

2019 SYNERGY



October 8-9, 2019
Embassy Suites San Marcos



DAY 1

8:45 to 9:00	Introductions and Welcome	<i>TCASE & TASBO Leaders</i>
9:00 to 10:00	Outcomes of 86th Texas Legislative Session School funding formulas have changed. Legislature actions are still unfolding, join this session to hear the latest on implementation of current legislative changes, strategic plan, and pending legislation.	Janét Spurgin, Research & Policy Associate, TASBO Kristin McGuire, Director of Governmental Relations, TCASE
10:10 to 11:10	MOE & Me The complexities of special education funding and finance. While most are cognizant of the hurdle known as Maintenance of Effort (MOE), fewer are up to date on changes required by ESSA and/or the Mega Consolidation of Grant Funding. In this session, participants will explore and leave with resources and processes for addressing these constraints. Participants will gain an overall understanding of MOE, including the Eligibility Standard, Compliance Standard, Subsequent Years Rule, Alternate Years Method, and Allowable Exceptions and Adjustments.	John Bullion, M. Ed., LPC-S, Special Education Services, Region 12 ESC Lisa McKinnon, Director of Business Services, Region 12 ESC
11:20-12:20	EDGAR Guidance for school districts using federal funds. Procurement standards outlined in the 2 CFR Sections 200.317 to .326. Topics include thresholds, contracted services, multi-year contracts, compliance, cost analysis, and more.	Becky Estrada, RTSBA, Chief Financial Officer, Lackland ISD
12:20 to 1:20	Lunch	
1:20 to 2:20	PEIMS, Finance, and Special Ed Directors How do you make sure data is correct and overlay is cohesive? Technical, coding, coordinating and collaboration with PEIMS, making sure data is correct, and maximizing your funding	Denise McCrummen, Ph.D., Special Education Coordinator, Carroll ISD

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2:30 to 3:30

Grant / Audits

What are the findings in audits? What am I going to be audited on? How to comply with federal procurement requirements? Review what typically trigger an audit. You may not always be able to avoid one of these processes, but you can be prepared to respond

Roger Hingorani, Senior Director, Federal Fiscal Monitoring Division, TEA

3:40 to 4:40

Coding and Allowable Costs

Finance coding and allowable costs drive Special Education funding. Ensuring proper coding is key to delivering much needed services. Review common misconceptions and pitfalls like 61 and 62, travel expenses, what goes in that 64, and 1099's with 62.

Grant funding supplements programming, but allowable vs unallowable costs determine continued funding. Review Federal and EDGAR requirements (the difference between the two), evaluation capacity grant, FASRG connection, and coding to function 13.

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DAY 2

8:55 to 9:00 **Introductions and Welcome** *TCASE & TASBO Leaders*

9:00 to 10:30 **Staffing with Synergy**

As Special Education, Finance, and Human Resource departments interact, it's important to be able to communicate and work together to effectively staff at all levels. How does special ed explain staffing needs where it's understandable and manageable?

What does each department need to make staffing decisions? Interactive session will include timelines, best practices, communication, and trust building practices.

Ed Ramos, RTSBA, Chief Operating Officer, Pflugerville ISD

Willie Watson, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, Chief Human Resources Officer, Pflugerville ISD

Cara Schwartz, Executive Director of Special Programs, Pflugerville ISD

BREAK **Check out of your Hotel Room**

10:50-11:50 **Budgeting**

Let's go through a budget compliance checklist and focus on legal requirements including the budgeting and the consolidated application

Cindy Moses, Director of Special Education, Region 9 ESC

12:00-12:30 **Mental Health -Legal Session**

This session will focus on the new mental health laws and incorporating a multi prong approach to safety.

- Legal changes in mental health
- For finance people= there are a lot of grant programs and new funding for this to start tapping into
 - State is putting funds there; start writing!
- Brief intro into the law about new changes

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