Title I Committee of Practitioners

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•	a statement that the requirement for opportunity public comment on the Ed-Flex waivers is met by

Federal Program Compliance Division Updates

Handouts: Division Organizational Chart and Program Contacts, 2019-2020 Random Validation Calendar, Parent and Family Engagement Statewide Conference brochure

Anita Villarreal, Division Director for the Federal Program Compliance Division, provided the committee with an organizational chart for the division, as well as a list of the program responsibilities assigned to each staff member.

Ms. Villarreal reviewed the 2019-2020 Random Validation Calendar with the committee and explained that the validation process for all the programs administered by the division have been aligned for consistency and to ensure that LEAs and ESCs are not overburdened by the process. All of the validation documents for the division's programs have a uniform format. Ms. Villarreal shared the templates with the committee. All participating LEAs will receive an announcement letter, a timeline, a coversheet, a guidance document and instructions, a copy of the checklist that TEA will use to check the documentation, and instructions for uploading the documents to the ESSA Reports application on TEAL. All template documents related to a particular validation will be posted to the web within two days of LEA notification. This alignment has been very well received, and both LEA and ESC staff have expressed appreciation for this effort.

Ms. Villarreal shared information about the Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Cluster Meetings that will be provided around the state during the 2019-2020 school year. The Cluster Meeting is a one-day training intended for PFE coordinators, PFE liaisons, counselors, teachers, federal programs staff, school administrators and ESC staff. The emphasis of this training is on building relationships. During the afternoon, a model school from the region will be showcased. On the day following the cluster meeting, a half-day training will be offered to LEA and campus administrators on the PFE Requirements under Section 1116. The first of these trainings was held in Wichita Falls in September. The remaining dates are as follows:

- October 15-16 in Victoria (ESC 3)
- October 31-November 1 in Midland (ESC 18)
- January 27-28 in Corpus Christi (ESC 2)
- February 18-19 in Richardson (ESC 10)
- March 2-3 in Beaumont (ESC 5)

Ms. Villarreal also shared information about the upcoming Statewide Parental Involvement Conference that will be held December 12-14, 2019, in San Marcos, Texas. This conference is the largest of its type in the country, and is usually very well attended by both LEA staff and by parents from around the state.

Title I, Part A—Updates

Handouts: SNS Handbook (revised September 2019)

Vivian Smyrl shared revisions to the SNS Handbook that have been made in response (v)2.3 (e)d21.1 (ut)1.7 (s6 (h)-0.8 (e)-

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Private Nonprofit (PNP) Updates

Handouts: TEA Procedure for Offering PNP Equitable Services upon Request; Title I, Part A Use of Funds Guidance for Private Nonprofit Equitable Services; Best Prac

Unsafe School Choice Option (USCO) Update

Jaime Huerta provided an overview of the ESSA Unsafe School Choice Option (USCO) requirements. He provided information about the statewide policy, the methodology used for the identification of USCO schools, the timeline for the identification process and information about the LEA written policy requirement as it relates to persistently dangerous schools and victims of violent crimes. Additionally, he provided information about the following compliance monitoring activities currently in progress: random validation of the LEA written policy and the desk audit of victims of violent crimes data.

Adjourn

Shirley Clark adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.