

ESEA Committee of Practitioners

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Utah State Board of Education

Conference Room 241

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Mediated by Dr. Rebecca Donaldson, ESEA Federal Programs and Related State Initiatives Coordinator

Committee members present: Dr. Rebecca Donaldson, Val Murdock, Nancy Ward, Trina Valdez, Robert Palmer, Sandra Grant, Leslie Evans, Barbara Smith, Dierdre Straight, Kim Fratto, Sondra Jolevich-Motes, and Becky Peters.

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1. Welcome Review of Minutes Review of Agenda	Rebecca Donaldson	<p>Dr. Donaldson opened the meeting by greeting everyone. Committee members who were present introduced themselves.</p> <p>Leslie Evans noted an error in the minutes from the June 19, 2019, meeting regarding the School Improvement funding. The new amount of the competitive funds for CSI is \$925,737 rather than the (approximate) 1.2 million number in the last meeting. Schools in CSI will have the opportunity to apply for needs-based (competitive) grants to fund actions in the school improvement plan. Because USBE is seeking an extension from ED for FY17 funds, the unallocated funds are unavailable. This required USBE to set aside \$154,000 from the competitive funds, reducing the total available to: \$925,737</p> <p>Barbara Smith moved to approve the minutes with the provision that Leslie's clarification be added to today's minutes. Nancy Ward seconded. The motion carried.</p>
2. Waiver of 40% Poverty Threshold to Operate a Schoolwide Title I Program	Rebecca Donaldson	<p>Dr. Donaldson discussed the Waiver of 40% Poverty Threshold to Operate a Schoolwide Title I Program.</p> <p>In the past, schools that qualified for the Free and Reduced Lunch</p>

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		<p>program with a 40% poverty level received a one-year grandfathering provision if their poverty levels fell below 40%. When ESSA was enacted, a provision was included that allowed LEAs to make the waiver to the State offices instead of the U.S. Department of Education. Becky advised that she has been working on a written proposal for LEAs with schools in this situation to follow when they want a waiver. Otherwise, they would have to move from a Schoolwide program to a Targeted Assist school.</p> <p>There are no limits as to how many schools apply for waivers. This is not a requirement, but it is available for LEAs to use. We are putting this together to be available for those who request it. USBE staff will review it, provide feedback and then clarify any questions.</p> <p>Barbara moved that the Waiver be approved as it's currently written. Nancy Ward seconded. The motion carried.</p>
<p>3. Three Year MOU for Migrant Education Program Data</p>	<p>Jeff Ojeda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are the students who qualify for services? • What types of services can be provided? • What funding is available? • Requirements for LEAs and schools. 	<p>Jeff Ojeda led the discussion on the MOU for Migrant Education. In the past, this had been done on an annual basis. However, this has created problems because of the potential delays in services due to getting Board approval and then submitting it to the Department of Education.</p> <p>Jeff proposed going to a three-year MOU instead of a one-year so USBE can meet the Department of Ed's September deadline to ensure Migrant funds get received, and the MOU with M6, which maintains the Department of Education's national student database, track the students who travel from one state to another get and continue getting served.</p>

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		<p>Nancy Ward moved to approve the three- year process to ensure the migrant students don't fall through the cracks. Dierdre Straight seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>4. Review of Standard Operating Procedure for Utah Distinguished, Reward, and National ESEA Distinguished Title I Schools</p>	<p>Rebecca Donaldson</p>	<p>USBE staff under Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Leah Voorhies have been tasked with writing Standard Operating Procedures and putting them in place. This way, there is a measure of standardization and consistency in processes if there is personnel turnover.</p> <p>Every year, Utah has the opportunity to recognize two schoolwide Title I schools for National Distinguished School Recognition. In the past, there's never been a formal process to nominate the schools each year. Instead, the process has varied depending on each director. When Assistant Superintendent Voorhies directed staff to come up with a Standard Operation Procedure, Dr. Donaldson chose to create one for the process of nominating schools to the National ESEA Association by November 30. Dr. Donaldson provided a draft SOP for Committee members to review and provide feedback.</p> <p>Under the ESEA act, there are no provisions to recognize schools that are high performing. There are provisions for identifying schools for comprehensive support and improvement, as well as identifying schools that require targeted support for specific student groups that are underperforming.</p> <p>Dr. Donaldson has put together a draft SOP for nominating Utah Distinguished, Reward and National ESEA Distinguished Title I Schools.</p>

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		<p>Dr. Donaldson proposed creating a category for Utah Title I Distinguished schools that would include schools from the top 5% of Title I schools. Schoolwide schools and Targeted Assistance schools would be reviewed separately so the top 5% of each would have a chance to be nominated. Dr. Donaldson went through step by step to show how she came up with a draft list proposed schools. Because of the criteria, there weren't very many schools that came to the top. She advised that going through these steps before we receive the nominations helps level the playing field so that decisions are based on actual data rather than how many bells and whistles are in the nomination provided by the LEA. She also proposed putting the lists on the USBE web page and providing certificates to the schools to honor their achievements.</p> <p>Nancy Ward moved that the proposal be approved, and that USBE staff move forward to honor the Title I schools that are doing well. Sondra Jolevich-Motes seconded the motion, and the motion passed.</p>

The date chosen for the next Committee of Practitioners meeting will be March 18, 2020.