



San Joaquin County SELPA

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 17, 2024

Minutes

PRESENT: Steve Payne, Brandie Brunni, Jennifer Pool, Alyssa Wooten, Monica Vallerga, Nellaine Kilgore, Staci Johnson, Travis Manley, Deanie Coleman, Wendy Frink, Susan Scott, Frank Souza Justin Albano, Travis Manley, Sean Brown, Jody Burriss, Silvia de Alba, Susan Orr (Proxy), Nelarie Romo,

OTHERS PRESENT:

ABSENT: Jamie Hughes, Lisa Mazza, Thomas Crocker,

I. CALL TO ORDER: Brandie Brunni called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

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

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Finance Report - Brandie

Governor's Budget Proposal

- .76% COLA including AB602
- Will need to monitor Trailer Bill language that will be released in February for any other changes proposed

Economic Update

- U.S. headline inflation decelerated 0.1% percentage point to 3.1% year-over-year in November 2023, largely reflecting a decline in gasoline prices. Core inflation— which excludes food and energy— held steady at 4 percent year-over-year. Transportation inflation— which includes gasoline—increased slightly to 0.9% from 0.8% in October, while shelter inflation slowed for the eighth consecutive month to 6.5% from 6.7%.
- Year-to-date, U.S. headline inflation averaged 4.2% through November, down from 8.1% over the same period last year.

- California personal income increased by 4.7 percent (SAAR) in the second quarter of 2023. Growth was driven mainly by wages and salaries, although all components contributed. California's share of U.S. personal income was 13.7 percent, down from 14.1 percent in 2020 and 2021 and just below the 2019 average of 13.8 percent.

2. Prelim Budget AB602 - Austin

Growth proposal calculations were shared. There is not a lot of current year data, so 22-23 data is used. Austin went over the numbers and showed utilization from 22-23. Projected enrollment is then calculated for 24-25. Districts that increased, with the utilization method, will now pay for those students enrolled. Total cost of growth classes was factored in and shared. Using projected numbers to estimate what costs will be for next year, all based on projections which could change drastically as the data is collected throughout the three data points. As more information is available they will continue to update how this will look moving forward. As a district's usage goes up, the amount that the district has to fund county programs will go up.

Austin reviewed AB602 prelim budget documents. Prior prior year, prior year (still first interim estimate, and also the projection for next year ADA) Assumptions are made from prelim budget. Based on 22-23 or 24-25 projections as we do not have solid 23-24 numbers yet. Total estimated cost for each new class was shared. Total cost for all growth proposals was shared as it will be presented to the SJC SELPA Governing Council. Comparison from the current funding model, vs. next year's funding model was reviewed. Comparing next year's estimated costs based on projections to this year's costs based on first interim. Austin highlighted the differences between the models and what will change going into next year's budget. This still shows income from 22-23, but it should increase upon the actual budget. Projected averages using what districts shared as their numbers were reviewed. If you are over utilizing based on the amount of ADA you bring into the SELPA you will have to pay more. Reviewed costs with the 5 current growth classes, and then again with the extra 3 classes. Showed AB602 revenue that country generates. COSP and one.charter pays back in since they have no usage in county programs. Now that we are based on usage, one.charter does not anticipate them spending the full funds, so they will share it back into the districts to help cover county programs.

3. CY January Review Excess Cost Transportation - Austin

Austin reviewed data showing overall cost for transportation did not change, and stayed very close to estimates.

4. PY Actuals Excess Cost Transportation - Austin

Last year actual costs of what we are getting reimbursed is now included.

5. County Programs Update - Monica

Monica shared dashboard data, and the vast improvement for county programs. Chronic Absentism improved over 18%, the suspension rate is back in the green with a large restorative practices focus being utilized, and ELA and math have both improved as well. These are the best outcomes for students with disabilities in San Joaquin county.

