

Discussion of the 7th Year Follow-up Report Submitted by El Dorado County Office of Education May 2023

Overview

This item provides information on the 7th Year Follow-up Report for El Dorado County Office of Education.

Recommendation

That the COA accept the 7th Year report from El Dorado County Office of Education.

Background

On June 29, 2022, The Committee on Accreditation, on behalf of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, assigned the status of **Accreditation** to El Dorado County Office of Education and its teacher induction program. An accreditation site visit was held at El Dorado County Office of Education from May 16-18, 2022; the [report](#) of that visit was presented to the Committee on Accreditation at its June 2022 meeting. The COA required a 7th Year report from the institution indicating progress in addressing the concerns of the site visit team related to Program Standard 4: Qualifications, Selection, and Training of Mentors. The following information contains the 2022 finding and the 2023 response from El Dorado County Office of Education.

Program Standard 4: Qualifications, Selection, and Training of Mentors

2022 Accreditation Team Finding: Met with Concerns

Rationale

Reviewers found inconsistent evidence of the following element of Program Standard 4: *Guidance and clear expectations for the mentoring experience provided by the program must include: periodically reviewing the ILP with candidates and making adjustments as needed.* Standard language directs the program to ensure that the mentor has the ability to periodically review the ILP with candidates. The program structure does not currently provide access for mentors to view candidates' ILPs. The completion guide does not direct mentors to periodically review the ILP with the candidate as required by the standard. In order to view the ILP, the mentor must request that the candidate share the ILP with them. While reviewers heard in interviews that many candidates do share their ILP with their mentors, reviewers are unclear about how a mentor who does not request access to the ILP can periodically review the document with their candidate. During mentor interviews, several mentors expressed that having access to the ILP would be helpful in their work.

2023 Institutional Response

After the visit, program leadership met with the El Dorado County Teacher Induction Program team to review the concerns the site visit team had regarding Program Standard 4 and

determined how to best address these concerns. The table below shows evidence of program modifications in those areas.

Concerns from the site visit team regarding Program Standard 4	Institutional Response
<p>The mentor has the ability to periodically review the ILP with candidates. The program structure does not currently provide access for mentors to view candidates' ILPs.</p>	<p>The program added the ability for mentors to access the candidate's ILP directly from the mentor's eCourse. The link below shows an image of a mentor's eCourse. Mentors see a list of their candidate's name(s), the year of induction, a live link to view the current ILP, and the current number of meeting hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor eCourse – ILP Access
<p>The completion guide does not direct mentors to periodically review the ILP with the candidate as required by the standard.</p>	<p>Discussion Topics were added to the Completion Guide to prompt the mentor and candidate to periodically review the ILP.</p> <p>2022-23 Completion Guides:</p> <p>General Education Completion Guide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 (pages 17, 19, 21) • Year 2 (pages 38, 40, 42) <p>Education Specialist Completion Guide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 (pages 19, 21, 23) • Year 2 (pages 40, 42, 44)
<p>During mentor interviews, several mentors expressed that having access to the ILP would be helpful in their work.</p>	<p>The program added a question in the Mid-Year Survey asking mentors to indicate how strongly they agree to the following statement: <i>Having direct access to my Candidate's ILP has supported my work as an EDCOE TIP Mentor.</i></p> <p>Below is a link to the specific question and data/summary of the responses. Two training sessions were held.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor Mid-Year Training Survey • Executive Order Mentor Mid-Year Training Survey