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The **Effective Programs & Quality Outcomes Committee** met via conference call on **Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 11:00AM EST**, 10:00AM CST, 9:00AM MST, 8:00AM PST, 7:00AM AKST.

Participating in the call were: Gayle Pauley (Co-chair—WA); Margaret MacKinnon (AK); Otistene Smith (AR); Trish Boland (CO); Mildred Washington (DC); Bernell Cook (LA); Tina McKnight (MD); Jack O'Connor (MT); and Bob Harmon (NASTID CEO—WA).

AGENDA

1. Update on Distinguished Schools Interviews

Bob shared that there are 6 schools from 3 states (Colorado, Louisiana, and Michigan) scheduled for taped interviews during the Conference over three days (February 5, 6, and 7). Mike Radke (MI) and Bernell Cook (LA) will do the honors as interviewers. With some improvements (by Tina McKnight (MD)), the questions are basically the same as the prior year. Once the videotaping and minor edits are completed, the interviews will be posted on the NASTID website for access in much the same way as Title I On Demand.

2. Update on Pilot Survey of Title I Distinguished Schools

Bob updated the Committee members on the status of the Pilot Project (development and implementation of a survey of selected Title I Distinguished Schools to determine and share attributes, strategies, and instructional materials that have contributed to their success). Involving NASDSE (Bill East (Executive Director) and the SWIFT Center at Kansas University (Wayne Sailor, Director) and having now been shared by SWIFT project managers with Ruth Ryder (OSEP Director), the next step for us is to communicate directly with the US Department of Education, specifically, Ruth Ryder and Monique Chism (OSS Director) requesting a conference call to discuss the project—the process, potential outcomes, and needed funding. A draft of the email is ready-to-go and will be sent to Ruth and Monique in February after the Conference.

3. February through June Committee Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, February 24 - 2:00PM Eastern
- Tuesday, March 24 - 2:00PM Eastern
- Tuesday, April 28 - 2:00PM Eastern
- Tuesday, May 26 - 2:00PM Eastern

- Tuesday, June 23 - 2:00PM Eastern

4. Other—Distinguished Schools Timeline

In an earlier meeting, the Effective Programs & Quality Outcomes Committee recommended to the Board (and the Board subsequently approved) changes to the Distinguished Schools selection criteria. Recall that this criteria was significantly streamlined to allow states (those with ESEA waivers, those who've had them revoked, and those who've never had them) to identify and recognize successful schools without being tripped up by needless barriers. At that time, the Committee deferred to A+ Events staff to "operationalize" the process. In that light, the following timeline will be implemented (beginning with the selection cycle that recognizes Distinguished Schools at the 2016 Conference in Houston, TX):

Currently, we set naming deadlines each year based on the ability to include the school in the conference program and parade, including registration and hotel reservations. This fluctuates annually and we always make special extensions for states that run into issues.

Instead, beginning with the next selection cycle, any school named in one year is honored at the conference in the following year. Schools cannot be named in December, to allow a change over from one year to the next. States could use whatever data works for them, from whatever year is appropriate, but the school would be identified on the NASTID site as being "selected in year XXXX."

For instance, any school named by any state between January 1 and November 30 in 2015 would be honored and included in the celebrations at the 2016 Conference. Any school named between January 1 and November 30 in 2016 would be honored at the 2017 Conference, etc. Schools can be named through the year; the only thing that changes is the Conference at which they are honored.

It is anticipated that this timeline will eliminate a huge amount of the anxiety about meeting deadlines and should slow down the number of schools that are named too close to the conference to adequately participate.

The Committee agreed to the timeline as presented. The timeline changes will be reported to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 24 - 2:00PM Eastern