Texas Education Agency
Division of NCLB Program Coordination

Title I Committee of Practitioners
Tuesday, November 18, 2008
MINUTES

Members Present: Martha Anderson, Tori Austin, Mark Beaty, Pete Bega, Mario Solis (for Ronald Cavazos), Shirley Coleman, Mitzi Doggett, Carole Hagler, Vicki Holland, Barbara Martin, Margaret McGettrick, Margaret Parks Conner, Linda Roper, Terri Stafford, Jayne Tavenner, and Michael Turner

Members Absent: Mike Callum, Richard Mik, Belinda Rojas, Anita Stipnieks, and Mary Thomas

TEA Staff Present: Cory Green, Anita Villarreal, Vivian Smyrl, and Scott Lewis

SIRC Staff Present: Sally Partridge

The meeting was called to order by Terri Stafford. Noting that new members were present, Ms. Stafford requested that all the COP members introduce themselves.

AYP Update – Shannon Housson and Ester Regalado, TEA Division of Performance Reporting

Mr. Housson provided a handout containing tables comparing the Final 2007 AYP results with the preliminary 2008 AYP results. The tables indicate that there is an increase in the number of districts and campuses in School Improvement according to the 2008 preliminary AYP results.

Ms. Regalado used the same handout for her presentation. The number of districts and campuses that missed AYP solely due to the 1% and/or 2% cap decreased from 2007 to 2008. She then gave an overview of the AYP Appeals and AYP deadline for posting the Final 2008 AYP results. Ms. Regalado discussed a preview for 2009 AYP which includes an increase in the 2009 AYP Performance Standards, an AYP Growth Model proposal, and the Final Title I Regulations that were published October 28, 2008.
She told the COP that Performance Reporting will have a TETN in Spring before the 2009-2010 process begins.

Ms. Regalado continued her presentation with a statement that 220 districts took advantage of the presort process for the Federal Cap; however, more districts missed AYP because the campuses were prioritized in sorting before the districts.

A motion was made by Margaret Parks Conner to leave the Federal Cap as is.
Motion seconded by Carole Hagler.
The motion was voted on and passed.

Mr. Housson told the COP members that he and Ms. Regalado would be at the January COP meeting to discuss the new Title I Regs.

Mr. Housson continued the presentation concerning the Growth Model. The Texas Growth Model was due to USDE by October 15, 2008. USDE responded by November 12. You can go the Assessment website to look at the full thirty page proposal. We are now in the process of responding to USDE. If USDE approves, we plan for Texas to use the data chart on Page 11 of the handout.

Even Start – Beth Thompson

Parent Involvement program is an instructional program. Parents must participate in all four components. One of the components is interactive literacy where parents share with their children what the parents have learned.

Five programs are returning to Even Start. There is a resolution in Congress to continue funding.

There was competition for funds. Applications were read. If there were no programs then there were no points awarded, so strong programs were funded.

Training of Even Start trainers is statutorily required. One trainer was cited for not being trained properly when we were monitored last year. That issue was addressed and fixed.

This year will be spent revising indicators. Dr. Louise Appel is helping Texas with indicators (she is from California).

Ms. Thompson presented an overview of her handout. Texas The number of sub-grants in Even Start has declined. Texas does serve more than the average number of families in each grant. In 2006-2007 Texas served 3301 families with total participants at 8986. Texas serves about 14% of Even Start families in the nation.
There is a concern over parents who have participated in Even Start for a long time – progress slows down.

Title I Monitoring Report – Vivian Smyrl, TEA Division of NCLB Program Coordination
Update on what is currently happening was provided by Ms. Smyrl. We are moving several updates from ICRs to the Compliance Report. We will have more data to report so we can build new ICR's. Ms. Smyrl will bring a draft of the ICRs to the next meeting.
Districts submitted their PNP Affirmations to TEA this fall. TEA sent a blank affirmation and the affirmation instructions to USDE.
We ran in to some platform issues when creating the NCLB Report Card.
We also sent documentation concerning the dissemination of Title I information across the State.

Highly Qualified – Scott Lewis, TEA Division of NCLB Program Coordination
We compared the 2009 data to the 2008 data and noted there was not much of a change. Of course with 97.999% of our teachers highly qualified, we're not complaining.

Mr. Lewis then gave an overview of his handout. Mr. Lewis stated that everything looks good. He believes this is attributed to ESCs doing a good job of getting training out, and because teachers are working on additional certificates.

Whenever you need to update the Highly Qualified Report you do not have to call us. Updates should be happening nightly. If the update does not appear within a day or two call us. Mr. Lewis provided information on where to find the reports. Reports are due December 15th.
The Principal Attestation is also due to be completed by December 15th. The attestation should be kept at the district. It will only be required to be sent to TEA if the district is chosen at random to validate their documentation.
Currently, we are preparing to send envelopes to districts not 100% highly qualified. Instructions will be included on what needs to be done. Wait for the letter with the instructions. We will soon start validations of PNL for 07-08 school year. We looked at compliance reports to see which campuses sent out letters.

