Committee of Practitioners (COP) Conference Call

February 11, 2020
2:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time
GoToWebinar link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7270404494865295885

Meeting called by the Committee of Practitioners

Attendance:
Ernesto Lontoc- Chair
Dr. Felita Grant- Vice Chair
James Herzog
Lizanne Ippolito
Dr. Dogan Tozoglu
Anitra Young
Curtis Peterson
Dr. Karen Barber
Julie Stewart
Rabbi Moshe Matz
Dee Dee Wright
Dr. Anjani Prashad
Isabel Navas
Patricia Pasca
Tiffany Mayhugh-Rego
Dr. Laura Colo
Elizabeth Tyler
Dr. Magaly Abrahante
Nicolle Leider
Val Williams
Amanda Meeks
Shonda Goldsmith
Jacqueline Hill

Welcome/Call to Order
Ernesto Lontoc, Chair
Ernesto Lontoc called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m., and thank everyone for their active participation.
FDOE Bureau Updates/Comments

Michelle Gaines, Chief, Bureau of Federal Educational Programs

On behalf of Bureau Chief, Michelle Gaines, Amanda Meeks, Assistant Director of Standards and Instructional Support, reported on Bureau updates. Amanda Meeks welcomed the COP members to the new Bureau Chief, Mrs. Michelle Gaines. She gave an update on the changes to the FY21 Title I Part A Application. The changes include a more streamlined but comprehensive application process. She discussed the tentative opening day of March 16, 2020 and a due date of May 1, 2020. Amanda also informed the members that there would be a webinar held by Title I Part A to go over the changes to the application. LEAs/Districts would receive a link to register soon. There is no Title I Part A Application due date extension at this time but LEAs/Districts are welcome to present their case of extension request to the Bureau.

Melissa Ramsey, stopped by, to speak with the members and introduce herself, and offer her support to the members.

Shonda gave an update on the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Change in Federal Food Stamps Program (SNAP). She reported that at this time the USDA has not passed the proposed rule to refine categorical eligibility requirements. Further guidance will be provided to LEAs/Districts if/when the proposed rule is passed.

Equitable Services Updates/Comments

Nicolle Leider, Equitable Services Ombudsman, Division of Finance and Operations

Nicolle attended a meeting with USDOE with other ombudsman from around the country. At this time, there was not much to report but Nicolle is available to all members should they have any questions.

Distribution of Approved Annual Report

Shonda Goldsmith, Program Specialist, Bureau of Federal Educational Programs

Shonda Goldsmith reported that the Final COP Annual Report was prepared for the Governor and Florida Legislature and was received on time. Compliance with Statute, this report summarizes the COP’s work during the 2019 calendar year. She congratulated the COP leadership and general membership for a great job and continued support to the Bureau and FDOE.

Update on Member Vacancy

Shonda Goldsmith, Program Specialist, Bureau of Federal Educational Programs

Shonda Goldsmith updated the members with the COP’s most current compositions.

Local educational agency representatives (3)
Administrators (5)
Teachers (1)
Career and technical educators (1)
Principals and other school leaders (5)
Parents (2)
Private school representatives (2)
Paraprofessionals (1)
Charter agency representatives (2)
Charter school leaders

The following members were appointed by the Commissioner of Education during the 2019 recruitment cycle:

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<td>Dr. Karen Barber</td>
<td>Director of Federal Programs, Santa Rosa County School District</td>
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<td>Ms. Isabel Navas</td>
<td>Principal, Alpha Charter of Excellence</td>
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<td>Ms. Julie S. Stewart</td>
<td>Federal Grants and Support Administrator, SouthTech Schools; Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools</td>
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<td>Dr. Dogan Tozoglu</td>
<td>Executive Director, River City Science Academy</td>
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<td>Ms. Elizabeth Tyler</td>
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**2020 Meeting Schedule**

**Shonda Goldsmith, Program Specialist, Bureau of Federal Educational Programs**

Shonda Goldsmith proposed the following meeting for 2020:

**April 2020**
Face-to-face meeting, Jacksonville (at FASFEPA/ECTAC Forum)

**July 2020**
Virtual meeting, *if needed*

**September 2020**
Face-to-face meeting, (at FASFEPA/ECTAC Forum)

**November 2020**
Virtual meeting, *if needed*

**Questions/Comments**

There were no questions or comments at this time.
**Adjournment**

The next COP meeting will be held on April 29, 2020 at the FASFEPA Spring Forum in Jacksonville, Florida.

Ernesto adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

*Minutes approved on April 28, 2020 during the Committee of Practitioners’ 2nd Virtual Meeting*