



# San Joaquin County SELPA

## COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 20, 2020

Minutes

### **COD**

#### Present

Brandie Brunni – SELPA  
NelLaine Kilgore – Banta  
Wendy Frink – COSP  
Monica Filoso- County Programs  
Nelarie Romo – Escalon  
Angelica Thomas – Jefferson  
John Saylor – Lammersville  
Jamie Hughes – Linden  
Jody Burriss – Manteca  
Irene Segura – New Jerusalem  
Lisa Mazza- Ripon  
Rita Farabaugh – Tracy  
Silvia De Alba – Venture

#### Absent

Sean Brown - Tracy  
Silvia De Alba - Venture  
Jody Burriss - Manteca

#### Support

Staci Johnson – SELPA  
Susan Scott – SELPA  
Frank Souza – SELPA  
Justin Albano – SELPA  
Cara Rodoni – SELPA  
Chris Condon- SELPA  
Tracy Troche – SELPA

Brandie called the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Approval of minutes- August 18, 2020

NelLaine Kilgore made the motion to approve August 18, 2020 minutes Jamie Hughes second it. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**“In accordance with Government Code 54953(b)(2), all votes taken during a teleconference meeting shall be by roll call.”**



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

There was no public input

There was an amendment to the agenda: Updated Forms-Angelica Thomas made a motion to approve the amended agenda and John Saylor seconded the motion. The amended agenda was unanimously approved.

## BUSINESS FINANCE

### **Finance Report – Brandie**

Brandie reviewed the Finance Report for November. In the second quarter of 2020, personal income increased by 9.7% driven by record-high transfer payment, including the additional \$600 per week Federal unemployment assistance.

### **Employment Statistics**

The U.S. unemployment rate fell from 8.4% in August to 7.9% in Sept, 4.4% above the pre-pandemic level of 3.5% in February. California's unemployment rate decreased to 11.0% in Sept, down from a revised-down 11.2% in August and 7.1% higher than February's pre-pandemic rate of 3.9%

### **Monthly Cash Report**

The first three months of the fiscal year were \$8.713B above the 20-21 Budget Act forecast of \$45.41B

The Big Three:

Personal income tax to the General Fund for the first three months of the fiscal year were \$6.667B above forecast. Cash receipts for September were \$3.016B above the forecast along with other cash receipts

Sales and use tax cash receipts for the first three months of the fiscal year were \$1.641B above forecast.

Corporation tax cash receipts for the first three months of the fiscal year were \$329M above the forecast of \$6.538M.

Revenue above projections is a good recovery sign for CA and has positive implications for education.

### **State News**

The budget has not passed, Congress must pass another Continuing Resolution by December 11 to fund the government. Brandie shared the graph that was on the handout (that's located on the Drive).

### **MOE Monitoring**

Continue to monitor the MOE with pandemic/not having students in full-time spending is down. Work with your CBO and monitor it.

### **Updated CY Mental Health Allocation – Austin**

Austin reviewed the Mental Health allocation handout. The resource code is changing from 6512 to 6546. The new Resource code has less restrictions and can be used on Non IEP related services. Any carryover dollars must still follow the previous rules on how Mental Health should be spent on only Special Education Students. If a district decides to use their new year money on non-Special Education, they must make it clear by using a different goal/function combination. Due to MOE concerns and the complications that can arise with tracking the charges, we would recommend using this money on only Special Education.

The last time this allocation was handed out was at Budget Development and we were still using the October 2018 pupil count as we figured out which new numbers we should use. The MH allocations now uses the October 2019 pupil count rather than the December pupil count due to the change in CALPADS. At this point in time of the year the first allocation for Mental health has been dispersed. It is still in the 6512-resource code as that change happened after the funds were dispersed. The County Office expenditures were taken off the top then distributed by pupil. The new allocation is listed, and the difference column is showing the difference from this year compared to last year's final number. RITA is now under Banta and Tracy and New J's pupil account were adjusted for the two charters leaving.

## **SELPA SUPPORT/STAFF DEVELOPMEN**

### **UC Davis SEED Program - Frank**

The UC Davis MIND Institute and Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have received a \$2.1 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Education to create an inclusive, four-year college program for students with intellectual disabilities. The Supported Education to Elevate Diversity, or SEED, Scholar program will be the first of its kind in California, and the goal is to create a model that could be used by other universities in the state. The first group of 12 students is expected to begin classes in the fall 2021 and is likely to include people with autism, Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome and other neurodevelopmental disabilities.

