



San Joaquin County SELPA

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 17, 2021

MINUTES

COD

Present

Brandie Brunni – SELPA
Monica Vallerga – County Programs
Nelarie Romo – Escalon
Monica Emeldi – Jefferson
John Saylor – Lammersville
Thomas Crocker - Lincoln
Jody Burriss – Manteca
Steve Payne – New Jerusalem
Silvia De Alba – Venture

Absent

NelLaine Kilgore - Banta
Wendy Frink - COSP
Jamie Hughes - Linden
Lisa Mazza - Ripon
Sean Brown - Tracy

Support

Staci Johnson – SELPA
Susan Scott – SELPA
Frank Souza – SELPA
Justin Albano – SELPA
Tracy Troche – SELPA

Brandie called the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Approval of minutes-Brandie

No minutes to approve

Public Input Session (10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

There was no public input.



BUSINESS FINANCE

Finance Report – Brandie

MOE – Brandie reminded the directors to monitor their MOE twice a year. Make a point to sit down with their business folks and make sure to continue to meet MOE. The state continues to grow, the housing market continues to grow, unemployment went down, property taxes are higher than expected. San Joaquin County continues to grow.

SEGA Study -Brandie

The SEGA study is supposed to go to legislation on Nov 1, but there was a delay until November 15, still haven't seen the final report. There is a lot of discussion on how this is going to affect the counties. For example, have one SELPA Director for all of SJ County, and it could change from year to year, but there won't be any stability. For our small districts, this could be a big concern. The SEGA study and another study were both done by WEST ED-conflict of interest both studies by the same people. Concern: lines are blurred what is privately funded and what is funded by leg and this other study. There has been a lot of conversation on this. This would have a huge impact on charters. It may come to a point where we send out letters to our legislatures. The study only studied five SELPAs in the state and LA, one of our largest districts, was not one of them.

Updated CY Mental Health Allocation – Austin

Austin reviewed the Mental Health allocation handout. The MH allocations are using the 2020 October pupil count. As of last year there are only two periods of time the allocations are dispersed, which are October and April. The current year projected allocation is going to be in the second column. The far right column shows the difference between the final allocation for last year and this year's projections. MH dollars can be used for general and special education. Many of our districts have elected to continue to spend it on Special Education, but it is not required. -We are still doing reporting on these dollars and the remaining amounts of 6512 dollars as well, so please still complete those and turn them in.

Learning Recovery Allocation – Austin

Austin shared the handout of the Learning Recovery Support for 2021-22. The amount each district receives has already been sent to districts and must be spent by September 30, 2023. The dollars are specific to special education, which means it goes under a 5XXX goal and will hit the district's MOE. A report has been created and sent out to be turned in at the end of each fiscal year. This report is technically only required at the end of the grant period but due to there being so much data that is needed, we found it best to have two reports due that will match the fiscal year then compile the data at the end. -Brandie mentioned that this was brought up in State SELPA, more guidance will be coming-it will be impacting the MOE. Nothing has changed that yet.

When utilizing these dollars what area are you impacting? Who is being impacted by the use, foster, free/reduced lunch?

How do you reimburse yourself if you have done something in the past? The conversation has been going on about this. Per Austin, it creates a lot of complications if you reopen your books, per an auditing point. CAFSE is being discussed.

SELPA SUPPORT/STAFF DEVELOPMENT

LI Update – Justin

- The current budgeted amount left to spend for the 2021-2022 school year is \$124,835.04. The amount already spent for this school year on specialized equipment/materials/services is \$554,673.79. If there is more than the budgeted amount that is needed to spend this school year, there are funds held in another budget that can be rolled over.
- Current number of LI requests: 44. There is one pending request.

COMPLIANCE/STATE REPORTS/DATA REPORTS

CALPAD Updates – Susan

Regarding the CALPADS F1 Certification, 16.8 was the latest one that was sent out. By running the report in CALPADS it shows what the CDE will see. LEA has to approve it by 11/24. Until you do your final pieces, SELPA approval is not needed until after the January one. Brandie asked how districts were doing on the CALPADs snapshot and what are the majority of the errors? The majority of the errors are late IEPs. In reviewing your late IEPs, check to see if there are any delay codes you can use. Please remember to use the SELPA dashboard for alerts, etc. this will help with the late IEPs.

2021-22 Fall Checklist

Educator Effectiveness Grant ideas-Brandie

Brandie asked how the districts were using their grant funds. Districts shared out what they are doing for some incentives for the teachers. Many districts understand that the teachers and staff are overwhelmed right now.

Monica- sponsoring a student through a VI program. Mentor teaching to support our new teachers. UOP created a night program for SLPA's . We were able to sponsor a few three-year commitments. It is a good way to get some SLPAs and use the dollars. You cannot use the funds for sub-cost but you can provide the person who is giving the professional development.

SEIS NEWS AND UPDATES

SEIS Updates and Announcements – Susan/Staci

Susan reviewed the updates in SEIS- 11/4 adopting IEPs are causing a lot of errors-make sure the SEIS coordinator knows how to adopt the IEP (read the directions). The information is in SEIS under Training Materials. The system updates get posted in SEIS- if signification Susan posts them on the SEIS page, or Codestack will add them.

