

## **Nonpublic Work Group Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting started at 10:30am**

**May 15, 2018**

**Those present:** Jamie Driver, Nicolette Gibson, Katie Heet, Sister Elizabeth Youngs, Parisa Stoddard, Julia Cowell, and Theresa Villmer

**Those invited but not in attendance:** Alan Freeman, Linda Harrelson, Dawn Berhorst, Sandra Cantwell, and Betty McKinzie

### **Introductions**

Theresa Villmer, Ombudsman, welcomed everyone.

### **As Ombudsman, Theresa shared the activities that have occurred recently out of the office of Federal Programs:**

- \* Participated in a USDOE Quarterly Progress Monitoring Call: March 28, 2018 on Equitable Services
- \* Participated with DESE staff and IT developers in updating the Nonpublic Registration and Public School Verification system
- \* Sought guidance from USDOE and other states on the ESSA changes around transferability and carryover
- \* Sought guidance from USDOE and other states on consultation
- \* Sought process and cost of developing promotional video on consultation
- \* Fielded calls from LEAs and NP on general questions

### **Discussion topics touched on by the group:**

- \* Nonpublic School Accrediting Associations
- \* Teacher Certification
- \* Blaine Amendment
- \* Reimbursement procedures for professional development
- \* NESI
- \* Main session at the Federal Programs Conference on Consultation

### **Suggestions that came out of the meeting:**

- \* See if a representative from DESE Teacher Certification could attend a future meeting to field questions on teacher certification

### **Attached or linked to these minutes are the following documents that were discussed during the meeting and being provided now for either distribution and/or general knowledge:**

- \* Non-Regulatory Guidance: Fiscal Changes and Equitable Services Requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)  
<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/essaguidance160477.pdf>
- \* Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Nonpublic Schools/Federal Programs  
<https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/ffm-NP-FAQ.pdf>
- \* Federal Programs Conference  
<https://dese.mo.gov/quality-schools/federal-programs/federal-programs-conference>

### **Future Meetings are as follows:**

September 12<sup>th</sup> 10am to 12:30pm - @ Catholic Pastoral Center in JC

November 14<sup>th</sup> 10am to 12:30pm - @ Jefferson State Office Building in JC