



**Title I, Part A Committee of Practitioner’s (COP) Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2014
10 a.m.- noon
Maryland State Department of Education**

Members Present: Caroline Walker (Chairperson), Tracey Adesegun, Barbara Baker, Brian J. Bartels, Deann M. Collins, Ray Leone, John McGinnis, Julia Rogers, Susan Shaffer, Beth Sheller, Jacqueline Sterling, Felicia Lanham Tarason, Vernon Thompson
MSDE staff in attendance: Young-chan Han, Nola Cromer, Tina McKnight

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action |
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| Welcome and Introduction | Caroline Walker, COP Chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. All members introduced themselves. | |
| Title I Part A Update | <p>Tina McKnight updated on 2013-2014 Title I that included the overview of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP); Homeless Education and Title I; and FY2013 School Improvement Grant (SIG) III.</p> <p>Questions raised from COP members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CEP: (Ray) How do we reconcile MMFA against using CEP for breakfast and lunch programs? Is there a formula? Response (Tina): Schools file the same request and they receive both MMAF and CEP. State reimburses MMAF and CEP is reimbursed by federal government. 2. CEP: (Vernon) – Is CEP federally mandated and federally funded? Response (Tina) – It is encouraged for all schools, but it is NOT mandated for all schools. It is federally reimbursed. 3. Homeless and Title I - Julia: If a student is homeless and attending a private/nonpublic school, is the student automatically eligible for Title I services? If yes, is it funded through our allocation or in the set asides? There are 2 responses – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If the private school student is homeless and attending a non-Title I school, the LEA is required to provide comparable services. An LEA must reserve funds for homeless children who do not attend participating Title I schools and may, for instance, provide support services to children in shelters and other locations where homeless children live. Services should be provided to assist homeless students to effectively take advantage of educational opportunities. These services would be those services that are provided to homeless students who attend | |

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| | <p>public, non-Title I schools.</p> <p>b. If the private school student is homeless and attending a Title I school, the student is automatically eligible for Title I services that would be provided to eligible students in that school.</p> <p>4. Homeless and Title I: Is the LEA responsible for transporting homeless students, including those homeless students attending private school, to their school of origin? Response: The McKinney-Vento Act does not apply to private schools so an LEA does not have to transport homeless student attending private school to their school of origin.</p> | |
| Title I Attachment 7 Review (2014-2015) Input and Approval | <p>Tina provided an overview of Attachment 7 application. Tina explained the changes from two sections – Table 7-6.2 and Table 7-8 line 10a and 10b. The committee members were given an opportunity to discuss and provide input on the updated draft 2014-2015 Title I, Part A Attachment 7. Tina pointed out that we need to further edit the changes in Table 7-6.2 under ESEA Waiver and delete the words “and approved” under the section. See below.</p> <p>MSDE also requested and received a waiver in order to permit its LEAs to serve a Title I eligible middle school that MSDE has identified as a Priority School even if that school does not rank sufficiently high enough to be served.</p> | <p>COP members reviewed the draft of 2014-2015 Title I Attachment 7, provided review comments and approved the Att. 7 with one change (Table 7-6.2). The members who missed today’s meeting were sent a Attachment 7 Review (2014-2015) absentee input form*.</p> |
| Misc. | <p>Suggestion for future topics for COP meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Exit criteria for Focus Schools Nola: Currently, all focus and approaching target schools are “frozen” with their current designation because of accountability. | |
| Status of 2014-2015 COP membership and meeting evaluation | <p>Young-chan distributed the 2014-2015 membership renewal form and asked everyone to complete the form to update the membership directory for next year.</p> <p>Young-chan will let everyone know if we need to recruit additional COP members for SY 2014-2015.</p> <p>Young-chan thanked everyone for their participation and asked the members to complete the online evaluation.</p> | <p>If needed, additional COP members will be recruited to meet the Statutory requirements for the Title I, Part A COP membership for SY 2014-2015. The COP directory for 2014-2015 will be updated by end of summer.</p> |
| 2014-2015 COP meeting dates | <p>October 9, 2014 January 22, 2015 May 21, 2015</p> | <p>January 2015 date was added after the meeting.</p> |

*As of June 2, 2014, two committee members submitted approved absentee input form for Title I, Part A Attachment 7.