them if they made AYP and what their current status is? One way to get the information without going through districts is to put a chart together and send it to Alyssa or Donna and they can put in the data.

Housekeeping – Kathryn Smukler

- Bylaws will be revised-CoP will have 2 Officers and will not have a Secretary position. Kirk moved, Laura second
- Officers- Mary Ellen and Christy are set as Co-chairpersons for the next year.

- Meeting Dates- will stay as November 2, 2011/ February 2, 2012 (even though the CASE Conference is around this time we will go ahead with the CoP meeting for those that can attend) and April 4, 2012
- Time- We will continue to start the meetings at 10:00 am with coffee and visiting starting at 9:30 am
- Member Recruitment- We have 5 new members, but we still need membership from the Southeast area and the Northwest area.
- Membership list passed around for updates and corrections.
- Member Responsibility- Handouts should be reviewed and feedback given to Kathryn in a timely manner. It will help members when receiving handouts to get some verbiage from CDE staff as to what you want, by when you want it and send the documents to the members with time for them to review. CoP members will be responsible for bringing their own copies of the handouts that are sent to them prior to each meeting.

Set-aside Reporting – Barb Vassis

- Used last budget revision that was sent to Grants Fiscal.
- There are 2 pieces of the Annual Financial Report that are now gone.
- ARRA Reporting sent out you should be getting them soon.
- There will be a drop down button for the Set-aside drop down codes (this will be discussed more during the Webinar)

Evaluation Data and Supplemental Education Support – Nazanin Mohajeri-Nelson

- Questions were sent out to put them in rank order as to which ones are more important to get done this year and the ones that will have to wait a little longer.
- The lower ranking numbers will get done this year.
- Higher ranking numbers will go into the next year.
- If the CoP feels that some of the higher ranks need a lower rank to get done sooner, let Nazie know.
- Barb will collect the data based on codes.
- Need to see what exactly Title I funds are being used for
- SES- We need to approve providers to be on the State's SES list by evaluating them.

- Should CDE have an appeals process for the providers that are failing after letters are sent out to them stating that they can be removed from our State's list? Eight providers are failing. Diana moved and Bridgett seconded that there should be no appeal process. The motion passed.
- You can only use SES funded tutors that are on the State list.
- When a provider is removed, they can re-apply a year later; however, they will need to show some improvement.

Consolidated Application Feedback from CoP members – Kathryn Smukler

- Some CDE staff are more responsive than others. CoP members were not getting feedback in a timely manner
- Some members felt that deadlines were able to get done because of CDE's communication..
- Having deadline dates made it easier to complete application.
- It was nice to have the same person who read the application last year read it this year. That was helpful.
- Online works fine. There were some glitches and districts had some confusion, but it is getting better.
- Having final allocations in August was "like Christmas"
- Try to go to one form – E-Grant
- Tracker System should have a file for "Other" documents. So certain documents that don't belong in the other areas can go in there.
- It's getting better

What topics would you like to have addressed this year? – Kathryn Smukler

- Walk through Title program funding process
- Portability – review handout from Trish
- For Pat's documents, give feedback to Kathryn by the end of September. She will get it to him.

All CoP meetings for 2011-2012 will be held at the Charter School Institute, 1580 Logan.

Next meeting – November 2, 2011.