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Notes from LEA Telephone Conference Call

Date: May 21, 2009, Time: 10:00 a.m.

MSDE Participants: Dr. Mary Cross, Ms. Kristi Peters, Ms. Tierra Lisbon

LEA Participants: Mr. Michael Klapp, Ms. KeShawn Golson, Ms. Dawn Vangrin

I. Update on the Current Provider Approval Process

- a. There were 41 proposals submitted for review this Spring.
- b. The process is in the final review stage for those Offerors that have been asked clarifying questions.
- c. The date for announcing the 2009-2010 School Year approved list will likely be in July, 2009.

II. The Advertising Review

The advertising review process will likely be staggered with current providers' reviews beginning prior to the reviews for new and successful re-applying Providers named this summer. Providers need to be aware that if they think they may participate in a summer program during 2010, they should submit any advertising materials for review this summer.

III. SES External Evaluation Update

Kristi Peters and Mary Cross discussed the external evaluation. Evaluators are conducting surveys now. LEAs were encouraged again to complete their district questionnaires, and get as many school-based staff and parent questionnaires completed, also. Kristi Peters briefly described the process for handling questionnaires and MSDE asked for any LEA questions or discussion about the process. There were none.

IV. Web-Based Data Collection System Update

Kristi Peters discussed the current status of deploying the new Web-Based Data Collection System. LEAs were told that they, as well as Providers, will be able to name up to two people who will be given user IDs and Passwords to access and use the system.

V. ARRA Funding

It was noted that MSDE is waiting for more specific guidance about how SES will be implemented under the new ARRA funding, including guidance for waiver requests. LEAs will be informed of application procedures in the near future.

VI. Next LEA Meeting for SES

There was a brief discussion of how and when we should have the next LEA meeting. We will look into a conference call or webinar, as well as a face-to-face meeting, as suggested. LEAs were asked to submit any topics they would like discussed to Mary Cross.

VII. Summer Program Schedules

LEAs were asked to submit their summer SES schedules if they are operating a summer program so MSDE can set up site visits.

VIII. LEA Discussion Requests

Mary Cross asked LEAs if there were any other topics about which they wanted assistance or wanted to discuss. None were raised.