

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Agenda (Zoom Video Conference)
February 18, 2021
6:00pm-7:52pm
Minutes

1. General

- 1.1. Call to Order and Meeting Ground Rules by Melinda at 6:05pm.
- 1.2. Introductions made by all attending.

PRESENT:

Justin Albano - Program Specialist SJCOE

Melinda Barrera - Chairperson/Parent Manteca

John Barrera - Parent Manteca

Brandie Brunni- SJCOE Assistant Superintendent - SELPA/Special Education

Jody Burriss - Director of SpEd Manteca

Monica Filoso - SJ County Programs

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

Nellaine Kilgore, Banta School District

Rebecca Lake- parent- River Islands

Lisa Mazza,

Nicki Moss-Family Resource Network (FRN)

Maribel Ramos-parent-

Angelica Thomas- Jefferson District

Joe Stancil- Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

Danielle Wells- VMRC

Carmen- Spanish Interpreter SJCOE

2. Parent Portion

2.1. **IEP Form Review-** Justin, Monica and Nellaine conducted the review of the IEP form used by SJCOE SELPA. The team went through the form step by step. Melinda invited the parents to stay in the meeting for the business portion.

3. CAC Business

3.1. Reviewed/Approved the CAC Meeting Minutes dated **December 10, 2020.**

Motion made to approve minutes as written: Angelica/ 2nd by Nicki- roll call vote taken: all in favor – **motion passed.** NOTE: Danielle Wells didn't get a copy of the minutes due to security issues between VMRC and Melinda's email. Melinda will make sure to get them to Danielle in the future.

3.2. Upcoming meeting dates and times: The times were agreed upon.

- April 22, 2021 – 11:45 am- 1:25pm

- May 13, 2021 – 6:00 pm- 7:30pm

4. SELPA Representative Business

4.1. **Justin Albano** – SELPA- we just completed a training that we were all involved with regard to improvement processes- called “Improvement Science Basis” It was a 7 day training- quite intensive. Currently, the program specialist team including Brandi is involved in a training right now regarding communicating special education data effectively. Just completed another round of trainings on behavior to district staff in our SELPA. It was brought to our attention that other districts would like parent training provided by the SELPA. We were thinking that this could roll out with the CAC providing the trainings. Justin suggested a resource called “PADLET” (a website) that CAC info/resources/training info could be housed and accessed by parents. Justin showed a PADLET from his computer and explained how it works. He wanted to bring this suggestion to the CAC for consideration. Melinda thought it was a good resource to host training(s) thru CAC and give good exposure of CAC and provide services to the community. Discussion occurred. Consensus was this was a good idea to pursue for the CAC.

4.2. **Brandie Brunni** – Pleased to share with everyone regarding vaccinations in our county. So happy that SJCOE has taken the lead as the only county office in the state of CA vaccinating educators. We will be vaccinating over 10,000 educators in our community in recent days. Huge undertaking and lots of support to be able to do this. The vaccinations will occur at the SJ County Office complex with support from Stockton PD- it will be a drive thru event. Students in our county programs will go to distance learning for the next couple weeks to free up our nursing staff to assist in dispensing the vaccine.

Council of Directors report- Brandie attended each of our district board meetings for the Local Plan- it has been approved by each district and their boards. It will go to the County Office Board in March and once that is done – the final papers will be submitted to the state and we are done with that project.

Every year- except for last year- we participate in Legislative Sharing Day – go to the Capitol and discuss the priorities of Special Education with the legislators. This year the event will be virtual. It will be held on May 5th. Brandie asked Melinda to represent the CAC as the chair for that event. Brandie said she can meet with Melinda before the event. Melinda would be asked to share her parent perspective as a parent of two students with special education services. Melinda said she would email Brandie about her participation.

5. District Representative Business

3.1. **Monica Filoso** - San Joaquin County Programs – For next year for County Programs we are not projecting any growth. We will just maintain our steady enrollment of 1020 students- and accommodate with the programs we have right now.

3.2. **Jody Burriss** – Manteca Unified- We are happy that all of our students are back on campus. Working on projections for staffing and possible programs might be needed. Also look at learning loss. Will be sending out a parent survey to determine the needs of ESY.

3.3. **NelLaine Kilgore** – Banta School District- Working on trying to do summer school for our risk kids over and above ESY. Very glad that SJCOE is rolling out the vaccines- after everyone gets their second does we will go back full force.

3.4. **Angelica Thomas** – Jefferson School District- update- This has been a HUGE feat of SJ County getting the vaccines to the educators- a big thank you to the nursing staff at SJ County. We are very appreciative of this effort. In Jefferson we are working on ESY. Our big push has been opening a Covid-19 Test Clinic for our district. Soft opening today and next week it will be open to employees and students coming in person can get tested and get their results in two days. The results are just shared with the individual not the district. We are working on planning for “What is regression due to a pandemic vs What is ESY regression” to tease that out to see what support the students will be for summer planning.