The students will have a support system, including undergraduate students who will serve as peer mentors, helping with academics as well as social activities, health and wellness and oversight of internships. Applications process is already looking up. They will take 12 students from the ages of 18-26. The grant is funded 80% and the 20% from philanthropist and/or UC Davis for the housing, food, transportation. <https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/uc-davis-establish-4-year-program-students-intellectual-disabilities>

### **Mindfulness Initiative Offerings – Cara/Chris**

Cara and Chris briefed COD on the offerings that SELPA has for this school year. Chris gave an overview of Mindfulness- It's an initiative based on organization/training and support for K-12 education. Chris Conlon started training with Mindful Schools back in 2018. In the summer of 2019, Chris had a year-long intensive training. Mindful schools are based on a mountain of growing research for emotional and physical wellbeing. It has the attention of the medical community, the mental health community, business, computer and educational world. This is for adults and children. Chris implemented from his training in 2019 a pilot in the County Believe! Programs. It started out with a small group of teachers/staff within their program. We have had very positive feedback. Now with the pandemic, we are focused on getting this in our programs for students/teachers/staff. The focus on this year is mainly teachers and staff (on-line training/plus support).

### **Mindfulness Book Study Flyer-**

Mindfulness in Education Book Study will be each Wednesday of each week 4 pm-5 pm starting on January 20, 2021. The registration fee is being waived on this through the CSU Stanislaus Great Valley Writing Project. Not just opened to certificated, open to IA's and all staff as well. Contact Josie Taylor at [jtaylor@sjcoe.net](mailto:jtaylor@sjcoe.net) for more information.

### **Mindful Mondays-**

Monday of each week. This is an opportunity to be shown and practice mindfulness practices to help reduce stress and enhance wellbeing. 3:30-4:30 PM via Zoom-Beginning December 7, 2020. Contact Josie Taylor at [jtaylor@sjcoe.net](mailto:jtaylor@sjcoe.net) for more information.

### **Mindfulness Initiative-**

District Opportunities for the 20-21 school year. Mindfulness Book Study Courses (January-April 2021), Mindful Mondays (January 2020-May2021).

Chris Condon, SJCOE Mindfulness Initiative Consultant. Districts can schedule this presentation by contacting Josie Taylor, SJCOE SELPA staff secretary at [jtaylor@sjcoe.net](mailto:jtaylor@sjcoe.net)

### **Training Update - Program Specialists-**

#### **CPI Training – Susan**

ADR Training – Two weeks of ADR training is completed. 42 participants enjoyed the training. The Little's training was well received. There will be two follow up meetings in January, Save-the-date for the first one was sent out and #2 will be sent out soon. We were able to use our ADR grant which kept the cost very low.

CPI trainers of trainers-hopefully coming in January.

T3 is scheduled for January 20, 27, and February 3

## **COMPLIANCE/STATE REPORTS/DATA REPORTS**

### **DRDP/Ski-HI Assessment process - Staci**

Fall assessment opens now through December 31. The window did not open until November 1. For those students that are in and receiving services by 11/2, they need to be affirmed in SEIS by January 8, 2021.

Staci shared a link that is located on the agenda and in the Drive.

<https://www.draccess.org/TipsForTakingO>

### **Pent - Susan**

There will be a virtual forum on 2/17 and 2/18 for Pent cadre members only. There are no openings this year, if anyone from our SELPA drops out, there might be an opening next year. This year's focus is on completing the Big Ten Checklist to be aligned with the new BIP created by state SELP. It is a self-scoring rubric to ensure - a behavior plan meets the legal and the behavioral aspects of a quality BIP. PENT is looking at how they can work with the SELPAs and how they can support SELPAs/training.

## **SEP -Susan/Staci**

The SELPA will review the SEP, using the SELPA Review Checklist to ensure that the SEP contains the required components. The SELPA, not the LEA, will submit the SEP to the CDE for review and acceptance.

## **SEIS NEWS AND UPDATES**

### **Updated Forms in SEIS - Susan/Staci**

#### **Form A Emergency Circumstances Program**

There are two different forms of the Emergency Circumstances Program, Form A, and Form B.

**Form A** has boxes that you can click and use the “comment” area to add clarity (this Form A is more simple/flexible, but your team needs to make sure you are documenting in there).

**Form B** is more detailed, and I have actual duration/frequency, it’s a two-page form. There is a lot more discuss ability on this form. We prefer Form A it provides information without being too rigid. Form B may be too difficult to fill out (case managers). This is open for discussion. We need to let SEIS know what we are accepting. This is what teams will be filling out once a year if an emergency happens. For example, if a school closes this form will be used for what will take place.