SEIS - Link User Account – Susan

Susan shared the system update on the SEIS user link account-if you have more than one SEIS account, you can now toggle back and forth. Susan will add to the flash any updates

PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTION

CARES – Susan

We are down to six cases, normally we are at 12 or 13. We do not have a waiting list at all. Remind Psychs and Program Specialists that it is available. The average length is 9 months, and we anticipate more openings come spring. Please do the referrals if you have anyone and even if they are on the border, we would rather start helping the students when they see the signs versus later. Brandie stated

that we put this into place to keep our students in their own homes versus looking at an NPS or a residential place. Victor has a very good record.

WorkAbility – Frank

Thank you to the directors who gave me a list of teachers. We are on track to spend our grant on student salaries. With the larger businesses not placing our students due to COVID, the students are gaining experience with the coffee cart that we kicked off. In the past WorkAbility sponsored a disability roadshow at the WEC, this year we brought it to the classroom. The WorkAbility team set up various stations throughout the classroom, such as sanitation, customer service, and rolling up napkins. Things that will come in handy in the workplace. The teachers seemed to like this process better than having them come to the WEC due to transportation etc.

- The annual Holiday Boutique will be on Friday, December 3 in the parking lot at the WEC. Six different classrooms are participating.
- YA and high school teachers are utilizing workability programs to bring work experience to the classroom
- We are happy to see that the ice cream cart has been checked out to Lammersville for Mountain House High School.

Class size review – Susan

Susan shared the spreadsheet/graph on the classroom size across the LEAs.

Speech therapist average caseload vs district; RSP caseloads across districts;

IEE Vendors & Insurance Requirements – Jody

Many families cannot front the money for IEE services. Many vendors can't or won't meet our intern program. Are any other districts having issues? Many vendors do not meet the insurance Brandie suggests Jody bring it by Clark and/or Roger and explain the situation. Is it more expensive to pay for the services versus Due Process?

Home/Hospital – John

County Program parents are requesting HH and cannot find a service provider who would support the kids.

Monica-This fall backs on the districts, Independent Study and HH are district accountability functions. Various ways we can look at this. It is not FAPE; we can't provide it through county offices. It is difficult to get people. The list is short, and people are not interested. Brandie suggested contacting Easter Seals, a contractor with vision services. Any other districts have any HH people you utilize that could share? No.

Jody feels there has to be some sort of collaboration. Parents want an on-line academy, but it is not FAPE and the student is not an HH candidate-but parents don't want the student at school.

Brandie mentioned there is a legal case in southern California regarding a mod/severe student who wants to be back in distant learning, but it's not FAPE. We will have to see how this transpires.

Full day TK requirements – Jody

What other districts are doing as far as services are going-doesn't have an impact on preschools.

County Programs: Not sure of the four hours-in our extensive program we would not meet the four-hour requirement. We are looking at it but we haven't made a decision. It is unclear how the districts will handle this with the classroom availability, especially with the smaller districts.

Initial IEPs & private school student – Jody

Jody read a blurb from the SELPA handbook regarding private school students and how it is related to Ed. Code 56171. There is a student not in our district coming our way and they want MUSD to assess. Brandie had a meeting this week with Vince from SUSD. Stockton needs to give the assessment and not consider an ISPs.

REGIONALIZED/COUNTY PROGRAMS/STUDENT SERVICES

County Program Update– Monica Filoso

Monica will connect with each of the directors to share ideas and concerns.

Referrals: are a concern-County Programs keeps a database on all the incoming referrals. The date they are received, assigned, and followed up are all documented. Some referrals for our ED program have fallen through the cracks. We will follow up on these referrals

VI Update-We are currently contracting with three agencies and Staci is working with a fourth group. They are doing some in-person and some virtual (they live all over the US)-the agencies are very thorough in their services, but in person, they are having to travel. Allison, another contractor, is new and is doing well.

Our VI provider is still out and we will see when she will come back. Our OM provider is out on maternity leave. Currently, we have contractors filling in on the OM services. When Natalie returns she will be in person.

Educator Funding-will recruit VI with SF program or sponsor someone to work with. Monica asked the directors if they have anyone from OM and VI to please let her know.

Referral count: last year: 206 this year 303 so about 100 more. If a district has any outstanding referrals that are a hot button for you, let me know and communicate with Monica-

COMMITTEES/COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CAC Update - Justin

- The last CAC meeting was held on October 21 through Zoom. There were only three parents present, two from Manteca Unified and one from Jefferson School District.
 - One parent from the CAC discussed looking for parent volunteers to help with coaching for their upcoming basketball season.
 - Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) has a self-determination program that is currently operating in full swing. It is open to all VMRC members.
 - Family Resource Network (FRN) announced that SJ TEETH is back. It is available to people with disabilities from birth to 18 years of age. If they are serving a person with a disability, they are also able to serve the entire family in terms of dental check-up and cleaning. Families can contact FRN for more information.
 - Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) reported that work experience for students ages 16 to 22 are still available through DOR funding and partners.
 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) reported that they worked closely with Disability Rights CA and the legislature to end the subminimum wage for people with disabilities. They reported that Choices 2022 will take place on Friday, May 20, 2022, and will be held virtually. They also reported that they provided three training

sessions to San Joaquin Probation and Parole regarding Crisis Intervention and how to handle situations when encountering school aged individuals with disabilities in San Joaquin County.

- The next meeting will take place on December 16, 2021, from 1-2:00 p.m. through Zoom. Zoom meeting information can be found on the CAC page of the SJCOE website.
- There is currently one open educational representative voting membership position available as well as various district parent positions available.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

SHARING

Meeting adjourned: 11:45 a.m.