

EAC FISCAL MODEL WORK GROUP MINUTES

May 15, 2019

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Conference Call-in: 1-877-336-1828, Access code 8478084 (listen only)

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Welcome Remarks

WG Chair Yoshioka opened the meeting at 4:09 p.m. and made opening remarks.

1.2 Roll Call

Cheryl took roll: Present: Matt Yoshioka, Bill Graupp, Don Grotting (4:19 p.m.), Laura Scruggs, Nick Viles, Rick Crager; staff present Cheryl Myers, Hilda Rosselli

1.3 Agenda Review/Today's Meeting Outcome

WG Chair Yoshioka reviewed the agenda/meeting goal; no changes were requested.

2.0 Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3.0 Capacity Grant Funding Discussion

WG Chair Yoshioka overviewed the Capacity Grant Draft of Ideas and opened the floor for group discussion.

Agenda Draft of Ideas for Capacity Grant Discussion

1. REN Capacity Grants

WG Chair Yoshioka provided an overview.

- When would RENs receive CG? Rick responded: 75% first year if October 1st for FF. Maybe if awarded sooner say August, release capacity grant earlier?
- In addition, even with the minimum floor adjustment, larger RENs also receive significantly more \$; they could decide with their coordinating body/SDs to add additional FTE. Concluded flat amount for each region was best approach.
- Group discussed pros of the prorated approach, RENs knowing dollar certain, recognizing all RENs will have set-up time and distributing CG early is optimum, fund at least one FTE per region
- Crager: for clarity to RENS, important to clarify it's a 1st/2nd year bump and revert to \$300k/biennium. Set expectation of \$300k, even though EAC could adjust and/or there could be more resources available.

2. EAC Capacity Grant Concerns

- a. Current level is not a sufficient amount
- b. Do we need a set "floor" and formula moving forward or is every REN funded at the same level?

- c. Geographic distances and size of regions vs. total number of districts/people in a region conversation.
- d. Funding level needs to go beyond an FTE. Subs, travel, supplies, etc., especially in year one and two.

3. Other Capacity Grant Model Examples - Rick Crager

4. Prorated Funding Levels Roll Out Ideas:

- a. Year one \$150K + \$100K
- b. Year two \$150K + \$50K
- c. Year three \$150K

5. Other Topics:

- a. What are the rules or process for district to “draw” down funds from REN?
- b. Is this a question for the Fiscal WG? Is this a better question for the REN to decide, or the rule-making ad hoc group?

The WG demurred these questions to the Ad Hoc RFP group. The WG has previously conceived funds would be disbursed via a reimbursement model; could funds release be tied to the approved plans? Hilda mentioned SDs will incur costs to write their initial plans. (Ad Hoc RFP group is addressing plan due dates, whether there's a section for each SD, etc.?)

Don Grotting left the call at 4:30 p.m. Group consensus to recommend the Capacity Grant as noted above; bump for only for the first two years; clearly set expectation the grant will remain at the base level for the 3rd year and beyond, but EAC will revisit before the next biennium.

WG Chair Yoshioka adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.