

2012 Current Fiscal Year Report: The Central Regional Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Education		2012	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
The Central Regional Advisory Committee		76860	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	05/06/2011		
8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
Yes	P.L. 107-279-20	11/15/2011	
9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Terminate	No		
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-279-20 USC 9605).	01/23/2002	Ad hoc	No
15. Description of Committee Other Committee			
16a. Total Number of Reports	1		
16b. Report Date	Report Title		
11/15/2011	RAC Committee Report		
Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1			
17a. Open 0	17b. Closed 0	17c. Partially Closed 0	Other Activities 0
17d. Total 0			
Meetings and Dates			
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

Bernard Garcia Group Leader, Office of Indian Education

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Crothers, Jane	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Denver, CO - Business	Representative Member
Delgado, Vivian	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Bemidji State University, Colorado	Representative Member
Flanders, Blake	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Workforce Development, Kansas	Representative Member
Graham, Norman	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Meade School District, South Dakota	Representative Member
Hasty, Richard	05/07/2011	11/15/2011	Plattsmouth Community School District, Nebraska	Representative Member
Kulas, Cheryl	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission (retired)	Representative Member
Lamb, Carmelia	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Turtle Mountain Community College, North Dakota	Representative Member
Santistevan, Ken	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Denver Public Schools, Colorado	Representative Member
Turner, Jon	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Dallas County Schools, Montana	Representative Member
Vandeven, Margie	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Representative Member
West, Blake	05/06/2011	11/15/2011	Kansas NEA	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

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

Trust in government

Major policy changes

- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

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

70

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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