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GENERAL STATISTICS SUBCOMMITTEE

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AGENDA ITEM: Science and Math Indicators

ROLF BLANK, DOREEN LANGESEN FROM CCSSO

PRESENTATION SUMMARY: Rolf gave the committee copies of the latest published report (2001), a copy of the memo to be sent to the Chiefs explaining the purpose of the survey, the production schedule and the schedule of expected responses from each state. He said that an avenue for feedback on this report was available on the web. The indicators and format of the request have not changed, so no action was required

SUB-COMMITTEE COMMENTS: The committee asked if the trend data for all states could be made available. The web was mentioned as a possible way this request could be met. Also the committee asked if there were any plans to merge this data with PBDMI. The response was that PBDMI was a function of the US Department of Education and that no plans were being made to incorporate data from other sources,

SUB-COMMITTEE ACTION: Informational session only. No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM: FRSS Update

LAURIE LEWIS FROM WESTAT

PRESENTATION SUMMARY: Three surveys previously review are either in the field or are about to be: "Internet Access in Public School, Fall 2003", "Dual Credit and Exam-Based Courses" and Distance Education Courses for Public Elementary and Secondary School Students: 2002-2003". Also Laurie gave the committee the status on nine FRSS and PEQIS surveys as of October 2003. No new surveys are being prepared at this time since the current contract is about to run out.

SUB-COMMITTEE COMMENTS: The committee asked why EIAC approval was no longer mentioned in the letters to the states, schools and districts when a survey was sent out. The committee requested that the EIAC reference be returned to at least the state letter.

SUB-COMMITTEE ACTION: Informational session only. No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM: Review of CCD Changes

JOHN SIETSEMA, BETH YOUNG, LEE HOFFMAN FROM NCES

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Proposed changes to the Non-fiscal CCD for 2005-2007 OMB clearance requiring action:

1. Flag indicating a shared time school.
2. FTE teachers by racial/ethnic category and gender.
3. Response options increased to include planned schools, inactive schools and schools outside municipal boundaries.

In addition, three other changes were presented:

1. Modified definition of Vocational School
2. GED information will no longer be collected from the states.
3. Previous year data for closed schools and districts will be accepted for migrants, completers and dropouts.

The proposed changes to the fiscal CCD (NPEFS), require salaries paid to teachers to be reported by program codes for regular education, special education, vocational education and by other PK-12 programs. A cosmetic change was made to item "f" of section XII to change the wording so it will reflect the current law.

SUB-COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Please note that the changes to the CCD do not include a change to the current way of collecting racial/ethnic data.

SUB-COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend approval of proposed changes.

AGENDA ITEM: EDEN Supplemental Collection Tool

BARBARA TIMM, PETER MCCABE

PRESENTATION SUMMARY: OCR proposes to use PBDMI (EDEN) for bulk of their data requirements. Data not supplied through EDEN would be collected through the supplemental tool. OCR wants to have OMB give them the ability to craft the surveys without OMB clearance.

SUB-COMMITTEE COMMENTS: The committee would like to see and approve the data items that would be requested through this tool.

SUB-COMMITTEE ACTION: Informational session only. No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM: Key State Policy Survey and Accountability Systems Profiles

ROLF BLANK, ABBY POTTS FROM CCSSO

PRESENTATION SUMMARY: The Key State Policy is a continuing activity. Rolf gave us copies of the latest publication (2002) and told us about the collection for 2004. CCSSO will email a draft copy of the questions to subcommittee members, if desired. Surveys will be sent out in January or February. The report will be published in the fall of 2004. CCSSO is open to changes in this survey and welcomes input about new categories and the deletions of categories that are no longer important.

Rolf also presented information about the website for State Accountability Profiles. These were distilled from the accountability plan workbooks submitted by the states for NCLB. The URL for the site is <http://ccsso.doceus.com/results/index.cfm>. The site is dynamic with states being

able to update the information by password access. There will be links to state sites especially NCLB report cards.

SUB-COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Tom Ogle suggested that the Chiefs should be polled about hot topics. Topics suggested included virtual schools, scholarship and graduation requirements and types of diplomas awarded.

SUB-COMMITTEE ACTION: Informational Session only – no action taken.

AGENDA ITEM: PBDMI Guidance

BARBARA TIMM, JOHN NORRIS AND LINDA MERCHLINSKY FROM SAIC

PRESENTATION SUMMARY: Barbara Timm presented the requirements for the pilot collection for PBDMI . These included the necessity for real data, all of the directory data and the definition of a transmittal. The results from the pilot are to be presented at the February MIS Conference. Communication will be handled through “State Assigned Contacts”. Linda Merchlinsky presented a powerpoint mockup of the screens used for transmission and editing the data transmitted.

SUB-COMMITTEE COMMENTS: The committee requested that the screens be made available to the General Statistics Task Force for comments and recommendations.

SUB-COMMITTEE ACTION: Informational Session only – no action taken.

AGENDA ITEM: S&P Data Collection Template

KIM SMITH, PAUL GIZZERO, JACKIE LANE

PRESENTATION SUMMARY: Representatives from S&P gave a broad overview of the School Information Partnership (SIP) and SES 50 (School Evaluation Services). The data would be retrieved from PBDMI and other sources such as the Census Bureau and the American Institute for Research. States would be asked for additional information. The states may decline this request. The data would be made available on the web in formats that were not demonstrated today.

SUB-COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Many committee members were concerned about misuse and misinterpretation of the data, confidentiality issues and unwarranted comparisons of schools, districts and states.

SUB-COMMITTEE ACTION: Informational Session only – no action taken.