



# San Joaquin County SELPA

## COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 18, 2023

Minutes

PRESENT: Frank Souza, Steve Payne, Deanie Coleman, Wendy Frink, Brandie Brunni, Jennifer Pool, Jody Burriss, John Saylor, Alyssa Wooten, Sylvia De Alba, Monica Vallerga, Nelarie Romo, Susan Scott, Lisa Mazza, Sean Brown, NelLaine Kilgore, Thomas Crocker, Austin Noguera (by phone)

ABSENT: Justin Albano, Staci Johnson, Jamie Hughes

I. CALL TO ORDER: Brandie Brunni called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: LCAP/Differentiated Assistance - Deanie

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

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Finance Report – Brandie

Brandie reviewed the key points of the Governor's proposal. Things will continue to evolve and change in regards to how SELPAs and districts are managed, including what the county roll will be across the region. The state's special education system remains administratively complex and would benefit from continued programmatic reforms. Three main areas were addressed.

- Limiting the amount of additional funding that Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPAs) are allowed to retain for non-direct student services before allocating special education base funding to their member local educational agencies.
- Stabilizing current SELPA membership by extending the moratorium on the creation of new single-district SELPAs by two years from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2026.
- Increasing fiscal transparency by requiring the California Department of Education to post each SELPAs annual local plan, including their governance, budget, and service plans, on its website.

Coalition for Adequate Funding of Special Education (CAFSE) meeting was canceled because the proposal is unclear, as “non direct student service” Questions remain. Governor should be clearing up some of the language within a couple of weeks.

2. LI Update – Justin ( Brandie )

- Current budget for 2022-2023 School Year: \$1,677,174.69
- Current number of LI requests approved for 2022-2023 school year: 52
- Pending Requests: 1
- 53 total requests
- Please submit your updated LI inventory lists as soon as possible (if you haven't already done so)

3. CALPAD Updates – Susan/Staci

- LEAs must take action on revisions dated after December 20, 2022; it reflects the CDD and CVR changes.
- If the date of your revision falls between Nov and Dec 20th you need to decertify your Fall 1 revision.
- SELPA approval of any revisions dated between November 30 and December 20 is NO LONGER VALID
- LEA's should work on the latest Revised Uncertified revision (dated after December 20, 2022).
- The Fall 1 amendment window has been extended through January 27, 2023.
- The testing window for the ELPAC Summative Assessment opens February 1st
- SPED0591F1 - triggers on incorrect meeting types (Known Issue 6467). This known error has been fixed as of January 13, 2023.

Conversation was held in regards to preschool/TK-K errors that need to be corrected. Questions were proposed about preschool-kinder transitions. Monica explained, when they turn 5, it needs to be flagged for correction.

Susan showed in SEIS how to find students to be fixed:

SEIS: Custom searches : Shared searches: Cert/168 error KN students wrong program

4. CARES Update – Susan

- 9 referrals
- 10 active cases
- Historic total caseload 14
- 9th case was added today
- Brandie reminded that this is currently funded by the SELPA through mental health dollars.

5. WorkAbility Update – Frank

- 68 Students currently employed
- Over halfway at placing students. Should easily exceed the target of 96.
- Looking to get more visibility in middle schools. Students can learn skills and receive training at that age.

6. SEIS Update – Susan/Staci

- 2022-2023 TOMS report updates have been released. The TOMS report and testing accommodations for ELA, Math and Science have been programmed in SEIS.
- Social Worker/Court Appointed Child Attorney- A new alert has been added to list the names of social workers and court appointed attorneys for participation in IEPs and/or disciplinary actions.

7. Workshops/Trainings – Program Specialist

Training offered in February:

- LSH Winter Symposium
  - Good for speech hours
- ADR Series #3: Art of Note Taking
- ADR Series #4: Facilitating Collaboration
- Para Modules #7 - Behavior Communication: Nonverbal Student
- Para Modules #8 - Data. Data. Data: Tracking IEP Goals
- ECE Bridge Credential
- Psych/Mental Health Roundtable: Executive Functioning Assessments and Intervention

Training was hard to schedule for January due to holidays.

8. County Programs Update – Monica

Monica reviewed enrollment and placement data.

- Overall enrollment has increased by 46 students (Jan 10, 2022-Jan 10, 2023 comparison)
- Preschool referrals have decreased by 64. K-YA referrals have increased by 15. Overall referrals have decreased by 49.
- New data is being collected on Non-Public School Placements from county programs to NPS for each school year.
- Referral Update
  - 22/23 Referrals to date: 336
  - 21/22 Referrals to date: 385
  - Referrals during the month of December: 24
- Staffing Update
  - Instructional Assistant vacancies: 33

- Teacher vacancies: 3
  - Preschool Aut, Riverbrook
  - Intermediate ESN, Jefferson Middle
  - Intermediate ED, Redwood

Monica shared information regarding what county classes are currently at capacity, and where they are projected with referrals. Many classes are at capacity. All individual classes were reviewed as to whether or not they can take additional students at this time.

- Total current enrollment is 1040

#### 9. CAC- Update – Justin

- Currently have one parent voting member.
- Various voting membership positions are available, including parents and educational representatives.
- Friendly reminder that CAC brochure and meeting flyers are found in the SEIS Document library (2 separate documents)
- Next CAC meeting will be held on February 9, 2023 and will be a training/informational on different agencies that are involved with SJC SELPA CAC

#### 10. ADR Update – Justin

- Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education - CADRE Resources on Improving your system
  - Good use of ADR dollars
- LRP National Institute Conference - April 16-19 in New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center

#### 11. Mental Health Dollars and Services 23-24 - Brandie/Austin

Austin shared the funding model that was agreed upon by the SELPA, originally approved March 5, 2012 and revised for updated allocation on October 20, 2022. Discussions were held on how to best fund these positions moving forward, with the changes to how mental health dollars will flow and what the best model for allocation of dollars would be moving forward.

Brandie asked for a recommendation from the Council of Directors to take to the SELPA Governing Council in regards to how they would like to move forward.

The general consensus was to have SJCOE manage and spend Federal Mental Health dollars and then roll back any extra costs into AB602.

12. LCAP/Differentiated Assistance - Deanie

Deanie will be providing input on your LCAP on supporting students with disabilities as part of the planning process. Specific actions to support SWD's should be included in the LCAP. If a district has been in DA for three years for the same group, the district also needs an individual goal for that student group. We will discuss if your district has been in DA for SWD's.

How input can be provided:

- 1:1 meeting with your LCAP team
- Participation in a stakeholder input meeting
- Participation in a planning meeting
- Input should be provided on the draft document, not on a final document.

San Joaquin Districts in Differentiated Assistance:

- Banta Elementary
- Escalon Unified
- Jefferson Elementary
- Lincoln Unified
- Lodi Unified
- Manteca Unified
- Stockton Unified
- Tracy Unified
- Linden Unified exited

Current Trends in Differentiated Assistance:

- English learner students are showing growth
- Suspension rate is down countywide
- Escalon, Lammersville, Linden and Ripon have Very High Graduation Rates
- All DA districts are eligible because of Students with Disabilities
- All SJ county districts have Very High or High status for Chronic Absenteeism
- All DA districts are eligible for ELA and math

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

Minutes: On a motion from Nelarie Romo second by Nellaine Kilgore The Council approved the minutes from December 14, 2022, meeting as presented.

AYES: All

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The next COD meeting will be held on February 15, 2023, 8:45 a.m. WEC Building, Greenwood 3.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

*Council Of Directors*