

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Agenda (Zoom Video Conference)
December 16, 2021
12:00pm-1:00ppm
Meeting Minutes

1. General

1.1. Call to Order and Meeting Ground Rules by Melinda at 12:05pm.

1.2. Introductions made by all attending

PRESENT in order of introduction:

Melinda Barrera- Chairperson -parent-Manteca

John Barrera- parent-Manteca

Justin Albano, program Specialist SJCOE

Lisa Mazza, Ripon Unified School District –

Dena Hernandez- Regional Manager State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) North Valley Hills office

Nicki Moss-Family Resource Network (FRN)

Danielle Wells- VMRC

Jody Burriss- Director of SpEd Manteca/District Rep

Angeleena Sim- parent from Manteca Unified

Lee Canady- Ripon Unified School District

Sean Brown- Tracy Unified School District Special Ed Director

2. Parent Portion

2.1 Parents -Melinda opened it up for any questions or comments regarding special education

- Justin requested input about how to spread the word about the CAC and let people know what the CAC is all about. In his current role and as a teacher he talked to parents about the CAC. He wanted to confirm the message that should be given to parents and teachers. CAC also provides input into the Local Plan. Others suggested about adding that CAC is a resource and support to parents, along with trainings and problem solve. To make this group grow- how parents are given the info via a flyer can often get overlooked in the grand scheme of things happening at an IEP. Suggested to hand out info to the SpEd classes opposed to just at the annual IEP. Difficulty could be when students are in general ed class students. Suggest send thru speech therapist and or resource teaches for individual students. Danielle can do an email blast from VMRC to service coordinators to share with families. Important to note that the teacher be educated on the CAC so they can answer questions or promote it. A parent shared that she got the info at the IEP and that is why she is on the call today. A suggestion to send out reminders before each meeting to teachers who can share with families and include into our monthly newsletter- District Digest to get info out to teachers.

- Melinda had a couple suggestions on future topics: Inclusion & Transition. -
Inclusion: Justin shared SELPA hired an Inclusion Specialist who may be able to present.
Transition: Joe from DOR, Family Resource Network-Building Bridges, divide trainings into age groups, Lisa shared a training on Jan 4 regarding transition in High School with a follow up a year after exit. Justin has worked on this training with SJCOE Frank Souza. Early start to Elementary/ Middle School to High School/ High School to Adulthood.
- CAC Flyer will be corrected to reflect correct times for dissemination. Justin will help with the flyer. Times will be voted via email once times are selected.

3. CAC Business

3.1. Reviewed/Approved the CAC Meeting Minutes dated **October 21, 2021**.
No quorum to vote on this item.

3.2 Upcoming meetings- previously approved earlier in the meeting.

4. SELPA Representative Business

4.1. **Justin Albano** – conducted first in person training- our T3 Training- full day and had a good turnout. This training is about discussing and handling ad understanding behaviors. In the SELPA along with the Workability held a holiday boutique Dec 3- students created works of art and sold them. It was a success and it was showcased on TV.

4.2. **Brandie Brunni absent**- Justin gave report– Council of Directors report-have met- discussed the Special Education Report- outlining funding and how it is funneled to SELPA and role in Special Education. Streamline funding that could eliminate SELPAs and instead funnel funding to the districts- he spoke about the cons of this recommendation especially for smaller districts.

5. District Representative Business

5.1 **Jody Burriss** – Manteca Unified- winding down for winter break. We are booming student wise and housing wise- growing quite a bit.

5.2 **Lisa Mezza**-Ripon Unified School District- she shared about the January 4 training- all certificated staff attend training that is specific to their area. CA Diagnostic Center will do specific trainings, that staff have requested this specific type of training. Trugy Ariaga- Author “ Opening Doors” and she provide training.

5.3 **NeLaine Kilgore**-absent

5.4 **Sean Brown**- Tracy Unified School District -Special Ed Director- guest at this meeting. Gearing up for next school year and projections of students and staff. Continue to focus on inclusion and follow a true inclusion model to provide support to students in the classroom. Fortunate to have on going trainings with SELPA and with CAST for the teachers- using Universal Design Learning to give all students access. Special Ed standpoint really looking at INCLUSION!

