

**Minutes of the  
Committee of Practitioners Webinar Meeting  
February 8, 2013**

**Call to Order**

The internet meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. CST by Chairperson Becky Guffin.

**Attendance**

Members present on the phone and/or internet were: Becky Guffin, Lori Bouza, Joan Dunmire, and Laura Willemssen.

Staff persons in attendance at the DOE office and on the meeting were: Jenifer Palmer, Shawna Poitra, Shannon Malone, Ann Larsen, and Abby Javurek-Humig.

Guest presenter on the internet: Heather Hoak from McREL, the regional technical assistance center working with South Dakota on implementation of the ESEA Flexibility Waiver.

**ESEA Flexibility Accountability Addendum**

The committee was asked to make comments on the new South Dakota Accountability Workbook. The Workbook will be revised as a document entitled the ESEA Flexibility Accountability Addendum. The Addendum sets the new Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) and the calculation of the School Performance Index (SPI) schools based on the performance of each school's new Gap and Non-Gap groups. The calculation will be used in determining Priority and Reward schools. The addendum is similar to the old Workbook in that it includes statutory definitions and defines graduation rates, participation rates, and attendance.

The committee members asked for clarification regarding setting AMOs should a school unexpectedly experience a subgroup not included in prior calculations. Questions were asked on the graduation cohort calculations.

Clarification was also requested in reference to the administrative rule on Full Academic Year (FAY) calculation that defines for accountability purposes a student with 15 consecutive days of unexcused absences as omitted from the calculation. The SD DOE provided the following information: The 15 day rule for counting students in a cohort was devised by a workgroup of superintendents a number of years ago and was approved in our prior workbook. USED's guidance indicates they would prefer a student is added into the cohort the day they transfer, but we were able to get approval for the 15 days. The Department plans to leave this rule in place.

Committee members were asked for continued input until Wednesday, February 13. The document will be submitted to the US Department of Education by February 14.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.