



# San Joaquin County SELPA

## COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 26, 2023

Minutes

PRESENT: Steve Payne, Deanie Coleman, Wendy Frink, Brandie Brunni, Jennifer Pool, John Saylor, Alyssa Wooten, Monica Vallergera, Nelarie Romo, Susan Scott, Lisa Mazza, Austin Noguera, Justin Albano, Jamie Hughes, Nellaine Kilgore, Thomas Crocker, Jody Burriss, Sean Brown, Devon Homme (VMRC)

ABSENT: Frank Souza, Staci Johnson

I. CALL TO ORDER: Brandie Brunni called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

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

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Finance Report – Brandie

Brandie reviewed the Federal ERMS dollars and how the language will be updated in the May revised to show that dollars will route to the LEAs not through SELPA.

Economic Update - February Finance Bulletin

- U.S. headline inflation slowed for the seventh consecutive month to 6.4% year-over-year in January 2023, down from 0.1% from December and from the peak of 9.1% June 2022. Core inflation (which excludes food and energy) decelerated to 5.6% down 0.1% from December.
- Food inflation slowed slightly from 10.4% to 10.1% but remained elevated, while energy inflation increased from 7.3% to 8.7% year-over-year due to the increase in gas prices. Shelter (measures rent) rose from 7.5% to 7.9%, but has a six month lag so does not reflect recent declines in rent.

U.S. and California Labor Market Conditions(Important for hiring and bargaining)

- U.S. unemployment rate decreased .1% to 3.4% in January 2023, the lowest level since 1969

- The labor force increased by 866,000, a 0.1% increase to 62.4% in January which is 0.9% below the February 2020 rate of 63.4%
- 517,000 nonfarm jobs were added in January 2023, with 10/11 sectors gaining jobs, while information lost 5,000 jobs. This was the largest job gain since July 2022
- California unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.1% in December 2022.
  - There were 293,300 (1.6%) fewer employed and 313,600 (1.6%) fewer persons in the labor force in December 2022 than the February 2020 rate.
  - 16,200 nonfarm jobs were added in December with 9/11 sectors gaining jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities lost 11,100 jobs, and information lost 6,100 jobs in December.

California Building Activity & Real Estate (Important because of Property Taxes)

- Statewide median price of existing homes decreased to \$774,580 in December, down 0.4% from November and 2.8% from December 2021.
- Sales of existing single-family homes increased to 240,330 units in December 2022 up 1.1% from November and down 44.1% from December 2021

Monthly Cash Report - (Important because of any need for Deferrals)

- General Fund agency cash receipts for the first seven months of the 2022-2023 fiscal year were \$3.322B below the 2023-24 Governor's Budget forecast of \$105.011B. This is due to a \$2.002B shortfall in January cash receipts, \$1.327 shortfall in December cash receipts, and minor revisions to receipts in prior months.
- The Governor's Budget monthly cashflow reflects the expected impact of delayed payment and filing deadlines for Californians in 41 counties to May 15 due to recent winter storms and flooding. This impacted 2022 fourth quarter personal income tax estimated payments that were initially due in January, adding significant uncertainty to interpreting January estimated payments cash results. Deadlines for various March and April payments for personal income tax and corporation tax were also shifted to May 15.
- Personal income tax for the first seven months of the fiscal year were \$3.437B below the forecast of \$65,265B.
- December and January withholding receipts were \$1.311B below forecast cumulatively. It is unknown to what extent taxpayer behavior differed from the Governor's Budget due to the delayed payment deadline. Sales and use tax cash receipts for November were \$1.2B above the forecast and \$210M above the 14.04B forecast for the first five months of the fiscal year.
- Corporation tax receipts for the first seven months of the fiscal year were \$204M above the forecast of \$16.910B. Corporation tax receipts for January were \$1.073B above forecast year-to-day, including a \$545M shortfall in January.
- Sales and use tax cash receipts for the first seven months of the fiscal year were \$128M below the forecast of \$18.934M.

2. Reserve Distribution - Austin

Austin reviewed reserve distribution and the disbursement model and requirements for districts. Reserves with a total of 8 million to be distributed to districts to start new special education programs, amount not to exceed each district's allotment. The process and what proof is required for disbursement was reviewed, and Austin asked that they speak to their appropriate finance people at the district level.

3. Intra-SELPA Placement Form - Brandie

Brandie reviewed the first draft of Intra-SELPA placement forms for input and edits. How placement would work within the SELPA was discussed.

4. Local Plan Update - Brandie

- Editing page by page with committee completed
- Will review final edits at next meeting
- May 5th draft plan will be sent to CAC
- By May 26th plan must be posted at each district site
- June 5th Governing Council Public Hearing and Action

5. VMRC Connection - Devon (9:30 am)

Introductions to Devon from VMRC. Devon wanted to meet everyone and discuss her new position with VMRC as IDEA Specialist. All regional centers now have an IDEA Specialist, which is a long term position, not grant based. Responsibility in her role to work with LEAs and SELPA, continue to collaborate. Professional development for staff, families and members upcoming.