Monica shared updates including current class size charts, referral updates, and staffing updates for ESY. 75 classrooms will need to be moved for summer school, and Monica has asked to be notified by April 1st for any 24-25 classroom location moves. Monica shared all YOY data from last January showing an overall decrease in preschool, but growth in a lot of other areas. We had converted 9 preschool classrooms to different grade levels last school year. EIBT contracts down to 2, and all NPS placement from county programs was shared. TK-22 enrollment is higher this year, but overall enrollment is still down due to preschool decrease. Itinerant services increased, 92 students. 60 vision students, higher than in the past. Referral count by districts was shared. Most districts have declined from last year overall. Class size tracking sheet, showing current enrollment of 973 was reviewed. Monica covered enrollment projection data survey that was shared along with results of that survey. Young adults are highlighted in red because the projected numbers and projected class sizes are concerning. At the last COD we developed growth proposals with these numbers, they were then sent to the business office to develop numbers using the new utilization models. Two districts submitted additional information and enrollment numbers. These are included in Austin's projections. Did not change the overall recommendations for three additional classes as well as keeping the 5 current growth classes. Young adult needs to be a conversation, how we can bring numbers down to better serve students. Districts will be sent referrals for students in YA with moderate needs. Six total students. IEP teams will need to meet to determine if a change of placement is appropriate and FAPE. If the district does not have a YA program, they can reach out to districts who do have one and enter into an intra SELPA agreement. Lammersville may want to consider opening their own YA program since they are projecting a full class of YA referrals.

6. Waiver for Algebra 1 - Nelarie

Questions were posed on if other LEAs may be using algebra one waivers at this time. The general consensus is that no one is using the waiver at this time.

7. ADR Update - Susan

A Follow up survey is being developed to send to districts and families after facilitated IEP's are held.

8. LI Update – Justin

- Total available budget to spend for 2023-2024 School Year: \$1,732,269.28
- Current number of LI requests approved for 2023-2024 school year: 32
- Pending Requests: 2
- Medical vs. Educational Support for Students with Low Incidence Disabilities

Staci shared information about vision services we cover as opposed to medical vision services. “Vision therapy” is not through districts, it is provided through an ophthalmologist. We address vision via accommodations for vision and support.

9. CAC Update - Justin

Next Meeting:

Feb 8, 2024

11:45am - 1:15pm

Teacher’s College of San Joaquin (King Island)

Topic: Transition - From Young Adult to Adulthood

Presenters: Department of Rehabilitation and SELPA Workability I Program Specialist

10. CARES - Susan

- 15 referrals
- 12 active cases
- 27 students total
 - Turn around referrals has decreased to less than 10 days
- Service hours to reflect direct services

11. CALPADs Update – Susan/Staci

- Fall 1-Amendment window open through Jan 26, 2024
- LEAs must have LEA and SELPA Approval by January 26th. Please remember:
 - After January 26th, LEAs will not be able to update their data. This data will be used for Special Education Monitoring, LCFF, etc.
 - Even if an LEA has already approved their Fall 1 data, CALPADS Coordinators must check their Fall 1 “Revised Uncertified” reports to confirm there are no new Fatal Errors (especially PLAN0619F1).

12. NPS/RTC - Susan

- 1 case - successful transition back to district
- 1 case - step down to in state placement
- 2 cases pending - working on obtaining placement

13. WorkAbility/Vocational Skills Lab Update – Frank

- 74 Students Currently Employed
- 2nd Semester Students Placed Next Month

14. SEIS Update – Susan/Staci

Staci shared data from the SEIS homepage for review. She asks that everyone encourages users to pay attention to the dashboard, this will show any past due items. Deanie also shared a friendly reminder regarding LCAP.

15. SELPA Workshops and Trainings - Program Specialists

Information was shared regarding upcoming workshops and trainings that will be held by the SELPA.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

Minutes: VOTE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The next COD meeting will be held on February 14, 2024, 8:45 a.m. WEC Building, Greenwood 3.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.