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Special Education Local Plan Area
Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Operations Committee Meeting

January 28, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. † Zoom

Members: Region I: Hillary Reid, Teresa Page, David Paliughi **Region II:** Judi Szpor, Gloria Reiger, Anthony Evaristo, Joy Bratton, Cindy Schreiner, Jodie Wiens, Jason Stricker, Diana Gischel- Lingo **Region III:** Tod Tompkins, Jennifer Pinto, Betty Carmona, Keith Mackey, Melissa Andresen, Denise Bedoian, Jojo Reyes, Terry Hirschfield, Mary Frea, Christy Grace, Jeff Moore, Evelyn Diaz, Christine Doughty **CAC Representative:** Marlene Pena **Region IV:** Tangee Pinheiro **SELPA Staff:** Trina Frazier, Eddie Davidson, Romy Chachere, Laura Wascher, Monica Raigoza **Guests:** Christina Borges, Dana Budd, Michelle, Roberto, Jennifer Rowe Gonzalez, Trish Small, Leslie Cox

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| <p>I. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am.</p> | <p>T. Frazier</p> |
| <p>II. Introductions</p> | <p>T. Frazier</p> |
| <p>III. *Adoption of Agenda <i>J. Reyes/ J. Moore</i></p> | <p>T. Frazier</p> |
| <p>IV. *Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2020 <i>C. Schreiner / J. Moore</i></p> | <p>T. Frazier</p> |
| <p>V. Standing Committee Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Committee 2. SGC Committee | <p>T. Frazier</p> |
| <p>VI. Information and Reports</p> <p>A. Administrator’s Report – Highlights of Current Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiscal Update Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, informed the committee that only one change has been made to the Governor’s Budget proposal, which is the \$2 billion dollar proposal for the Safe School for All Plan. There are many issues that are being raised specifically around union related issues regarding vaccination of all staff. It is not expected that it will meet the February expedited date as anticipated. 2. Legislative Update Trina reported to the committee that the deadline to introduce bills is February 19, 2021. Due to COVID-19, both sides of the house have been asked to limit the number of bills submitted. Trina explained AB126 regarding additional funding for empowerment centers in California. Portantino Bill SB14, would allow for excused absences for youth with mental and behavioral issues. AB104 regarding learning recovery due to COVID-19, will be a spot bill. Issues we may see addressed by the | <p>T. Frazier</p> |

*indicates handout

February 19, 2021 submission date, are regarding broadband access, and suicide prevention.

3. **First Student Update**

Trina updated the committee that a draft amendment of the contract with First Student has been provided. The Fresno County SELPA is requesting to settle for last year's transportation for \$100,000. Also requested was agreement to pay a fee for the routes that resumed this last school year and a request to extend the existing contract for five years with terms similar to those existing with First Student and Fresno Unified.

4. **Records Request Review**

T. Small

Trish Small, Pupil Personnel Services Senior Director, informed the committee that the county office remains available for support now that student files have transitioned back to districts of residence as the physical document holder.

Jennifer Rowe-Gonzalez, Legal Counsel, provided information to the committee on a Long Beach case regarding attorney fees.

B. FCSS Operated Program Updates

T. Pinheiro

1. ***Class Size Capacity**

Tangee Pinheiro, Executive Director of Special Education, reported that as of January 27, 2021, enrollment numbers are as follows: 380 students with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities, 108 students for the CIRCLE and PIP Programs, 77 students for ED/TIES, and 47 students for DHH, totaling 612 students. Numbers have decreased due to recent December graduates and a hold on student placement during this time. There are 20 students enrolled in Non-Public Schools (NPS). There are 49 pending referrals.

2. ***Percentage of Students Served**

Tangee reviewed with the committee the handout "Percentage of Students Served" as of January 27, 2021.

3. **Updates**

Tangee reminded the committee that all pending placements are being monitored and ensuring district contacts are receiving regular updates on the referrals. Students that are in in-person cohorts continue to be served.

C. *Funding Allocation Update for 2020-21 Quarter 2

E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson, Student Services Fiscal Director, reviewed handout titled "Funding Allocation Update for 2020-21 Quarter 2". The table provides a summary of all the SELPA funding sources and allocations. A difference between this quarter and the last quarter is the NPS claim calculation. Eddie also informed the committee of another major difference regarding the AB114 and a change in legislation. These dollars can be used for students with or without an IEP effective 2021.

D. Transportation Billback Update for 2020-21 Quarter 2

E. Davidson

Eddie reported to the committee that, should the tentative amendment be finalized, it will likely adjust the amount charged to each district compared to last year. The original amount was \$5,529 per rider and the new amount could potentially be \$4,573 per rider.

E. Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 1 for 2020-21, Due 1/31/21

E. Davidson

Eddie has collected information from each district's fiscal team and has compiled the upcoming due report. The report however, cannot be submitted because the grant award has not been received.

F. SEIS/CALPADS

R. Chachere

1. SEIS/CALPADS

a) Overdue Initial Eligibility, Evaluations, IEPs

Romy Chachere, SELPA Compliance Officer, informed the committee that the California Department of Education (CDE) will be providing notices for overdue initial eligibility, evaluations, and IEPs directly to each districts superintendent.

2. Monitor and Compliance Reporting

a) Special Education Plan

Romy shared that a confirmation has not been received and asked that districts continue to implement their plans. Romy is waiting for confirmation that the Special Education Plan transitions into the following year as opposed to having to develop a new plan.

b) Annual Performance Notice

Romy explained that in the Annual Performance Notices, disproportionality student file review will transition from fall to spring. Notice should be received in April and due in June to allow for corrective action.

c) Disproportionality/Significant Disproportionality

Romy informed the committee that one district was flagged for significant disproportionality. As a reminder, if the same category is flagged for significant disproportionality for three consecutive years, it will result in a 15% of special education dollars that will go into a general fund as well as additional reporting.

d) Local Plan Update

Romy updated the committee that they are waiting on an updated template to share with districts. The Local Plan no longer requires districts' governing board for approval. The Local Plan only requires the approval from the Superintendents' Governance Council and the County Office Board. Superintendents will still sign off for the Local Plan.

G. Professional Development

R. Chachere

Romy informed the committee that the "IEP - Individualized Transition Plans and Assessment" workshop is being held later that afternoon. The "IEP - All Things Behavior, Including Behavior Goals/Plans, Behavior Emergency Response, and Restraint and Seclusion" workshop will be held on February 9, 2021. The Fresno County SELPA website now provides the most updated Professional Development dates and OMS links.

H. Community Advisory Committee

M. Pena

Romy reported to members that the January Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting has been rescheduled for February 17, 2021 to allow for parent and family outreach to increase participation for the meeting.

VII. Hot Topics

T. Frazier

The committee has requested the organization of a CALPADS support workgroup. Romy will lead in the organization of the workgroup and provide details once arranged and a date is available.

VIII. Future Agenda Items/Updates

T. Frazier

None.

IX. Next Operations Committee Meeting, February 17, 2021, via Zoom

T. Frazier

X. Adjournment

T. Frazier

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.