



FRESNO COUNTY SELPA

SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Operations Committee Meeting

April 15, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. † Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Members: Region I: Teresa Page, David Paliughi **Region II:** Judi Szpor, Gloria Reiger, Anthony Evaristo, Joy Bratton, Jodie Wiens, Diane Gischel-Lingo **Region III:** Tod Tompkins, Jennifer Pinto, Betty Carmona, Keith Mackey, Melissa Andresen, Denise Bedoian, Jojo Reyes, Mary Frea, Christy Grace, Jeff Moore, Evelyn Diaz, Derek Cruz, Vicki Tarvin **SELPA Staff:** Trina Frazier, Eddie Davidson, Romy Chachere, Laura Wascher, Monica Raigoza **Guests:** Christina Borges, Dana Budd, Jennifer Rowe Gonzalez, Trish Small, Michelle Roberto, Allie Witt, Heather Gomez

I. Call to Order

T. Frazier

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. Introductions

T. Frazier

III. *Adoption of Agenda

T. Frazier

J. Moore /J. Bratton

IV. *Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2021

T. Frazier

J. Bratton / J. Moore

V. Standing Committee Reports

T. Frazier

1. Executive Committee
2. SGC Committee

VI. Information and Reports

T. Frazier

A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information

1. Fiscal Update

Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, reported to the committee of the President's proposal request of a \$2.6 billion increase to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). He has also guaranteed to reach 40% of federal contribution in IDEA. Also proposed is a \$250 million increase to IDEA Part C and a \$1 billion to increase the number of counselors, nurses and mental health professionals at schools. California Department of Education (CDE) has reported that there are the most Maintenance of Effort (MOE) failures for the 2019 fiscal year. The common issue has been that Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) have used one-time funds for ongoing costs. Trina has reminded members the importance of regularly ensuring that MOE is met. Revenue has also increased to 14% and personal income taxes will not be reflected in the May Revise.

2. **Legislative Update**
The SELPA Association is cosponsoring the Frazier Bill AB 967 which would establish a State Treasury COVID Fund for Special Education. The bill is for one-time allocations to prevent and intervene early on with disputes and conflict. Trina encourages members to share their support for the bill with their legislator.
3. **First Student Update**
Trina reported to the committee that the amendment with First Student has been signed and executed.
4. **WestEd Survey on Governance Structures**
 - a) **At least one of our districts has been chosen to participate.**
Fresno County SELPA was chosen to participate in the WestEd Survey regarding governance structures. Along with each chosen SEPLA, one or more LEAs were chosen within each of those SELPAs. There are a few concerns regarding questions on the survey that some staff may not be able to answer.

B. FCSS Operated Program Updates

C. Borges

1. ***Class Size Capacity**
Chris Borges, Director of Special Education, reported that as of March 31, 2021, enrollment numbers are as follows: 389 students within the extensive support needs program, 107 students for the CIRCLE and PIP programs, 76 students for ED/TIES, and 46 students for DHH, totaling 618 students. There are 21 students enrolled in Non-Public Schools (NPS). There are 61 pending referrals. Placement IEPs are being conducted for the fall.
2. ***Percentage of Students Served**
Chris reviewed the handout titled “Students Served in County-Operated Programs by District of Residence”. The handout displays each district’s number of students enrolled in each program.
3. **Updates**
Item not covered.

**C. *Funding Allocation Update for 2020-21 Quarter 3; and
Funding Allocation for 2021-22 Estimate 1**

E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson, Student Services Fiscal Director, reviewed the handout titled “Funding Allocation Update for 2020-21 Quarter 3”. Eddie addressed that the State Aid base rate per ADA increased by just under 5% since quarter 2. The increase was due to the addition of the Low Incidence apportionment from CDE. The IDEA grant award notice was received for 2020-2021. Report 1 has been submitted to avoid any delays in funding. Eddie pointed out the IDEA Private Schools column which reflects changes. Since there was a \$180,000 increase in the total funding, a subsequent increase is reflected for LEAs with parentally placed students in private schools.

