

Meeting: ESEA Federal Programs Committee of Practitioners - Roundtable Meeting

Date: March 24, 2025

Location: Columbia Cooperative Conference Center – ESSA Academy

Facilitator: Jewell Stanley & Jennifer Rhodes

Minutes: Leslie Bloss

Welcome and Introductions – Jennifer called the meeting to order welcomed new members and introduced the agenda.

Review of Meeting Minutes – Minutes from previous meeting reviewed and approved

New Business – Jennifer & Jewell provided updates on each agenda item.

- Updates to Preliminary Allocations – Todd Stevenson at USED currently working on allocations – We will receive notice with data points and then Sharay calculates allocations from there. We anticipate normal schedule – which would mean that we would receive numbers from USED for Titles I, II, IV and N&D in May.

- N&D Audit-Spring – SCDE, DJJ, Palmetto Unified and Charleston are involved in the audit. Interviews will take place the week of April 21

- USED Waiver – FY24 – Title I – Tidings Waiver for 15% (the expectation for FY25 15% is still in place even though GANS were late) – We are currently working with Finance and Grants Accounting for FY23- figuring out how to do mini grants with more ease

- Updates to Handbook Reviews – we took COP feedback & also had BruMan revise it. We are still in the editing process

Discussion

- COP Stakeholder Assignments – email recommendations to Jennifer, make sure to include private schools

- Focus area SCASA Roundtable topics – Set for Sept, Nov, Jan, March, May, July – suggested that federal programs push into other roundtables (Finance, Superintendents)

- Aligning grants toward continuous improvement – continuing to have school improvement in every one. Consolidated Monitoring tool updates – desire for a virtual component

Questions and Concerns –

- One Plan – SCDE still working on One Plan – currently thinking through all situations. Seeking companies for Grants Management. The goal is to include Needs Assessments, state funding, evaluation, fiscal claims, monitoring...

Next Meeting: July Coordinator's Training (encouraged to invite superintendents, assistant superintendents, etc)

Adjournment