

CSP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2022

1:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Tiffany Cartier White

Colleen Grady

Karl Koenig

Brandon Novosad

Stephane' Lavertu

Chad Aldis

Sophia Speelman

Not Present

John Dues

Meghann Marnecheck

Meeting called to order: 1:00 p.m.

Department Updates and Transitions:

- Colleen Grady introduced as Ohio Department of Education's Senior Program Officer overseeing the Office of Educational Options
 - To include the Office of Community Schools, Nonpublic Options, and Sponsorship
- Karl Koenig transitioned to the Office of Grants Administration as Manager of Grant Implementation.
- Colleen and Karl are working as a team on the CSP grant to ensure all programmatic items are being met and until the grant closes out.

CSP Round 6 Grant Competition Updates

- The Department received five continuation grantees.
 - Reviews are complete with the continuation subgrantees being recommended for continuation funding.
 - Two continuation subgrantees will be monitored closely due to enrollment concerns attributed retention of students due to transportation.
 - The Department felt the schools were still continuing progress and showing good results.
- The Department recommended three newly opening schools for funding.
 - Two subgrantees were denied due to the peer review results and the other due to not passing the technical review.
- The Department will seek a No Cost Extension from USED to cover the newly and continuing subgrantees funding.
 - No Cost extension will not have a bearing on the future CSP Grant application with USED.

Semi-Annual Report and Workplan

- All committee members received a draft copy of the January to July semi-annual report and work plan.
 - Committee members had no issues with the semi-annual report and work plan.

Independent Monitor/High-Risk Special Conditions Request Update

- The independent monitor issued a finding concerning obligation of funds during the period of performance.
 - The Department provided USED with evidence of timely obligation. USED determined the evidence provided supported the timely obligation of funds.
- The Monitoring report and response is posted on the CSP webpage for all committee members to reference.
- Turnover in leadership at USED has delayed decision making in terms of the high-risk special conditions requests.

The New CSP Grant Submission

- The Department plans to submit the CSP grant application by August 3rd.
 - The submission deadline is August 5th.
- USED revised previous priorities.
- The department would like to obtain funding for districts, to include building some infrastructure for the sector.
 - A resource center that is focused on quality, authorizing and charter school practices will be part of the newly submitted CSP grant, as well as additional support for building infrastructure around school improvement.
 - Through school improvement and quality practices, hopefully districts can reach a point where they could apply and potentially be quality sponsor.
- The Department is fine tuning the budget narrative to be somewhere between \$45 and \$50 million.
- The Department would like to utilize the grant as a commitment by the state to support high quality schools and close the funding gaps. Which is also a part of the priorities.

Transportation

- The Transportation Office has been meeting with and is continuing to meet with district representatives to educate them on the requirements.

Meeting adjourned: 1:37 p.m.