D. *Transportation Billback Update for 2020-21, Quarter 3

E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed the handout titled “Transportation Billback Update for 2020-21, Quarter 3”. It is an estimated cost of about \$1 million for First Student, which is about a third of what is normally expended in previous years.

- E. Maintenance-of-Effort Update for 2020-21 SEMAI** E. Davidson
Eddie informed the committee that all MOEs for second interim were reviewed. After review, six members were identified that were not meeting MOE. Eddie is working closely with these districts to resolve this.
- F. Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 2 for 2020-21, Due 4/30/21** E. Davidson
Eddie reported to the committee that the Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 2 for 2020-21 has been provided to districts to be completed. Eddie emphasized the importance of providing backup documentation.
- G. *Adoption of Annual Budget and Service Plans for 2021-22** E. Davidson
Eddie discussed with the committee that the Local Plan, Annual Budget and Service Plans for 2021-22 have all been submitted to Superintendents' Governance Council (SGC) for review and will be up for adoption at the next meeting. The documents were all posted at each school site for no less than two weeks. CDE continues to update the documents.
- H. SEIS/CALPADS** R. Chachere
1. **SEIS/CALPADS**
 - a) **Workgroup**

Romy Chachere, SELPA Compliance Officer, shared with the committee that she has attended state trainings with other SELPAs regarding their SEIS/CALPADS workgroups. May 6, 2021 will be the next meeting date prior to the End of the Year 3 and 4. The link to register is available for the two-hour workgroup meeting. Resources and guidance will be reviewed.
 2. **Monitor and Compliance Reporting**
 - a) **Special Education Plan**

Romy informed the committee to continue to follow the activities, strategies and meeting dates on their plans. A reminder to collect the monitoring data, agendas and notes. Clarification on how to move forward with the Special Education Plan will be provided once received.
 - b) **Disproportionality/Significant Disproportionality**

A SELPA preview for disproportionality and significant disproportionality was received. There are currently four districts who are identified on the list of disproportionality. Districts will receive notifications on May 3, 2021.
 - c) **Personnel Data Report- End of April**

Romy shared that confirmation was received from CDE that the Personnel Data Report will be sent out at the end of April and it will be due July 16, 2021.
 - d) **Local Plan Update**

The Governance and Administration portion of local plan was modified. The updated Local Plan will be going to SGC for approval and then to the County Office Board of Education in May. During this time, Romy will be sending out Certification 5 for district superintendents' signatures before it is submitted to CDE.

I. Professional Development

R. Chachere

Romy provided information on a new Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) training that will be held over four half days on May 10, 11, 18 and 19, 2021. The training will focus on engaging challenging conversations. There will also be a training open to mental health staff on how to write direct treatment protocols on May 5, 2021.

J. Community Advisory Committee

M. Pena

Romy provided an update to the committee on the May Resource Fair. A video will be put together with each resource vendor providing information on how they can provide support. The resource video will be shared with districts to be shared with families.

K. LCAP

M. Baker/D. Budd

Dana Budd, Associate Director of LCAP & Compliance, provided committee members with updated regarding LCAP requirements to LEAs to consult with SELPA administrators to determine that specific actions for individuals with exceptional needs are included in the local control and accountability plan or annual update to the local control and accountability plan. She also shared that there will be an upcoming workshop to provide more information on language around consultation with SELPA.

VII. Hot Topics

T. Frazier

A. *CDE Distance Learning Decision

J. Rowe Gonzalez

Legal Counsel, Jennifer Rowe Gonzalez, discussed the CDE's distance learning decision.

B. OT/PT Medical vs. Educational Necessity

J. Rowe Gonzalez

Jennifer reviewed educationally related occupational and physical therapy services.

VIII. Future Agenda Items/Updates

T. Frazier

None.

IX. Next Operations Committee Meeting, May 13, 2021, via Zoom

T. Frazier

X. Adjournment

T. Frazier

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.