



# San Joaquin County SELPA

## COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 18, 2023

Minutes

PRESENT: Steve Payne, Brandie Brunni, Jennifer Pool, Alyssa Wooten, Monica Vallerga, NellLaine Kilgore, Jody Burriss, Staci Johnson, Austin Nogueira, Lisa Mazza, Travis Manley, Deanie Coleman, Wendy Frink, Silvia de Alba, Susan Scott, Frank Souza Justin Albano, Nelarie Romo, Silvia de Alba, Sean Brown, Jamie Hughes, Lisa Mazza

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Bridges

ABSENT: Thomas Crocker

I. CALL TO ORDER: Brandie Brunni called the meeting to order at 9:01 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

Brandie shared that GANS are going back to hard copies and will no longer be emailed.

- Year-over-year U.S. headline inflation rose to 3.7% in August after 12 consecutive months of deceleration.
  - Averaged 4.5%, down from 8.3% for the same period last year
- Revenues are coming in as expected
- UCLA is forecasting that we will not be in a recession but growth will be slow
- Preliminary General Fund agency cash receipts were 1.344B (11.1%) above the forecast of 12.158B in August with nearly all revenue sources exceeding expectation-receipts, sales tax, and personal income tax. The Budget Act monthly cash flow reflects the expected impact of delayed payment and filing deadlines for CA to October 16. The impact of the delays is unknown.
- The Admin unit - closing out 21-22 Federal Grant Awards

- If you're a multi-district SELPA, and one of your districts are in CCEIS, SELPA directors need to be proactive in making sure the information being shared is approvable and has been approved. If not approved, it may delay payment to 3310. Make sure that when the final expenditure report is submitted, that the CCEIS budget information has been approved.

2. Updated CY Mental Health Allocation - Austin

Austin reviewed mental health allocation restructuring. All federal dollars will be spent at the SELPA level, information will be shared again in February regarding how many state dollars will stay with each LEA. The data shared can be used for LEA business offices to budget from.

3. CASP Guidelines - Cara

CASP's Response to CDE's Memorandum on Special Education of African American Students - Sept 14, 2022- Summary of CASP Statement approved 10/10/2023

- The Larry P. injunction is still in place for ID and for placement in ID programs.
- CDE is no longer expanding the Larry P. injunction to all other disability categories.
- Tests of intelligence and/or tests of overall cognitive ability can be given to African American students for all other suspected disabilities besides ID.

Considerations:

- Still need to consider disproportionality and cultural bias of IQ tests and utilize less biased tools.

Training:

- Recommend a collaborative between district and county psychologists meet in November and discuss changes. SJCOE Selpa will conduct a district psych training in December 2023 with goal of implementation beginning in January 2024.

This is a CASP committee interpretation, not vetted by an attorney's office. Discussions were held on how this will affect the SELPA going forward.

4. SLD Eligibility Forms in SEIS - Cara

SLD Page 2 Eligibility Form: Use when discrepancy on standardized tests is not present, but when additional information is considered a discrepancy exists (work samples, district tests, etc...)

Considerations:

- District decision whether to utilize these forms.

- If utilizing page 2 form, use caution when utilizing for initial IEP's. Recommendation is to utilize for Triennials when student still requires special education services but standardized tests do not show a significant discrepancy between ability and achievement but processing disorder still exists.

Discussion was held regarding how district psychologists should move forward within our SELPA.

5. Upcoming Training Opportunities - Cara

Cara shared upcoming training opportunities that will be held by the SELPA psychologists. Upcoming training can be found in the digital notebook.

6. County Programs Update - Monica

Monica shared current program referrals and updates as well as current class size charts for the year. Locations of all five mid year growth classes were shared.

Staffing updates were shared including all current vacancies.

Current class size data was reviewed including all new classes that have been added as they are filled.

7. LI Update – Justin

- Total available budget for 2023-2024 School Year: \$3,324,636.13 (Inclusive of leftover budget from last school year)
- Current number of LI requests approved for 2023-2024 school year: 14
- Pending Requests: 2
- Inventory lists needs to be updated
- Reviewing and Updating LI Procedures
  - Use LI funding for services for students with LI disabilities, i.e. Deaf Coaching, PT services
  - Reimbursement to districts for services, i.e. Interpretation services, PT services
- LI committee will still review requests for specialized equipment

8. CAC Update - Justin

- Last CAC training/meeting had over 30 people in attendance.
  - Topic was regarding the Basics of SPED and the IEP Process.
- Parent Resource Guide is currently being updated. Subcommittee was created to support with the update which includes parents and community agency members.
- Currently have four parents as voting members.
- Various voting membership positions are still available, including parents and educational representatives.

9. ADR Update - Justin/Susan

- 10 requests via google form
- 20 different activities related to ADR (phone calls, emails, facilitated IEP's)
- 6 cases that resulted in compliance compliant or OAH filings
- 5 settlement agreements

10. CARES Update – Susan

- 12 active cases
- 5 assessments in process
- 5 additional referrals

A new facilitator has joined to support two full caseloads for our SELPA.

11. CALPADs Update – Susan/Staci

2023–24 Fall 1 Submission Opens

- The 2023–24 Fall 1 Submission opened on Census Day, Wednesday October 4, 2023. The Fall 1 Certification Validation Rules (CVRs) and Certification Data Discrepancies (CDDs) was run and LEAs will be able to view and resolve any errors. LEAs will also be able to view their Fall 1 certification reports.
- LEAs are reminded that LEA approval is required by the December 15, 2023 certification deadline, and Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) approval is strongly encouraged but not required by this date. Both LEA and SELPA approval are required by the close of the amendment window on January 26, 2024.

12. Bridge ESN/MM - Staci

Bridge Training Update:

- 100/123 registrants completed ESN-81%
- 177/217 registrants completed MM-82%
- Online training for both courses remain available

13. AI Resources - Program Specialists

SELPA program specialists shared information from Codestack CSC live and the AI resources that the team presented there.

14. APE Resources - Nellaine

Many students are incoming with APE in their IEP plans and this is becoming a growing need throughout the state. Banta is looking for APE teachers and resources to better support their students. Inner SELPA support was offered, and Brandie is looking into alternate options.

15. WorkAbility Update – Frank

Frank shared information regarding the upcoming Workability Work Experience Expo. Students from our young adult programs will get to be interviewed in mock interviews, visit interactive booths from various community employers and make connections. There will be a bingo card where they can earn spots for participation IE: shaking hands, wearing business attire, meeting employers.

16. SEIS Update – Susan/Staci

The following errors have been fixed!

- MEET0599, MEET0600 and MEET0597 errors
- IVR0034 for duplicate IEP and/or Exit Transactions being created for Meeting Type 20/40
- Accepted CALPADS transactions displaying as reportable

Current Known Issues:

- SERV file is error free, but not showing as Accepted
- SERV error file not uploading to the Homepage notice

17. SELPA Workshops and Trainings - Program Specialists

Dates and registration links were shared for upcoming workshops and trainings.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

Minutes: On a motion from Jody Burriss second by Nellaine Kilgore the SJC SELPA Council of Directors approved the minutes from the September 13, 2023, meeting as presented.

AYES: All  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The next COD meeting will be held on November 15, 2023, 8:45 a.m. WEC Building, Greenwood 3.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am.