Nelarie Romo-Escalon made a motion to adopt the Form A Emergency Circumstances Program. Angelica Thomas -Jefferson seconded the motion. Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 3

### **Ed Setting Revision 11-5-2020 – Staci**

State SELPA reviews the IEP pages and then makes changes to the pages. We as a SELPA have chosen to accept the changes. State SELPA is suggesting this Offer of FAPE-Educational setting-separating preschool and the TK/Kinder. That was the only change. This form is located in the Drive.

#### **Service Plan Final Changes - Staci**

For those students in the private school make sure that the fields related to CALPADS are in the service plan. The form is located on the Drive.

Forms just came in from State SELPA they were sent to SEIS and other providers these forms should be uploaded in SEIS soon.

This year SEIS conference is free and full of valuable information. It would be great for your local SPED data coordinator (SEIS) and any admins to attend. The date is Friday, November 6, 2020.

#### **Alternative Assessment Decision Confirmation Worksheet**

This is a new form, it’s not an IEP page it is a worksheet. It’s a worksheet discussion of alternative assessment. SELPA suggests we adopt this worksheet as well. It is not in the IEP packet.

#### **Changes to WorkAbility Data and Interim Placements- Susan**

Please check your SEIS for the box of information. Work-based learning files that are in SEIS, are now part of the end-of-year one submission. This will be in your SIS, not SEIS. Make sure you are working with your SIS person. It has to be uploaded to your SIS. This information was in Flash #184 in CALPADS, is everyone getting the CALPADS Flash?

If not, get on the CALPADS list serve, if you need the link please let Susan know. End of Year 1 generated through your SIS. Make sure your junior high and high school sign up so we have a database with all the students.

## PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTION

### Low Incidence – Justin

LI Update – The current budget for spending is \$871,618.32. Due to the governor's budget approval that occurred this past summer, there was an increase in the LI budget of \$945,015.00. Currently, 11 LI requests have been submitted and approved. There are no pending requests.

## REGIONALIZED/COUNTY PROGRAMS/STUDENT SERVICES

### County Program Update– Monica

Referrals last year: 245 this year: 208 a decrease of 37. Out of the 245, 119 are preschool referrals/autism. A reminder that as we move into springtime, the preschool classes get full.

Mindfulness Training has been great in the B! Programs. Parent liaisons are attending so they can help the families at home.

All classes are open across the county-two days a week is the majority, but we do have some classrooms four days a week. Transportation is keeping up with the students attending two days or four days.

Monica appreciates all the communication with all the districts in all of the changes occurring during COVID.

## COMMITTEES/COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### CAC Meeting Dates – Justin

The last meeting that occurred was on October 22, 2020. This meeting occurred on Zoom. All meetings throughout this school year will occur on Zoom.

Two new parents attended this meeting, with one parent from Tracy Unified being approved by their board as a new voting member. The next CAC meeting will be held on December 10, 2020 at 11:45 a.m.

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

**Fall 1 CALPADS submission Census Day October 7<sup>th</sup> (certification deadline Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020).**

The Directors should have a list of Dispro of students

## SHARING

### Psych Round Table – Cara

Cara presented a flyer which is in the Drive on the Psych/Mental Health Roundtables for 20/21.

There will be presentations in October, November, and January of this year. The presentation in October will be Updates in Distance Learning Law and Assessment Practices which would be very informative.

Please email Cara Rodoni at [crodoni@sjcoe.net](mailto:crodoni@sjcoe.net) to add your email to the Zoom invite list.

If any Directors need any more information regarding the Charts and Graphs Monica reviewed, please contact her.

Monica sent out the dates to the districts when programs would be starting up. Districts would like to know the number of students that will be returning to their campuses. County programs will offer a distance learning plan for those families that still want that. County Programs are asking parents to start working with the students wearing masks, video modeling, picture stories have gone out to families to start working with students. Each admin are working with the teachers on safety precautions at each district.

Angelica would like to thank Monica for starting this and getting this moving we are continuing what is in the best interest of our students.

Some districts are applying for waivers and approved. Some districts are bringing back the SDC classes but not for a full day. Many parents are eager to have their students return; many teachers are not as eager.

Jamie Hughes from Linden has an associate clinical social worker and asked if anyone can support her. Wendy Frink will check with her Admin to see if she can support her.

Brandie would like to thank the districts that she visited at the Board meetings for the SELPA Local plan. Tracy is working with each district for future dates. Brandie would also like to thank the Council of Directors as we move into zoom fatigue and our county going back to the purple tier. The governor is not planning on closing any schools. Curfew starting at 10:00 p.m. will go into effect on Saturday. Take time for yourself and get on some Mindful Mondays. Brandie appreciates every one of you.

**Adjourned: 10:33 a.m.**