Migrant Update – Christina Villarreal, TEA Division of NCLB Program Coordination

On October 29th the MEP sent a letter to LEAs about the new regulations.
Ms Villarreal attended the ID & R forum in Atlanta. The focus is changing from clarifying information into receiving feedback. Before they write new guidelines they want feedback. A national COE was supposed to be released at the forum, but due to large numbers of comments, they are changing the looks of it. The MEP will produce Guidance on Regulations, but it might not happen for a while. Ms. Villarreal is advising ESC to train LEAs to continue as we have been doing with new regulations.
Statewide program evaluations are required by statute. We received a finding on it

MGT of America has been selected to develop and conduct a statewide survey of perceptions of the migrant program.

M 6, the Migrant student information exchange system received funding from USDE. The NGS consortia met, and will use these funds instead of consortia funds to develop M6.

Currently, Arizona is the only state with information on M 6. Information will be sent through the Weekly Recruiter.

Dec 9-11 State Migrant Conference in McAllen, Texas
May 3-6 Nat'l Migrant Conference in San Antonio, Texas
Staff changes – Pat Meyertholen left. There is an opening at TEA for her position

State Parent Involvement Conference – Terri Stafford, Title I, Part A, Parent Involvement Initiative
Ms. Stafford passed out hand-outs. We are still having the State Parent Involvement Conference in Galveston. There are over 700 participants registered. We have 47 breakout sessions planned. Cory Green will do a pre-conference on new regulations.

SIP Updates -- Anita Villarreal, TEA Division of NCLB Program Coordination
Ms. Villarreal mentioned there are new regulations. Mr. Green will speak in detail about them. There is a big impact in the new regs for SC and SES. The updated SIP guidance has been delayed due to the new regulations. SIP Compliance Reports for 08-09 will be on eGrants. There are a few issues between SES providers and districts. TEA is working on these issues. We are receiving more formal complaints this year than in the past.
Title I and Title III are now under the same umbrella. Christina Villarreal and Cory Green went to Washington, D.C. for LEP Partnership. Anita Villarreal and Christina Villarreal presented in New Orleans on coordination between Title I and Title III.

In the future we will bring a PNP Compliance Report

Ms. Stafford – Can you tell us some of the issues in the complaints?

Ms. A. Villarreal –

- Districts have their own policies and want providers to comply.
- Providers not serving as quickly as districts want.
- Problems with the contracts – Tell SES to send the contract and the LEA not putting what they need to in it.
- SES providers say the districts are not moving fast enough to approve SLP.
- Providers not submitting invoices soon enough.

We do have a code of conduct attached to the application. Also, we require a monthly EZSES report.

SIRC update -- Sally Partridge, SIRC Director
Intro Meetings December 10th and TSI Conference Dec. 11-12
All but 30 principals have signed up for the TSI Conference. Staff is calling them.

Overview of the New Regulations - Cory Green, TEA Division of NCLB Program Coordination
Regulations, once finalized, will be in effect until new law is reauthorized which will probably be in 2010.

Effective December 1st, USDE expects to get guidance out in December.

Overview of everything in Regs – gave a handout

1. NAEP Reporting
2. National Tech Advisory Council (NTAC)
3. Minimum Subgroup size
4. Student growth measures
5. Restructuring Stage 4 must be significantly more rigorous
6. Assessment and Multiple Measures
7. Same subject identification for SIP
8. Uniform comparable Graduation rates – phasing it in
9. Strengthening school choice and SES. PNL must be sent a minimum of 14 days before the start of school, and the district cannot put SES information in handbook. SES information must be clear and concise and separate from any other information. Districts must publish the information on their website beginning with the 07-08 data and name the person responsible for posting the data on their website. They must also post the PPA and the amount of their 20% reservation.

Mark Beaty made a motion that the state supplies a template for posted information.
Mitzi Doggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Thirty days after PNL
October 1st update within 30 days after each enrollment window.
PEIMS snapshot

Mark Beaty made the motion to publish October 1st and update within 30 days after each enrollment window. Shirley Coleman – seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Ms. Hagler moved that open enrollment districts correct within 30 days after each semester. Tori Austin seconded. The motion passed.

Tori Austin moved that we designate the date of March 1, 2009 for website update. Ms. Coleman seconded. The motion passed.

Mitzi Doggett made the motion that the state provide a template to collect required data, might be an amendment to app. Margaret Parks Conner seconded. The motion passed.

SIP Academy Grant – Anita Villarreal, TEA, Division of NLCB Program Coordination
When we discussed this last year, we discussed allowing Stage 1 campuses and Stage 2 campuses to enter, but we had limited funds, so we only allowed Stage 2 campuses to apply. This year the grant went up 300%, so we want to present for your approval, allowing Stage 1 campuses to apply for the SIP Academy Grant this year.

There are currently 78 campuses in SIP Academy. We have 75 new Stage 2 campuses, and a potential for 148 entering campuses

78	campuses currently in SIP Academy
75	new Stage 2 campuses
148	Stage 1
301 Total existing (new stage 2 and Stage 1)	

Sally Partridge will share with you what we are doing now for SIP Academy.

SIP Academy – Sally Partridge, SIRC
Brochures and overviews were passed out to members of this past year's Summer Planning Academy (SPA). Optional TAP days have been included as well. Coaching for Administrative Leaders is on-going. Currently there are 400 individuals being coached. Years 2 and 3 include customized Professional Development
Some Stage 1 campuses are new to SIP and we don't want to overload them.

Sally Partridge read a list of schools that were not yet registered for the required TSI Conference in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM.