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Special Education Local Plan Area  
Trina Frazier, Chief Student Services Officer

Executive Committee Meeting  
October 7, 2019  
2:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m. ❖ FCSS, Room 273

## Minutes

**Members Present: Region I:** Andrew Alvarado, Christine Skinner; **Region II:** Wesley Sever, Tanya Fisher; **Region III:** Russell Freitas, Orin Hirschhorn; **Region IV:** Tangee Pinheiro **Fresno County SELPA:** Trina Frazier, Romy Chachere, Eddie Davidson, Leslie Cox, Laura Wascher

- I. Call to Order** T. Frazier  
The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.
- II. Adoption of Agenda** T. Frazier  
*MSC R. Freitas / O. Hirschhorn*
- III. \*Approval of Minutes of September 3, 2019** T. Frazier  
*MSC O. Hirschhorn / R. Freitas*
- IV. \*Low Incidence Equipment Application Report** L. Cox  
Leslie Cox, Principal for SELPA/Special Education, reviewed the Low Incidence Equipment Application Report for October 2019 with Executive Committee Members.  
*MSC R. Freitas / W. Sever*
- V. \*FCOE Operated Programs Class Size Capacity** T. Pinheiro  
Tangee Pinheiro, Executive Director of Special Education, reviewed the handout titled “FCOE Operated Class Size Capacity as of October 2, 2019”. There are currently 626 students enrolled in county-operated programs with 45 pending referrals and 16 non-public school (NPS) enrollments.
- VI. \*Percentage of Students Served** T. Pinheiro  
Tangee shared the report titled “Percentage of Students Served as of October 2, 2019”. This report has been adjusted with the 2018 preschool pupil counts and enrollment numbers from the California Department of Education’s (CDE) website. This updated data changed the percentage of students served.
- VII. Administrative Updates** T. Frazier
  - A. Chronic Absenteeism**  
Trina Frazier, SELPA Director, shared that the county-operated programs have been found to be out of compliance in the area of chronic absenteeism. This is mostly due to the medically fragile status of many of the students in these programs. Tangee explained that the state of California has stated that there is no such thing as an excused absence.
  - B. Local Plan & CAC Certification of NPS Out of State**  
Trina explained to members that the SELPA local plan will be rewritten within one year. She shared that parents can be part of the process, but are not part of the approval process. Trina also shared that Utah hired two staff members to start certifying NPSs in Utah as they had not been previously certified by the state. There were a couple of schools who were not certified through this process. They have gone to the state board for a waiver.

\*indicates handout

C. LRE Focus Statewide

Trina updated members regarding Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). LRE is being focused on closely in special education and it is currently the focus of CDE. This can be a cause for concern when considering opening up another center for county-operated programs as has been requested.

D. Bill Update

Trina shared information regarding various bills affecting special education that were signed by the Governor. AB-988 would allow for easier hiring of teachers with out-of-state credentials. The governor signed AB-605 regarding assistive technology. This bill allows for students, on a case by case basis, to take devices home with them or to other settings. AB-1172 will require a NPS to notify CDE of any cases where law enforcement is called upon for a situation involving a student. If CDE deems that there was a health or safety violation, they can revoke the NPS's license. SB-223 would allow a parent or guardian of a pupil to possess and administer medicinal cannabis at a school site in a non-smokeable or non-vapeable form. Trina shared that AB-599 and AB-216 became two-year bills. AB-598 would require health insurance plans to include coverage for hearing aids for minors. AB-216 regarding restraint and seclusion would place limitations on when restraint and seclusion can be used. AB-1505 was signed by the governor and will change the way petitions are submitted to establish charter schools.

E. \*Fiscal Update

Trina shared a handout regarding "Special Education Costs: Local Contributions Exceed 65% of Total Funding in 2017-18". Local funds, including LCFF, accounted for over 65% of the total funds expended. Trina informed members about an upcoming community listening session hosted by the Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Act (MHSA). The session is taking place on October 14, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Fresno County Wellness Center. The Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) provides \$50 million one-time funding and \$10 million ongoing funding to establish mental health partnerships between agencies. A flyer with more information was emailed to members so that they can share this event with those in their community that should attend.

F. \*Preschooler with Disabilities FAQs

Trina shared a handout regarding Preschoolers with Disabilities. The per-pupil estimate for preschool dollars is \$9,010. CDE will be sending two apportionments to counties to disperse.

G. All 4 Youth Update

Trina updated members regarding the All 4 Youth program. There is an effort being made amongst clinical staff to make themselves readily available for various situations that arise on school campuses.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items**

None.

T. Frazier

**IX. Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

- A. Operations Committee Meeting: October 14, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Room 270
- B. SGC Meeting: October 24, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., Room 201

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.