COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 14, 2023

Minutes

PRESENT: Steve Payne, Brandie Brunni, Jennifer Pool, Alyssa Wooten, Monica Vallerga, Nelarie Romo, Susan Scott, Justin Albano, Jamie Hughes, NelLaine Kilgore, Thomas Crocker, Jody Burriss, Staci Johnson, Austin Nogueira, Frank Souza, Lisa Mazza , John Saylor

ABSENT: Deanie Coleman, Wendy Frink, Sean Brown, Silvia de Alba

I.   CALL TO ORDER: Brandie Brunni called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

II.   ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:
        Manteca requests an additional SELPA sponsored slot for professional development opportunities funded by the SELPA. Based on general consensus, Manteca will now receive a total of 3 slots to all SELPA supported trainings as long as funding continues to be available.

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

IV.   ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

        1.   Finance Report – Brandie

        What we Know
        ● SpEd base rate will receive the 8.22% COLA
        ● ERMHS will be shifted to LEAs beginning in 23-24
        ● The moratorium on the creation of new single district SELPAs will be extended
        ● The CDE will be required to post SELPA documents

        Federal News
        ● The U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a meeting on May 11th to discuss the President's fiscal year 2024 funding request for the Department of Education (ED).
            ○ Committee members expressed their concerns about student learning loss during COVID-19 and the recent release of NAEP results
            ○ Support of the Administration's budget proposal paired with concern over the House passed budget which cuts key programs such as IDEA and is projected to result in a reduction of 100,000 teachers.

- There were also concerns around states' abilities to provide services themselves. It was noted that concerns focus on whether or not federal dollars would affect the goals of ED and stated that IDEA and other programs are better off in the hands of the states.

2. May Budget AB602 - Austin

The May budget model is built on ADA projections and facts from the state. ADA Rates were updated and adjusted as needed. Austin shared the breakdown of all increases and decreases as compared to prelim budget highlighting in increase in COLA. A tax increase, updated in february, updated LCSF numbers. ADA increased due to an increase in student population in our county.

3. May Budget Excess Cost Transportation - Austin

The estimated cost of transportation was shared per the May budget including the estimation of reimbursement for transportation. These dollars have not come back yet, and money is not anticipated to be received until after June 30, 2023 at earliest. Austin shared they will have more information at that time about calculations for transportation cost. Costs are drastically less due to transportation reimbursement estimates.

4. May Budget Mental Health Allocation - Austin

Austin shared the same data that has been sent out previously, including mental health budget breakdowns by funded ADA, and what districts are expected to keep based on projections. The current year has not been distributed as it was just finalized yesterday. Anticipate an increase in revenue on final disbursement, to clear out the old funding model and prepare to move forward with the new funding model. Full balance will be dispersed to districts to reset.

5. MOE - Austin

Spending dollars from other funds could affect MOE, MOE needs to be watched to make sure it doesn't end up too high. There will be a balancing act to make sure expenditures are correct. LEA's were encouraged to work closely with their respective business offices to keep checking MOE before books officially close.

6. Federal Allocations - Austin

Information was shared that if LEAs have not spent these dollars they must be spent by 9/30/23. These can be spent on any students ages 3-22 on any special education related services. Current year dollars were shared.

7. AB 130/Learning Loss - Austin

Austin reminded that all dollars must be spent by June 30, 2023, with districts expending by June 20th.

8. Intra-SELPA Placement Form - Brandie

Brandie shared information about the new forms. An MOU to be used across districts will be developed. The form goes live for use on July 1, 2023.

9. Local Plan Update - Brandie

- June 5th - SJC SELPA Governing Council Public Hearing and Action was held. All plans were approved.
- Local Plan was submitted to CDE June 12th, well in advance of the June 30th deadline.

10. County Programs Update - Monica

Current class size charts were reviewed with the Council of Directors; highest class load ever for county programs at the start of the year.

Referral Update
● 22/23 Referrals to date: 509
● 21/22 Referrals to date: 581
● Referrals during the month of May: 38
● A referral sub-committee met to help ensure equitable handling of referrals

Staffing Updates were reviewed including current number of vacancies and plans for June 21, 2023 Instructional Assistant job fair.

11. Master Contract - Justin

There is no update regarding the master contract at this time.

12. LI Update – Justin

● All submitted requests ongoing will still be voted on, and if approved, they will not be processed until July 1, 2023.
● Number of LI requests received for the 2023-2024 school year: 3

13. CALPADs Update – Susan/Staci

● Calpads updates were shared including upcoming due dates. Dates will not be moved this year.
● Conversation was held regarding indicator 6 coding.
● Next Steps for the CIM process were reviewed.
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14. CARES Update – Susan

● 11 active cases
● 9 referrals in process
● 22 REFERRALS in 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

15. Behavior Specialist and/or NPS Coordinators - Susan

Links were shared for directors to input contact information for LEA behavior specialists and NPS coordinators.

16. ProAct Training for Trainers - Susan

Pro-ACT is based on a set of principles that focus on maintaining client dignity and keeping people safe. Offering professionals the skills needed to reduce or avoid restraint, the Pro-ACT curriculum provides Train-the-Trainer as well as In-service training. LEAs need to sign up for the next training by June 24th to participate.

17. WorkAbility Update – Frank

Workability will start up again in August, information has been submitted to apply for next year's grant.

18. SEIS Update – Susan/Staci

● IEP Implementation and SEIS-Report now available in SEIS!
● SEIS has created an IEP Compliance Monitoring Report that will allow the district/LEA to take the student file from CDE's data collection website to import into SEIS to calculate the number of prescribed IEP service minutes vs. the number of minutes that have been delivered.
● Be sure to view information and short video via links in your SEIS message board, in the May Director's folder or here IEP Compliance Monitoring

19. Workshops/Trainings for 23/24 – Program Specialists

60 Training opportunities were offered in the 22-23 school year, including 17 canceled due to low enrollment. These included a variety of topics including visual supports, facilitating collaboration, CPI and ADR.

20. Special Education Administrators Connecting (The Breakfast Club) - Program Specialists

Information was shared on this collaborative monthly meeting that will include administrators and program specialists coming together to learn and share. LEA's would like to take turns hosting in districts, and potentially include classroom visits.

21. 2023 - 2024 Staff Development Survey - Justin

There are no updates at this time.

22. CAC Update – Justin

● Dates for CAC meetings/training for next school year.
    ○ September 14, 2023
    ○ November 9, 2023
    ○ February 9, 2024
    ○ May 9, 2024
● Various voting membership positions are still available, including parents and educational representatives.

23. CPI Update - Justin

● Onsite training requirements (10 total participants)
    ○ 6 renewals
    ○ 4 new trainers
● Will be a two-day training compared to one day
● Training will be administered as a training for new trainers
● Renewal rate is $1,549
● New trainer rate is $4,249
● Requires a $20,000 minimum to provide onsite training

24. OT Services - Jamie

Jamie was looking for resources for OT services, other LEAs were able to share resources.

25. SEIS Service Tracker and Calendars - Jamie

Jamie proposed a question regarding SEIS and the ability to upload the school year calendar to help with service tracking. It was shared that SEIS and our codestack team are working with CDE to see what future expectations will be to make this functional for the future.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:
Minutes: On a motion from Jamie Hughes second by Nelarie Romo the SJC SELPA Council of Directors approved the minutes from the May 17, 2023, meeting as presented.

> AYES: All
> NOES: NONE
> ABSTAIN: NONE

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:
The next COD meeting will be held on August 16, 2023, 8:45 a.m. WEC Building, Greenwood 3.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.