



# San Joaquin County SELPA

## COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 21, 2021  
MINUTES

### **COD**

#### Present

Brandie Brunni – SELPA  
NelLanie Kilgore – Banta  
Wendy Frink – COSP  
Monica Vallerga- County Programs  
Nelarie Romo – Escalon  
Angelica Thomas – Jefferson  
John Saylor – Lammersville  
Thomas Crocker - Lincoln  
Kendee Wilkinson Gonsalves– Linden  
Jody Burriss – Manteca  
Irene Segura – New Jerusalem  
Ziggy Robeson- Ripon  
Sean Brown - Tracy  
Rita Farabaugh – Tracy

#### Absent

Silvia Da Silva- Venture  
Jamie Hughes - Linden

#### Support

Staci Johnson – SELPA  
Susan Scott – SELPA  
Frank Souza – SELPA  
Justin Albano – SELPA  
Tracy Troche – SELPA

**Brandie called the meeting at 8:50 a.m.**

#### **Approval of minutes-Brandie**

There were no minutes to approve.

**“In accordance with Government Code 54953(b)(2), all votes taken during a teleconference meeting shall be by roll call.”**

Public Input Session (10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

There was no public input.



**Finance Report – Brandie**

In the US Market conditions, the unemployment rate fell to 6.0% in March 2021, 2.5% higher than the pre-pandemic level in Feb 2020. In the California market, the unemployment rate decreased to 8.3% in March 2021, compared to 4.3% in Feb 2020. Regarding the California building and real estate, the statewide median price of existing single-family homes reached a new record high of \$758,990 in March 2021, up 23.9% from March 2020. The monthly cash report was \$16.686B above the forecast of \$120.493B. Personal income tax, sales and use tax, Corporation Tax, Alcoholic beverage, tobacco taxes, pooled money interest and “other” cash receipts were all higher than forecasts. Insurance tax cash receipts were \$64M below forecast.

CCSESA One-Time Funding Resources- These tools support effective one-time funds for initiatives and efforts that meet the short and long-term needs of students. Please work with your business office to make sure your MOE is not impacted.

CDE posted the Final Apportionment for Special Education Mental Health Services for 2020-21.

On April 23, the LAO published an overview of AB86, including how the dollars can be used and what the requirements are of each of the funding sources. Remember – special education students can be included in general education supports. This does not mean it should be billed to special education (think of the MOE implications). Again, remember to work closely with your business office and monitor MOE.

**2020-21 – Federal Grant Allocations – Nicole/Austin**

- 3310-Local Entitlement

Austin reviewed the 3310 Local Entitlement - for the 20-21 allocation the total is \$11,889,978. The distribution of this award is based on the October 2019 pupil count and distributed to districts. The award went up by \$40K. The difference in amounts from what the districts have currently budgeted and the new award amount is mainly going to be due to the difference in pupil count. New J and Tracy amounts changed due to Insight and TLC leaving the SELPA. The breakdown between 3310 and 3311 is a result of how many students were in the 200 or 700 codes in CALPADS.

- 3315-Fed Preschool

Austin reviewed the 3315 Fed Preschool. The pupil count was taken in October of 2019 for age groups 3-5. The award amount changed only by \$1000 so not much but there is a difference in ADA pupil count. The pupil count for New J and Tracy was adjusted for Insight and TLC leaving SELPA in 2020-21. Still waiting on the assurances from two districts (we cannot submit the reports to get reimbursed until all districts have submitted).

Nicole explained that there is a New American Rescue Plan which would increase the ADA, not many details yet and we don't know yet what California will receive probably not until next spring.

**2020-21 – Apr Review Excess Cost Transportation – Nicole/Austin**

Nicole reviewed the Excess Cost Comparisons – The detail of the review is located on Page 2. Overall, there have been significant savings in the last two years due to the shut down and negotiated discounts. At this point in time, we compare to the prior year actuals and the January review. In the bottom box there is a brief description of what factors are causing the differences. In 19-20 we shut down due to COVID and there was a contract negotiation to keep paying the vendor at a fixed number of rides with a discount applied to that. For the 20-21 year there was a new 5 year contract that was

negotiated that had language to reduce the cost escalation and to keep the fixed rides in place until 50% ridership was achieved. Due to the fixed ridership, there was a new discount which was 30%. The biggest difference in cost has come from not paying riders. In the Jan review, there was still conversation about coming back full time in March so there were riders left in the budget. Since there was still some unknown on how many riders were going to be needed, we will most likely be seeing an additional savings in the July analysis, but we will have to see how it all works out. The budget for the 21-22 year includes all riders and transportation back to full capacity with no discount factored in. As of right now we used the ridership constant that has been used since we shut down.

## **SELPA SUPPORT/STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

### **LI Update – Justin**

- For the 2020-2021 school year, \$97,299.65 was spent on specialized equipment and/or materials. The remaining amount of \$21,769.28 will be carried over to the 2021-2022 school year budget for Low Incidence funding for specialized equipment and/or materials.
- The total number of LI requests for this school year was 59. Repairs/Maintenance services were also made to specialized equipment using low incidence funding for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Friendly reminder that requests to access LI funding for the 2021-2022 school year will start on July 1, 2021.
- During the past few years, all low-incidence funding has been utilized for the school year. This year, due to the bill that was passed by the governor, more money was provided to the low incidence budget thus having a high amount to be carried over to the following school year.
- VI and specialized materials ordering: Monica provided information regarding information in relation to ordering braille materials. VI team will get in contact with local district departments that handle curriculum ordering. In the past, the curriculum in braille or large print were sent over to the SJCOE VI team who would then disburse that specialized curriculum to districts, which would take the first month of the school to get the materials to all students. With districts ordering those materials, it will go directly to the districts so that they are not waiting during the month of August for their students to receive the specialized curriculum. County Special Education Programs will be working with Instructional Materials Coordinator regarding ordering via IMODS and can provide support with information on the ordering.