6. County Programs Update - Monica

- 22/23 Referrals to date: 460
  - 21/22 Referrals to date: 516
  - Referrals during the month of February: 32
- 2023-2024 Location Planning
- Notify Monica of site moves - Will view planned location & classroom
  - If notified in a timely manner, SJCOE will:
    - Supply boxes/tap/packing supplies
    - Pack classroom to be ready by the end of the last day of school
    - Move furniture & supplies from one classroom to another during ESY
  - Needs in order to move:
    - School location of destination
    - Classroom numbers

Staffing Update

- Instructional Assistant vacancies: 40
- Teacher vacancies: 3

ESY Planning Update

- Dates: 6/6-7/3, 8:30-12:30

7. Master Contract - Brandie/Justin

Changes to the Master Contract were reviewed by Justin, including the addition of the Juneteenth holiday. This will be finalized and sent out to the districts sometime in the next month.

8. LI Update – Justin

- Current budget leftover for 2022-2023 School Year: \$1,825,101.77.
- Current number of LI requests approved for 2022-2023 school year: 77
- Pending Requests: 5
- 82 total requests
- All requests have been processed for the 2022-2023 school year.
- All submitted requests ongoing will still be voted on, but will not be processed until July 1, 2023.

9. CALPADs Update – Susan/Staci

- EOY data are used to calculate accountability indicators on the CA School Dashboard and Special Education reporting, Reclassification Rates, Perkins, and Title I TAS services provided to students etc.
- The EOY submission window opens on May 8, 2023. By July 28, 2023, at a minimum LEAs must approve the accuracy of their data. By August 25, 2023 LEAs and SELPAs must approve the EOY data to meet the deadline.
- Due to the Governor’s proposed Trailer Bill, there will be no extensions to the August 25, 2023 EOY deadline. It is important that LEAs plan accordingly

10. CPI to ProACT - Susan

- Current plan - continue CPI nonviolent crisis prevention - 2 day in person training for at least 2 years
- Continue with ProACT - 3 hour online + 2 days in person

11. CARES Update – Susan

- 9 active cases
- 7 referrals in process
  - 2 pending referrals
- VCSS considering adding to their team - is there a need?
- Note parents and advocates should be fully informed as to what services are and are not.
  - Providers in home, communicate with both school and family.
  - FCT and team are not licensed clinicians.

12. WorkAbility Update – Frank

Frank gave everyone an update on the success of the Workability Farmers Market. There was a great turn out and support for students. There are currently 109 kids employed through workability, which exceeds the grant goal of 94 students. Students last day to work is May 19th for this year. Frank shared a reminder that students are paid monthly.

13. SEIS Update – Susan/Staci

- Amendment Error Check - the Program Setting field (14.31a, b, c) will be validated against the Amendment date to ensure that the correct field and selection is made to prevent the SPED0591 error.
- Service Tracker - when a delivery is added and the Attendance Code 'Provider Absent' is selected, the minutes entered will not go towards the total delivered minutes; don't use is substitute, only be used if the student did not receive the service due to the provider being absent.

14. Workshops/Trainings – Program Specialist

Program specialists shared the training that has taken place since our last COD meeting, and the turn out for each training session. Upcoming training dates for May were shared.

15. 2023 - 2024 Staff Development Survey - Justin

- Send out the surveys you have reviewed to your staff members (i.e. teachers, school psychologists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Principals, etc.).
- Contact Justin for technical assistance (i.e. link for survey, etc.)
- Complete by May 14 so that results can be reviewed at the next COD meeting.

16. CAC Update – Justin

- Attended and provided information at Family Cafe held at TCSJ on 4/22/23.
- Currently have three parents as voting members.
- Various voting membership positions are still available, including parents and educational representatives.
- Next CAC meeting will be held on May 11, 2023. Training topic will be going over how to provide support with challenging behaviors.

17. ADR Update – Justin

- Friendly reminder: ADR grant must be encumbered no later than June 30, 2023 and expended by September 30, 2023.
- Tiered model approach
  - Tier 1
  - Tier 2 coaching from SELPA
  - Tier 3 - SELPA led and possible mediation

18. DCC Dyslexia Forums - Thomas/Brandie

Thomas shared that the diagnostic center holds a lot of training sessions in Fresno, and wanted to know if there is joint interest in bringing them here for a training session.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

Minutes: On a motion from Jamie Hughes second by Nellaine Kilgore the SJC SELPA Council of Directors approved the minutes from the March 22, 2023, meeting as presented.

AYES: All  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

Calendar: On a motion from Steve Payne second by John Saylor the SJC SELPA Council of Directors is requested to approve the meeting calendar for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

AYES: All  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The next COD meeting will be held on May 17, 2023, 8:45 a.m. WEC Building, Greenwood 3.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 pm.