

2012 Current Fiscal Year Report: The West Regional Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Education

2. Fiscal Year

2012

3. Committee or Subcommittee

The West Regional Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

76863

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

05/06/2011

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

P.L. 107-279-20

8c. Actual Term Date

11/15/2011

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-279-20 USC 9605).

13. Effective Date

01/23/2002

14. Committee Type

Ad hoc

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.00 0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee accomplishes its purpose by participating in three meetings. At the first meeting members discussed their charge and agreed upon a data collection strategy. Before the second meeting, committee members contacted various groups of stakeholders to solicit information about technical assistance needs in the region and suggestions for addressing those needs. Members brought this information to the second meeting to discuss and begin to prioritize. Before the third meeting members continued to collect and collate data. At their third and final meeting members shared the additional data collected and began to draft a summary report of regional needs and ways to address them.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 defines the participants eligible to serve as members of these Regional Advisory Committees: (a) representatives of local educational agencies;(b)representatives of institutions of higher education;(c)parents;(d) practicing educators, including classroom teachers, principals, administrators, school board members, and other local school officials;(e)representatives of business; and (f) researchers. A Federal Register Notice dated December 6, 2010 solicited member nominations. After nominations were received, a member of the Secretary's staff proposed membership for each Advisory Committee that was representative of the above-named categories. A minor amount of attrition occurred before the first meeting was convened; new members were added that maintained the balance of committee membership.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Three meetings were held, each focused on discussing collected information and prioritizing needs.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The establishment of 10 Regional Advisory Committees (of which this is one) is mandated by the Technical Assistance Act of 2002, section 206. Their work must be completed before a discretionary grant competition for the Comprehensive Centers program can be conducted.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

This committee has fulfilled its mission. There were no meetings held in FY2012.

Designated Federal Officer

Carlos Martinez DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Allvin, Rhian	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	First Things First, Phoenix, AZ	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Beck, Gay	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Highland Elementary School, Highland, UT	Representative Member
Fitzpatrick, Rorie	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Nevada Department of Education, Carson City, NV	Representative Member
Levenson, Janet	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Oxford Elementry School, Berkley, CA	Representative Member
Lo, Henry	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Garvey School District, Monterey Park, CA	Representative Member
Maben, Camille	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	California Department of Education, Sacramento, CA	Representative Member
Peterson, Brett	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	High Tech High School, San Diego, CA	Representative Member
Shumway, Larry	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Utah State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

A strategic initiative of the Agency is improving direct and Department-funded technical assistance. The work of this and the nine other Regional Advisory Committees provides current information about technical assistance needs and how they can best be met.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

37

Number of Recommendations Comments

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Since the committee was established in mid-2011, and the reports have just been submitted, none of the recommendations was fully implemented during the life of the committee.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The Secretary received multiple recommendations from each of the 10 RACs. Implementation will begin on the five highest priority areas.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to

implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

N/A

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

N/A