

CREC Coordinating Council

August 21, 2024 1:00 PM

Voting Members Present (Zoom)

Dr. Cindy Sims (Chair)
Mr. Jeremy Abshire (Vice Chair)
Dr. Pete Vallejo
Mr. Jimmy Moya
Dr. Glenn Haven
Mr. David Lackey
Mr. Lyndsey Padilla
Ms. Merlinda Trujillo
Dr. Manuel Medrano

Representing

Estancia Municipal Schools
UNMH, CPC – Mimbres Schools
Mountainair Public Schools
CYFD, JJS
Magdalena Municipal Schools
Quemado Independent Schools
Vaughn Municipal Schools
DOH, Sequoyah Adolescent Treatment Center
Jemez Valley Public Schools

Non-Voting Members Present

Ms. Maria Jaramillo

Representing

CREC, Executive Director

Voting Members Not Present

Ms. Petra Solimon (non-voting)
Mr. Robert Madrid

Representing

Laguna Dept of Education
NMCD

I. CALL TO ORDER

The council was called to order by Dr. Cindy Sims at 1:05 pm.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A Determination of Quorum was made by Dr. Cindy Sims at 1:05 pm.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At 1:06 PM, Dr. Cindy Sims entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. David Lackey made the motion and Ms. Merlinda Trujillo gave the second. The Council unanimously approved the agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At 1:07 PM, Dr. Cindy Sims entertained a motion to approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes (6/25/24). Mr. Jimmy Moya made the motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Lyndsey Padilla gave the second. The Council unanimously approved the minutes.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. CREC Updates

Ms. Maria Jaramillo reported that the CREC will absorb employees' 10% increase in insurance costs for 2 payrolls due to oversight by staff. This is estimated to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. CREC has hired a new HR Generalist, Jackie Brown started on August 19th. We will now focus on hiring for the Business Specialist position (being filled by temp for the past 4 months). Craig Turpin SBMH Coordinator will retire this fall, however CREC has hired his replacement. Velinda Pearson will start on September 16th and work with Mr. Turpin for an effective transition. The REC Directors met with Deputy Secretary Cage and her staff this week. They presented information regarding the hard to fill special education teachers positions in NM. During the last legislative session, \$15m over 3 years was appropriated to provide incentives for new special education teachers in districts (phase I). Special education teacher retention incentives and potential retention incentives for related service providers were described as phase II and phase III, respectively. Superintendents had reported that some special education teachers are resigning from their current positions and transferring to a neighboring district so that they can be eligible for the award. The Office of Special Education (OSE) has requested that the RECs participate in fiscally managing the payments to individuals based on application process. Ms. Jaramillo reported that CREC will not be participating in this initiative due to the potential issues and because her staff has current work with ECECD. In addition, Ms. Jaramillo has declined the ECLIPSE IGA with OSE due to the significant delay in processing the contract. Those CREC employees that were assigned to ECLIPSE have been transferred to the Early Childhood Instructional Coaching initiative. Lastly, Ms. Jaramillo has requested a meeting with OSE to discuss State Level Activities Q and R; \$130,000 support for our member state supported educational programs. This IGA has not been created nor routed. Ms. Jaramillo has communicated with the state supported educational program administrators about the use of their carryover federal funds to replace the shortfall.

VI. Program Coordinators Report

A. State Level Activities (SLA)

Ms. Jaramillo presented updates. Please see the attached report.

B. Early Childhood Instructional Coaches (ECICS)

Ms. Maria Jaramillo reported on the ECICS (Early Childhood Instructional Coaches). Ms. Jaramillo reported that Terri Tapia, the lead ECIC coordinator, has retired. The remaining coordinators decided to change to a shared coordination model – 4 supervising coordinators and a 1 data analyst coordinator (new position). Currently, the program is fully staffed with 37 instructional coaches. ECLIPSE coaches joined the early childhood program as CREC canceled ECLIPSE IGA.

C. School-Based Mental Health Grant

Please see the attached report.

D. Structured Literacy

Ms. Maria Jaramillo reported on the highlights of the Structured Literacy Initiative. Please see the attached report.

E. Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Ms. Maria Jaramillo reported on the changes in the UDL initiative. Please see the attached report.

F. Other Programs

Please see the attached report for other programs.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Monthly Reports (Emailed to Council on August 16th)

VIII. Current Business

- a. **Job Description – Salary Schedule** – Dr. Cindy Sims called for a motion to approve the Salary Schedule for the Data Analyst Coordinator. Ms. Merlinda Trujillo made the motion and Dr. Glenn Haven seconded the motion. Motion passed at 1:44 PM – **Attached**

- b. **Warrants** – Ms. Marianne Kroth sent the Council Reports including the warrants and vouchers on August 16th - Dr. Cindy Sims entertained a motion to approve the Warrants and Vouchers emailed to the Council. Ms. Merlinda Trujillo made the motion and Mr. Jimmy Moya seconded. Motion passed at 1:45 PM – **Attached**
- c. **BARS** – No BARS were presented during today's meeting. However, the following will be emailed to the Council within the next week for approval.

District Testing Coordinator for Sequoyah and Mimbres – initial budget

McKinney Vento – rollover increase

FOCUS - rollover increase

ECLIPSE – decrease due to cancellation of IGA

Title I N&D – carryover reconciliation for 3 state-supported for SY21-22, SY 22-23

IX. NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Jaramillo reported that the next Council meeting will be held on November 13th after the Central Region Superintendents' Luncheon Meeting. Guests will include LESC Director, Dr. Gwen Perea-Warniment, LFC Analyst, Mr. Sunny Liu, Mr. Stan Rounds (NMCEL and NMSSA), Ms. Bonnie Lightfoot (NMCEL and NMRECA), and Mr. Martin Madrid (NMSSA).


X. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Cindy Sims entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. David Lackey made the motion and Mr. Lyndsey Padilla seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 PM.

APPROVED BY:



Maria Jaramillo
Executive Director



Cindy Sims
Council Chairman