



San Joaquin County SELPA

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 15, 2023

Minutes

PRESENT: Steve Payne, Brandie Brunni, Jennifer Pool, Alyssa Wooten, Monica Vallerga, NellLaine Kilgore, Jody Burriss, Staci Johnson, Travis Manley, Deanie Coleman, Wendy Frink, Silvia de Alba, Susan Scott, Frank Souza Justin Albano, Jamie Hughes, Lisa Mazza, Thomas Crocker, Thor Harrison (Proxy), Silvia de Alba, Nelarie Romo, Lisa Mazza,

OTHERS PRESENT: Cara Rodoni

ABSENT: Sean Brown, Travis Manley,

I. CALL TO ORDER: Brandie Brunni called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

III. COMMENTS: There were no comments from the audience.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. CARES - VCSS/Susan

Victor Community Support Services presented to the group on 22-23 school year results. The purpose of CARES was shared along with Victor team member roles and contact information. They reviewed the engagement/assessment process as well as the CARES process, what to expect from the program, and program goals and outcomes. CARES success stories were told to show the impact the program has had on students and families.

2. Larry P. Update - Cara

Cara shared updates regarding Larry P. The FFF Conference did not address it directly, but received many questions. Their recommendation is that no changes be made at this time due to CDE not renouncing prior policies and lack of general clarity. There is still existing case law, and this is a gray area at this time. If a test case moves forward we will have more information. As a SELPA we are not making a motion to move

forward with the recommendations made by CASP. That is the general consensus, no one will move forward from our SELPA at this time.

3. Finance Report - Brandie

Brandie reviewed the finance report, including tax delays and that taxes are due today November 15th unless the date is pushed further out.

This is delaying dollars coming into the state. It is looking like COLA may be drastically reduced. Anticipating the 2% range as we move forward

Brandie reviewed information on state mental health dollars. State looking to make changes. Federal dollars and GANS won't arrive until after January.

Brandie shared updates from the SJC SELPA Governing Council meeting held Monday; both action items were approved. Utilization model will be done as an average of the three data points and county regionalized programs will have the authority to create three additional mid-year growth classes without additional approval, if needed.

4. CAA/ELPAC Assessment Forms - Sean/NellLaine

NellLaine had questions regarding CAA and the 1% regarding whether county programs are reporting their own data, or if they should report county programs data. County programs are reporting their own data.

5. K/1 Eligibility Assessments - Jamie

Discussions were held about when these assessments need to take place and what the current practices of other LEA's and county programs are.

6. County Programs Update - Monica

Monica shared folders with districts that contained the current class size chart, and district referral YOY data. For the 23/24 school year we have 164 referrals to date, in the 22/23 school year we had 272 referrals at this time.

Discussion was held about the 5 approved mid-year growth classes. Monica provided potential back to district lists for planning purposes only. Monica also shared timelines and procedures that will be used to correctly size classes for the upcoming school year. Monica will share back to district lists electronically as well.

Monica shared a link to the google form for input by districts that is due by December 1. This is projected enrollment data for next year. Monica will use this data to share out at the December meeting.

Monica asked everyone to look at the referral procedures before we address this at the next local plan meeting.

7. LI Update – Justin

- Total available budget to spend 2023-2024 School Year: \$1,456,633.80 (Inclusive of leftover budget from last school year).
- Current number of LI requests approved for 2023-2024 school year: 19
- Pending Requests: 2
- The LI Committee will meet this week to discuss revision of Low Incidence Procedures in relation to Services and purchasing of Specialized Equipment and/or materials.

8. CAC Update - Justin

Justin believes it will be valuable to extend CAC by a half hour as very good discussions are happening and extra time would be well used.

- Last CAC training/meeting continued with a presentation on the Basics of the IEP Process.
- Subcommittee provided updates to be considered regarding the Parent Resource guide.
- Currently have four parents as voting members with one parent voted in as the new Chairperson (Terri Brown, parent representative from MUSD).
- Various voting membership positions are still available, including parents and educational representatives.

9. ADR Update - Susan

- 11 intake referral between Oct - Nov 14th, 2023
- Number of referrals appears to have increased for the same time period as last year.
- Creating a tracking system to include information from phone calls.
- Modify form to include question if district has been contacted?

10. CALPADs Update – Susan/Staci

- In an effort to reduce the data reporting burden on local educational agencies (LEAs) for Fall 1
 - Disable certification data discrepancies related to the Special Education Services (SERV) file.
 - Convert Snapshot Reports 16.15 – Students Services Count and 16.16 – Students with Disabilities – Student Services List to supporting reports for Fall 1 rather than reports required for certification.

CDE will be working with SELPA representatives over the next several months to discuss whether the service-related reports will be required to be certified as part of the End-of-Year 4 submission

11. Bridge ESN/MM - Staci

Staci shared exciting news that our bridge training will be utilized by other SELPAs.

12. Vocational Skills Lab - Frank

Frank shared about the new Vocational Skills Lab and how it will compare to WorkAbility.

Vocational Skills Lab:

- Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)
- High School Students
- Certificate of Completion Track
- 16 Years Old with Work Permit
- Career Awareness/Work Exploration
- Assessment/Curriculum
- Controlled Work Environment
- Students are paid

WorkAbility I:

- CA Department of Education (CDE)
- Young Adult Students
- Community Based Instruction
- 18-22 Years Old
- Work Experience
- On the Job Experience
- Work Sites Throughout the Community
- Students are paid

13. WorkAbility Update – Frank

- 124 Young Adults Referred to WorkAbility I
- 41 Young Adults Currently Working in the Community
- 52 High School Students Referred to VSL/WorkAbility I
- 23 High School Students Working at the VSL or in the Community

14. SEIS Update – Susan/Staci

- The Signature module has been updated for the Current IEP and Amendments!
- New alert for Unsigned IEPs and Amendments when a student is exited or transferred

- CALPADS Error – PLAN0590F1/PLAN0591F1 Any student that was 5 years old and in TK or Kindergarten as of Census Day 10/4/2023, must have a school age Program Setting and Percent in gen ed selected and submitted to CALPADS
- Per CALPADS, for the 23-24 school year, the Degree of Support selection will not be included in the Plan File. The field is still editable on the Student Record; however the field selection will be excluded from the file.
- When a student transfers into the district/LEA, their active Plan must be adopted. If the student transfers in from a non SEIS district, the IEP cannot be adopted through the standard process. The district/LEA must complete the 'Initial CALPADS Affirm' process to document the student's current Plan in SEIS, which will create the IEP transaction that must be submitted to CALPADS

15. SELPA Workshops and Trainings - Program Specialists

The Program Specialists shared information on upcoming workshops and trainings, including SEIS office hours that they will continue to hold. Shared link to upcoming trainings and the digital notebook. LSH will be in person for winter .

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

Minutes: On a motion from second by the SJC SELPA Council of Directors approved the minutes from the October 18, 2023, meeting as presented.

AYES: All
 NOES: NONE
 ABSTAIN: NONE

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The next COD meeting will be held on December 13, 2023, 8:45 a.m. WEC Building, Greenwood 3.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm.