

Committee of Practitioners
September 12, 2013
Colorado Children's Campaign Conference room

Attendees: In-person - Kendra Anderson, Mary Ellen Good, Holly Goodwin, Dianna Hulbert, Mark Rangel, Ines Stabler
Phone - Amy Bollinger, Jesús Escárcega, Laura Gorman, Bridgette Muse,

The meeting was called to order by co-chairperson, Dianna Hulbert. The committee reviewed the minutes from the April 2013 meeting. A change was requested to add Mary Ellen Good and Holly Goodwin as phone participants.

Action: A motion was made by Holly to accept the minutes with changes noted above and seconded by (unknown) with approval by all members present.

Consolidated Application/Budget – Barb Vassis

- Post survey: 105 responses as of 9/11/13; so far there are many actionable items; went live in SCOOP of Wednesday
- The question now is - How do we marry the state and federal requirements without being redundant?
- A steering committee will continue working on an *e-system* for the future applications; perhaps this will be ready by the 2015-16 school year.
- The TA/SW plans have been removed from the UIP for the 13-14 school year
- The goal is to make the application into a *process* not just an *event*
- A possibility is that moving forward we may have only a budget and the data tables as part of the June application process
- We are trying to resolve the issues that arise between the school allocations in the data tables and the allocations in the budget
- We are still missing the program evaluation component and will continue to work on this point.

Discussion –

- Mark – likes the melding of the data tables and the budget
- Laura – felt like there was confusion concerning the amount of detail requested in the Action Steps. More specificity during training as to the extent of the desired detail will be helpful. It seemed like the trainers said one thing and the reviewers wanted something different. Barb responded that by using the ***who/what/where/when*** districts will be more likely to meet the criteria needed.
- Overall
 - Exemplars would be helpful
 - Pre-population of data is very helpful
 - It is helpful for the districts to understand the reasons why CDE asks for particular information. Don't ask for more than is needed.

Waiver renewal – Kathryn

Feedback from the members on current and wishes for renewal

- Dianna - Growth is better than strict achievement; it's nice to be rewarded for growth; important to focus on subgroups; if a school shows growth will likely have achievement gains

- Jesús – Would like to CDE to think about SES/Choice in the waiver; would like to see it removed
- Concern was raised about AMAOs; not able to get growth as a measure

Program Evaluation Technical Assistance – Nazanin Moharjeri-Nelson

Nazie requested feedback on the readiness of the districts/BOCES to do program evaluation and then the need for technical assistance with program evaluation

- Mary Ellen – CBOCES is doing structured evaluation for the migrant program
- Laura expressed concern that it is difficult to pull-out(determine) the effectiveness of Title II coaching

Nazie asked if the district has any outcomes set for the coaching work.

- Mary Ellen asked for clarification on implementation measures v. outcome measures
- Jesús added that it would be helpful to know the effectiveness of the parent involvement program

Technical Assistance Plan – Morgan Cox

Morgan explained the Technical Assistance plan and referred members to the handout. There will be three component of the plan

- Webinars (AKA – Office Hours)
- Policy briefs
- Regional networking meetings

Food at CoP meetings – Kathryn

The September meeting of the CoP was the first meeting at which morning beverages as well as lunch was not provided. This action is a direct result of guidance issued by the USDE concerning the use of federal funds to provide food at meetings and trainings. The members were asked to bring their own lunches or to access lunch at a location away from the meeting. All of the members present left to get lunch and then return for the afternoon part of the meeting. Having the conversation in the afternoon provided the members with the experience of leaving to find food as opposed to it being provided for them. The members present discussed whether this new guidance concerning the provision of food presented a problem for them.

- Mary Ellen asked about how this guidance relates to Travel Status. If a member is considered to be in Travel Status then food, parking, and miles will be covered anyway.
- Others in the group discussed whether providing their own lunch presented a problem. Overall, the members determined that it did not and are comfortable with the new guidance

Other

The concern was once again expressed that the committee members would appreciate having Pat and/or Trish attend the meetings for at least part of the day.

Next meeting – November 14, 2013