

FAMIS Data Committee Meeting

FAEDS Conference

September 30, 2009

Barbara Brennen – Chair

Call to Order 10:38 a.m.

AYP Subgroups Using New Racial / Ethnic Data

Question - Has there been a Technical Assistance Paper explaining how the new race /ethnic fields be summarized for AYP?

Lavan - no, not from his office

Dr. Piotrowski said there is a 27 page Federal Register that might provide some answers.

Per Lavan's suggestion, Barbara will contact Juan Copa at DOE for more information

Reporting Virtual Program Data to DOE

We have not received clear guidance on what data or formats we should send for the students in the 7001 and 7004 virtual programs. We have only been told we should submit Student Demographic, Student Course, and "other applicable formats". What are "other applicable formats"?

Contracted Staff New Mandated Reporting Requirement

What about staff data?

Lavan said we must report it. Salary information is obligated for AFT, NEA, NCES via the DOE

Question - Why can't DOE just get it from the vendors?

Lavan – They are our employees. Do the best you can, salary is being used by DOE for several agencies

What if the vendors refuse to provide the data? ("you can't require that of us") Lavan said to give them his phone number.

Virtual vendor's teacher background checks? Fingerprints?

Contracts with Virtual Providers

A discussion continued about the quality and timeliness of the data from the virtual providers.

Lavan – Didn't you write the contract?

Barbara – We didn't have the rules (from DOE) when we wrote the contract.

It was discussed if we as a group should specify the data reporting requirements for the virtual providers. It was decided that the districts should send a copy of their existing contracts along with a note of what they consider to be the particular points of interest to Dr. Piotrowski. These would be posted to the FAMIS website for all to review and compare.

Recommendation: add to your contract, in cases where this was done, did not receive was not correct, meet edits, not in required format... fiscal penalty

"we recognize and will provide all mandated DOE and federal reporting data elements in format, by the a specified date in three weeks prior date certain (i.e. the last window date) for all DOE Surveys for example, and any subsequent corrections based upon the edits and validation requirements from the receiving agencies" This includes federal security requirements (fingerprinting, security clearance, etc.); federal EEOC and OCR; and DOE student and staff mandated data reporting...

Submission deadlines for virtual data from the vendors was discussed. Specific survey data timelines should be in each contract (need data 3 weeks before date certain). Virtual vendors will also have to make data corrections within time limits.

Immunizations for Virtual students? Believe this apply to virtual students too. The "virtual school" side of DOE is saying we should not report immunization data for virtual students. Lavan is not aware of this exemption. "The statutes do not exclude virtual students as much as they would like to think." He will check with Student Services.

DOE Database Workshop

- FAMIS would like the DOE data conference to be live and in person
- FAMIS to chop and send a letter requesting a live conference in 2010
- David Smith is to complete this letter within 1 week. Time is important to make plans for Ocala in April 2010 or move forward with a combined conference in June/July 2010.
- FAMIS Board meeting members liked the idea of combining a FAMIS and DOE data conference in Orlando in June/July 2010.

FAIR

- Bill Piotrowski to write a FAIR process position paper (to avoid the same issues again)
 - Data quality validity is questionable, vendor have not done an adequate and
 - No notice, no requirements analysis, no load testing, no testing across a reasonable
- Other districts to send Bill their thoughts
- Primary goal is to send a constructive letter
- We should also send a letter commending Karl Hook for his continued support.

Adjourned 11:30 a.m.