



FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Operations Committee Meeting

October 14, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. † Zoom

Minutes

Members: Region I: Hillary Reid **Region II:** Judi Szpor, Anthony Evaristo, Joy Bratton, Cindy Schreiner, Jodie Wiens, Jason Stricker, Diane Gischel-Lingo **Region III:** Elizabeth Runyon, Tod Tompkins, Jennifer Pinto, Betty Carmona, Keith Mackey, Denise Bedoian, Gary Cunha **Region IV:** Christina Borges **SELPA Staff:** Trina Frazier, Eddie Davidson, Romy Chachere, Laura Wascher, Monica Raigoza **Guests:** Dana Budd, Jennifer Rowe Gonzalez, Trish Small, Michelle Roberto, Allie Witt, Martha Tyler, Raul Diaz, Farah McGovern, Kathy Chenoweth

I. Call to Order

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

T. Frazier

II. Introductions

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III. *Adoption of Agenda

C. Schreiner /

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IV. Community Input

No community

V. *Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2021

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VI. Standing Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee
2. SGC Committee

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VII. Information and Reports

T. Frazier

A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information

1. Fiscal Update

Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, reported to the committee that the day prior to Learning Recovery and Dispute Resolution and Prevention allocations plans were due, the California Department of Education (CDE) released a document stating that more than 10 percent could be used on materials and supplies. Romy Chachere, SELPA Compliance Officer, informed the committee that adjustments to the expenditure reports are permitted through the beginning of November. Romy asked that the changes be submitted to her, and she will make the revisions to the expenditure reports. Romy composed a general plan for the SELPA with all the districts' proposals. The general plan allows for flexibility in each district's plan. Romy added that data will be reported in 2023. Romy and Eddie Davidson, Director

of Fiscal Student Services, will be working on a timeline for quarterly report submissions from each district.

Trina reported to the committee that there has been an increased amount of Non-Public School (NPS) placements. Each year the allocations for NPS placements are made up of the average number claims over three years plus an additional 20 percent. Trina has advised that if the influx of placements continue, they will be prorated to not exceed the amount allowed in their policy.

Romy shared with the districts the letter and numbers received from CDE regarding overdue assessments and IEPs. CDE has stressed that LEAs update their CALPADS information. The data was collected on October 8, 2021, and will be extracted again in November with an anticipated reduction. Romy received clarification from CDE that delay codes were not included in the numbers provided.

2. **Legislative Update**

Trina informed the committee that the Governor signed the Durazo Bill, SB 639 regarding minimum wage for persons with disabilities. Three mental health bills were also signed. January 22, 2022, will be the deadline for new bills to be introduced.

3. ***ADR Dispute Resolution Grant and Plans**

Item was covered in VII.A.1.

B. FCSS Operated Program Updates

C. Borges

1. ***Class Loading**

Chris Borges, Executive Director of Special Education, reported that as of September 30, 2021, enrollment numbers are as follows: 397 students within the Extensive Support Needs (ESN) program, 101 students for the CIRCLE and PIP programs, 76 students for TIES, and 44 students for DHH, totaling 621 students. There are 19 students enrolled in Non-Public Schools (NPS). There are 89 pending referrals. Chris informed the committee that there are still plans to add 2 additional preschool classrooms. The biggest challenge with the additional classrooms will be staffing. Chris shared that there are an increased number of inquiries for NPS placements.

2. ***Percentage of Students Served**

Chris reviewed the handout titled “Students Served in County-Operated Programs by District of Residence”.

3. **Updates**

Item was covered in VII.B.1.

C. Funding Allocation Update for 2021-22 Quarter 1

E. Davidson

Eddie shared with the committee that the Funding Allocation Update for 2021-22 Quarter 1 will be shared with each district’s fiscal team and Superintendents on October 15, 2021. Additional funding sources have been added to the allocations.

D. *Transportation Billback Update for 2021-22, Quarter 1

E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed the handout titled “Transportation Billback Update for 2021-22, Quarter 1”. Eddie mentioned that amount for disinfecting was not included in “First Student Transportation and Disinfecting”. Eddie will be working on an estimate to be provided in the next report. Eddie anticipates the number of riders will increase. The cost per rider is \$8,800.

E. SEIS/CALPADS

R. Chachere

1. SEIS/CALPADS

a) FCSS CALPADS Network Oct 25, 2021

Romy reminded the committee that the FCSS CALPADS Network is on October 25, 2021. Romy informed the committee that changes were made in SEIS on the IEP form bank. Jennifer Rowe Gonzalez, Legal Counsel reviewed the updated forms with the committee.

2. Monitor and Compliance Reporting

a) Special Education Plan

Romy informed the committee that no updates have been provided for the Special Education Plan and Disproportionality/Significant Disproportionality. The annual performance reports should be available at the end of fall or prior to the winter break.

b) Disproportionality/Significant Disproportionality

Item covered in VII.E.2.a.

c) Local Plan

Romy has asked each district to replace the draft Local Plan with the final plan which is required to be posted on each district's website.

F. Professional Development

R. Chachere

Romy shared that all the professional development events are regularly updated on the SELPA website. A Multiple Disabilities Workshop will be held on October 19, 2021. Romy and Dominic Johnson, Lead Department Automation Specialist will facilitate a SEIS Training on November 3, 2021.

G. Community Advisory Committee

R. Chachere

Romy is ensuring that there are parent representatives for each district prior to the first meeting that will be held before the Thanksgiving break.

H. LCAP

M. Baker/D. Budd

Dana Budd, Associate Director of LCAP & Compliance, informed the committee that there are additional requirements, and the state board will adopt the revised template as well as the LCAP supplement template in November. Trainings will be held in January or February.

VIII. Hot Topics

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None.

IX. Future Agenda Items/Updates

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None.

X. Next Operations Committee Meeting, November 16, 2021, via Zoom

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XI. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned 9:58 a.m.