



# San Joaquin County SELPA

## COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 14, 2024

Minutes

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

ABSENT: Silvia de Alba,

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

- The 2023-24 Enacted Budget relied heavily on inflation reducing, the Federal Reserve halting monetary tightening policies that make the cost of doing business more expensive, and (probably most importantly), hope that the stock market would rebound rapidly from gross under-performance in the middle of 2022. None of those things came to fruition or to the level the Enacted Budget has predicted. All of these factors have contributed to the current budget gap.
- COLA has been historic over the past several years; the governor continues to stress a return to normalization

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.

#### Labor Market Update

- The U.S. unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage point to 3.7 percent in November 2023.
  - U.S. civilian household employment increased by 747,000 while unemployment decreased by 215,000.
  - The labor force increased by 532,000 people, bringing the labor force participation rate up 0.1 percentage point to 62.8%.
- The U.S. added 199,000 nonfarm payroll jobs. Eight of the eleven major sectors added jobs.
  - Private education and health services (99,000) had the largest gain.
- California’s unemployment rate increased by .1 percent to 4.8 percent in October 2023 as unemployment rose by 17,700.
  - Civilian unemployment decreased by 28,800 and 11,100 people left the labor force. The labor force participation rate is at 62.3 percent.
- California added 40,200 nonfarm payroll jobs driven by gains in private educational and health services (13,200), followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (6,900), leisure and hospitality (5,100), construction (4,500), manufacturing (3,400), professional and business services (2,500), government (2,400), other services (2,000), information (400) and mining and logging (100).
- Financial activities was the only sector that shed jobs (-300).

## 2. Legislative Sharing Day - Brandie

Brandie shared information for the 2024 Legislative Sharing Day and asked who would like to participate this year. A parent representative from the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be attending.

## 3. Special Education Personnel Data Report - Brandie

Brandie shared that the personnel data report has been sent out and a response is due to be sent back to Pam by Wednesday, April 10th.

4. Prelim Budget AB602 - Austin

Austin asked if anyone had questions about these budget items that were previously provided to districts for review.

5. County Programs Update - Monica

Monica reviewed the current number of students in county programs, and how many are pending placement. Referral to county programs trend is down. She also shared current vacancies and an ESY update. Directors were asked to let County Programs know by April 1st of any site or classroom moves for the 24-25 school year.

6. IEE Costs - NellLaine

NellLaine asked to discuss current IEE costs and what is happening throughout districts.

7. Young Adult Programs - Jamie

Jamie advised that she already found an answer for this, and it no longer needed to be discussed.

8. AB723 - Travis

Travis asked about a master contract update and Brandie shared that it is being built into next year at the state level, and provided further updates from State SELPA.

9. ADR Update - Susan

Susan shared current data on ADR requests. She will update numbers for the next COD meeting to also include families that reach out directly to program specialists. There was a director request to include total numbers and not percentages, and this will be provided moving forward.

10. LI Update – Justin

- Total available budget to spend for 2023-2024 School Year: \$1,802,204.90
- Current number of LI requests approved for 2023-2024 school year: 46
- LI Procedural Update Review

11. CAC Update - Justin

- Last meeting - New Chairperson was unable to lead the meeting due to a medical emergency.
- Training discussed VSL, Workability, and DOR's involvement.
- Next CAC meeting will be held on May 8, 2024 and will be a training/informational on Dyslexia and learning disabilities

12. CARES - Susan

- 14 active cases
- 11 referral and in process assessment
  - 2 cases rescinded

13. CALPADs Update – Susan/Staci

Information was shared regarding “what does your data mean” new directors review of CALPADS Reports. Including how to train staff in regards to CALPADS errors, what generates errors, and how to fix them.

14. NPS/RTC - Susan

Susan shared updates from the slides including what the current NPS and RTC placement numbers are across the SELPA. Updated contact information for NPS’ was shared.

Cost Discussion

- NPS rates vary across the SELPA
- Rate increase requested
  - Last rate increases
- RTC placement costs funded by SELPA
  - Residential
  - Mental health services
  - Transport of student
  - Quarterly family visitation

15. WorkAbility/Vocational Skills Lab Update – Frank

Frank shared two upcoming conference opportunities as well as an update that there are currently 123 students out working in the community with Workability and in the Vocational Skills Lab. There are now 3-4 work shifts in the Vocational Skills Lab daily.

16. Nursing/Health Information for Initial IEPs - Staci

Discussion was held regarding nursing attendance at IEP meetings.

17. SEIS Update – Susan/Staci

- CALPADS Error Check-For DNQ transactions, the Parental Involvement field must be selected. The CALPADS error check was updated to include Plan Type 700, 800, 900.
- Amendment Signature-The Amendment signature module has been updated to allow the user to change the signature selection to ‘Not Applicable’.
- IEP form - Parent Consent w/Medi-Cal If the Medi-Cal Consent field is blank, a warning has been added to alert the provider to select whether Medi-Cal consent has been received or declined.

18. SELPA Workshops and Trainings - Program Specialists

Information was shared about upcoming workshops and training opportunities, as well as a link to the digital notebook.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

19. The Council of Directors is requested to approve Prelim Budget AB602 to move forth as a recommendation for the SJC SELPA Governing Council as presented.

Motion by Travis Manley and second by NellLaine Kilgore.

AYES: 7  
NOES: 2  
ABSTAIN: 2

20. Minutes: The Council of Directors is requested to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023 meeting as presented.

Motion by Nelarie Romo and second by NellLaine Kilgore.

AYES: All  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

21. Minutes: The Council of Directors is requested to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting as presented.

This vote will be postponed until the next meeting.

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

*Council Of Directors*

The next COD meeting will be held on March 20, 2024, 8:45 a.m. WEC Building, Greenwood 3.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

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