4. Agency Representative Business

4.1. **Danielle Wells** – There is a lot going on at the regional center – we are currently doing another round of call to all people supported by VMRC- a big push to make that contact to discuss health and safety and the vaccine info. VMRC’s goal is to help the consumers understand the vaccine and vaccine safety to make an informed decision about getting it. Also working with families, care providers to get info on the vaccine. We are doing Covid 19 testing- next testing date is tomorrow at the Stockton office and then on February 26 also in Stockton. Date in the future will be determined by need. All info is on the vmrc.net website to register for testing. VMRC puts out a weekly Health Advisory with info each Friday. An amazing clinical director has worked hard to get the vaccine to VMRC staff, service providers- kudos to her for that. VMRC is also doing PPE distribution but now a delivery model – people can order PPE needed and the transportation companies vendored thru VMRC will deliver to the person’s home. Everything is Covid focused right now. Also want to mention the collaboration with Presentation Church Food Bank- they have allowed VMRC to get food to individuals/families in need each month. If anyone comes across a regional center individual/family in need- have them reach out to their VMRC Service Coordinator to get on the list.

4.2. **Nicki Moss** - Family Resource Network (FRN) Last Conservatorship Training had to be postponed due to the big windstorm as the office lost power. It is re-scheduled for Wednesday, Fe 24 6pm-8pm. Flyer will be sent to Melinda to get out to the group. Super excited to announce that FRN partnered with VMRC on a new project called “Project DATA”. Stands for- Digital and Technology Assistance. FRN can provide digital assistance to families who have kiddos in Early Start all the way to adulthood. We can provide devices, internet and technical support. The info will be in the VMRC Health Advisory tomorrow.

4.3. Joe Stansil - Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)- the newest thing going on- DOR trying to emphasis work experience virtually – working on different models to do this effectively. Working/partnered with the TTP program in the Stockton School District and the Work Net in Stockton to provide student year-round work experience. I mention this here because I have talked to Frank Souza and Justin is on the line about developing a TTP program with your school district. It is a way to expand your services for the Work Ability Program. DOR to provide you work experience for your students. Students in the SJCOE SELPA would be able to benefit from a program like this. Work Net has said they can expand their services within San Joaquin County. Targeting about 100 students employed- its at about half that right now. This is virtual so it is safe. DOR is now in the 21st century- providing services on line- thru VR Connections. People will be able go directly on VR connections soon. Last pitch....Justin, Brandie and to Frank, Jodie- we would love to talk to you about the Transition Partnership with you- it is a good resource for you and your students. Finally- wanted to share that as of a week and a half ago- I was promoted to the Manager of my unit. I will still like to stay as a member of this CAC. I value the connection to the community and that the CAC has access to DOR.

4.4. Dena Hernandez - State Council on Developmental Disabilities- North Valley Hills- 1) Congrats Joe on your promotion and staying on the committee! SCDD met with the VMRC Employment Specialist and DOR district director to tackle issues in our region regarding employment of people with disabilities. It was a great meeting and we will keep working on this collaboration. 2) VMRC Transition Fairs have been scheduled virtually again and the flyer is nearly completed- I will send to Melinda once I finish it. There will be a fair in English April 15 from 10am-12 noon and one in Spanish April 13 from 3:30pm-5:30pm. There will also be a celebration Dance Party on May 7, 2021 from 11am-12 noon for students graduating or exiting the school system with Self Advocacy Council 6 3) SCDD, FRN and VMRC was able to get some money from Jr League of San Joaquin to buy diapers and wipes distribution in San Joaquin. 4) Congrats on SJCOE in getting the vaccine! 5) SCDD Executive Director -Aaron Carruthers is a member of the State of CA Vaccine Committee – they have been advocating for people with disabilities should be allowed to get the vaccine in a sooner Tier. Starting March 15- people with disabilities will be able to get the vaccine (if there is supply and if they chose). Educating people about what is in the vaccine so they can make an informed choice is important.

5. Public Comments -No Public Comment from public, but Justin complimented Carmen- Spanish Interpreter who has done a fine job interpreting the meeting tonight. Melinda said thank you for the IEP presentation -it was amazing. She suggested recording it and sending it out as it would be a helpful to many people.

6. Adjournment – Meeting ended at 7:52pm. **Next Meeting April 22, 2021 – 11:45 am- 1:25pm**

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

7. Voting Members

Parent Representatives (14) – (10) Open Positions

County Programs (2)

- *Open*
- *Open*

Escalon (1)

- *Open*

Jefferson (1)

- *Open*

Lammersville (1)

- *Open*

Lincoln (2)

- Lupe Buzo (Vice Chair)
- *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
- Jefferson – Angelica Thomas
- Banta Elementary - NellLaine Kilgore
- SJCOE - Monica Filoso

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

Additional Appointed Representatives (1)

- Student/Adults with special needs – Gina Marie Haugh

Non-Voting Membership

Ex-Officio Representatives

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