### **Survey Results – Susan**

Susan thanked the council for taking the survey that was sent out a few weeks ago. The survey gives SELPA guidance to better support the districts. Susan went over the results of the survey and there was some discussion on various topics. One suggestion that had support was to do a weekly email with info and updates from the week so that the directors are not inundated with various emails from the SELPA department. Another survey question was whether to continue to hold the COD meetings via Zoom or to have them in person. There was not any final decision, but Brandie believes that in-person possibly quarterly would be important to cover potential growth and when the council is looking at data numbers. Virtual (zoom) trainings continues to be desired from our directors to reach a larger audience.

### **UC Davis SEED Program Update – Frank**

Frank attended a seminar on the Redwood SEED Scholars Program with their first year of funding through a grant with the U.S. Department of Education. It is a four-year, residential, comprehensive transition program to serve students with intellectual disabilities. The program will be open to students ages 18-23 years, and a diagnosis of intellectual disability is required. They will be welcomed to UC Davis as full-time students supported with peer mentors in academics as well as in health and wellness. Redwood Seed Scholars will take part in internships both on and off-campus with the goal of

competitive, integrated employment. They will live alongside other UC Davis students in on-campus housing and participate in extra-curricular clubs and organizations. Only 12 students will be accepted, the application window is open now until June 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a tuition fee plus housing and meal plans. This could be subsidized, and they are looking into various ways to cover the cost of tuition. One is looking into SSDI-towards tuition cost. Another possibility is to see if Regional Centers might cover the cost. This program would be instead of a Young Adult program. The student can be in the YA for two years for example and then apply. Frank has the recording of the Zoom meeting if you would like that information, please contact Frank. <https://cpe.ucdavis.edu/areas-study/education/redwood-seed-scholars-program>

## COMPLIANCE/STATE REPORTS/DATA REPORTS

### **CALPADs Reporting – Susan**

EOY reports- The certification window closes July 30<sup>th</sup>. Susan will share a link in CALPADs for an EOY checklist. This checklist walks through the EOY report making sure that you have all of the parts completed. It is for both special education and general education students, they all have to be certified. Susan will be working in June and July if the districts need support. Also, SEIS and CALPADS shared that they are working on a system update so that you can see your certification errors before you upload them to CALPADs which would be very helpful.

## PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTION

### **ERMHS Update – Susan**

Case numbers remain stable since the last meeting. The goal of ERMHS is to teach families and students that skills they need so they can become independent and no longer need external support. VCSS (our ERMHS provider) usually notifies SELPA when students appear to be ready to graduate so we can schedule and IEP (keeping in mind it is in IEP team decision). Susan has notified the IEP teams about several students who may be ready to graduate in the fall. We want to fade out, but don't want to do it too soon. We did extend some services for some students due to COVID. If Susan has not reached out to you, she will probably sometime in August. VCSS fades out slowly – usually over 6-8 weeks. There is a discussion on the impact COVID has had on length of service.

### **Physical Therapy- Contact with? – NellLaine**

Reaching out to the directors and working with RITA on this issue: We have a student coming in next year-CP and ambulatory has IEP PT services direct and assessment for APE-but hasn't been done due to pandemic. NellLaine was asking for suggestions from the directors of who they can contact for services. A suggestion was Easter Seals, UCP, Sutter Hospital in Tracy maybe be able to look into as well as Lodi Children Therapy. Easter Seals do go out to Jefferson but they don't to PT. Livermore used to do it but not sure if they do it anymore

## REGIONALIZED/COUNTY PROGRAMS/STUDENT SERVICES

### **County Program Update– Monica Vallerga**

Referrals: last year: 483 and this year: 451-30 less than last year.  
Preschool autism majority of them.

Monica shared pictures from Wednesday night's graduation. County Programs had 13 graduates aging out of the Young Adult program and TUSD also joined us with their 5 Young Adult students. It was a drive-through ceremony and next year looking forward to an indoor graduation.

### **Sub-Committee Interest Survey Results/June Meeting Dates:**

Monica thanked those that filled out the survey and for those that didn't take it yet, please let her know

and she can send it to you. The calendar links were sent out to those who filled one out. The sub-committee will meet on three Fridays in June.

**CAC** (district seat vacancy)-Item moved to CAC – Justin

**Any program moves for Fall at district sites?**

Please contact Monica if any county program classes are moving to another classroom (same site) or another school site. County Programs maintenance can help with this movement within a site or another location.

**COMMITTEES/COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**CAC – Justin**

Community Advisory Committee Update:

- The last CAC meeting for the school year was held on May 13, 2021 through Zoom.
- CAC Chairperson participated in Legislative Day. This year, it occurred on Zoom.
- Planning for the next school year occurred during this last meeting of topics to do for parent training. Dates and times for all of the meetings were created. A new flyer will be created at the beginning of the next school year, and once approved, will be distributed during a COD meeting.
- There is a vacant educational representative position for the committee.

**SHARING**

**Goody Two Shoes - Susan**

Susan nominated Monica Vallergera for the Goody Two shoe award for the 20-21 school year.

21-22 SELPA – Starting this coming school year Brandie would like each district to adopt a bulletin board in the hallway here at the Wentworth Building to showcase artwork from each of their schools. Tracy will be in contact with each director in August. – In addition to that, we will be taking photos of each of our directors to add to our walls and show who we represent as a SELPA.

**Meeting adjourned: 10:00 a.m.**