



Title I Committee of Practitioners (COP) Meeting Notes October 10, 2013

Members Present: Tracey Adesegun, Barbara Baker, Brian J. Bartels, Deann Collins, Tasha Franklin Johnson, Ray Leone, Walter Reap, Julia Rogers, Felicia Lanham, Vernon Thompson, Caroline Walker, Young-chan Han, Tina McKnight, and Jim Newkirk

Welcome/Introductions: Young-chan Han, COP/Title I Specialist opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Young-chan shared briefly about the COP's duties and the make-up of the committee membership.

Greetings: Tina McKnight, Interim Director for Program Improvement and Family Support Branch brought greetings to the members. Tina provided an overview of the MSDE's newly revised organizational structure. Maryland has reorganized to provide efficient and effective supports to schools and school systems.

Election of New Committee Chair:

Caroline Walker, Title I Coordinator from Howard County stepped up to serve as the new COP's chairperson. The committee unanimously accepted Caroline as the new chair.

Title I Part A Update:

ESEA Flexibility:

Tina McKnight, Interim Program Improvement and Family Support Director, shared with committee members a PowerPoint summary of Maryland's ESEA Flexibility Plan which was approved in May, 2012.

Below captures key points.

- Based on Maryland's approved Flexibility Plan, there are four groups of schools:
 - ✓ **Priority Schools – Priority schools are 5% of the lowest performing Title I Schools. There are 16 Priority Schools in Maryland.**
 - ✓ **Focus Schools –** Focus schools are Title I schools with the largest achievement gap from the highest performing subgroup to the lowest performing subgroup. Maryland has 41 focus schools from 15 local educational agencies.
 - ✓ **Approaching Target Schools -** Title I schools that did not meet their annual measurable objectives (AMO) targets. For the 2013-2014 school year, there are 244 Approaching Target schools in 23 local educational agencies.
 - ✓ **Reward Schools –** Reward schools are Title I schools recognized in two categories: Highest Performing Reward Schools or Highest Progress Reward Schools. These schools have not been identified as of the date of the COP meeting.

Maryland's Flexibility Plan was approved for two years and will need to be renewed for 2014-2015. Tina requested volunteers who may be needed to serve on one of the committees working on the renewal plan.

The power point presentation will be uploaded on the Title I website under Committee of Practitioners.

2013-2014 Title I, Part A Program Review Instrument – Review and Approval:

Jim Newkirk, Title I Specialist, provided an update of MSDE's Title I, Part A Program Review Onsite Monitoring in all Maryland school systems. Based on the school district monitoring feedback, Jim shared a handout of number of recommendations from 2007-2013.

Jim gave an overview of the 2013-2014 Title I, Part A Annual Program Review Instrument and informed the committee about the new format changes as well as the changes in all components. The committee spent time reviewing and providing suggestions. The committee's suggestions/recommendations included minor formatting/grammar.

The 2013-2014 Title I Part A Program Review Instrument was approved by the Committee with suggested changes. The members who missed today's meeting were sent an absentee input form. As of the date of the meeting minutes, MSDE did not receive any absentee input form from members.

Wrap up and Evaluation:

Young-chan thanked everyone for their participation and asked the members to complete the online evaluation. It was also noted that the next COP meeting previously scheduled for January 14, 2014 may be rescheduled to ensure enough time to complete the renewal application for ESEA Flexibility Plan for Committee input. A new date will be sent out as soon as the information is available.

Upcoming 2014-2015 COP meetings:

Winter – to be determined (Jan. 14th may be rescheduled)

Spring: May 22, 2014