6. Agency Representative Business

6.1. Danielle Wells – VMRC , have structural changes inside the regional center, especially with early start and children’s programs. The provisional eligibility law that went into effect July 1. We are seeing a lot of growth in the region. We are doing a lot of hiring- in need of a new BCBA. Will hire a Deaf and Hard of Hearing service coordinator and Emergency Response coordinator. If you know anyone interested please let them know that VMRC is hiring www.vmrc.net

6.2. Nicki Moss - Family Resource Network (FRN)- explained FRN’s mission and staff make up for the new families on the meeting today. Please let parents know that FRN is here to help. SJ Teeth is back and FRN can help work with families to get their kids into the dentists. Another program called Project DATA for those who have regional center services and need help getting the internet or a device to access the internet. Has a new email address njmoss@frcn.org

6.3. Joe Stansil - Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)- absent

6.4 Dena Hernandez - State Council on Developmental Disabilities- North Valley Hills-

- Explained SCDD’s mission and role www.scdd.ca.gov
- CHOICES 2022- It is going to be on Friday, May 20, 2022 and it will be virtual from 10am-12 noon and it will be FREE again this year. This is for adults 18 and over so we hope to encourage the Transitions students/Classes to participate. The theme is “Everyday CHOICES, Everyday Heroes”. All the speakers are folks with disabilities. The Advocates will entertain again. There is also a free t-shirt. Registration will be live at the end of Feb and will be shared.
- SCDD is part of the VMRC Legislative Committee-this committee is made up of self-advocates, family advocates, VMRC Board members and staff- just recorded the bills that will impact those with disabilities in CA. The link to this recording will be on the VMRC website soon. (Here is link) <https://www.vmrc.net/legislative-committee-2/>
- Plain Language training by the State of Wisconsin Developmental Disabilities Board- part 2 will be in January and I will share the resources as they are very helpful to make complex material into plain language. More inclusive language for all.

7. Public Comments –

- A parent shared her thanks for having her today- she is happy that she was able to be on and listen and learn.
- Melinda heard about an issue from a parent from Lincoln School District- there is not a parent rep on the CAC. Justin will get Melinda the Special Ed Director- Thomas Crocker’s info and those issues/update can be given to him.

8. Future Meeting Info: Justin shared the following regarding continuance to meet virtually:

Per AB 361, regarding the next scheduled meeting, the CAC discussed exemption from traditional teleconference requirements as still necessary. The CAC has considered the state of emergency circumstances and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, as well as local officials continuing to recommend measures to promote social distancing. A **motion** was **NOT** done at the meeting due to a lack of quorum- this vote will be taken via email.

9. Adjournment – Meeting ended at 1:30pm. Next Meeting February 17, 2022 – 6:00pm- 7:30pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dena Hernandez- SCDD North Valley Hills/ SJCOE CAC Secretary

10. Voting Members

Parent Representatives (14) – (10) Open Positions

County Programs (2)

- *Open*
- *Open*

Escalon (1)

- *Open*

Jefferson (1)

- *Open*

Lammersville (1)

- *Open*

Lincoln (2)

- *Open*
- *Open*

Linden (1)

- *Open*

Manteca (2)

- Melinda Barrera (Chair)
- John Barrera

Ripon (1)

- *Open*

Small Schools (Banta) (1)

- *Open*

Tracy (2)

- Crystal Pelayo
- *Open*

Educational Representatives (4) - Full

- Manteca Unified - Jody Burriss
- Banta Elementary - NellLaine Kilgore R
- Ripon Unified- Lisa Mazza
- SJCOE - open

Agency Representatives (5)

- Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) – Danielle Wells
- Family Resource Network (FRN) – Nicki Moss
- Department of Rehabilitation – Joe Stansil
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities - Dena Hernandez

Non-Voting Membership

Ex-Officio Representatives

- SELPA Director – Brandie Bruni
- SELPA Program Specialist – Justin Albano
- SELPA Administrative Assistant – Open
- Council of Directors Representative – 1 rotating position among directors; 1 position appointed on an annual basis
- Assembly member’s Office
- Senator’s Office
- Attendees