



FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Operations Committee Meeting November 16, 2021 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ✦ Zoom Minutes

Members: Region I: David Paliughi **Region II:** Anthony Evaristo, Joy Bratton, Cindy Schreiner, Jodie Wiens, Teresa Page, Martha Tyler, Desmond Agbontaen **Region III:** Diane Lira, Tod Tompkins, Jennifer Pinto, Betty Carmona, Keith Mackey, Denise Bedoian, Derek Cruz, Jeff Moore, Gary Cunha, Allie Witt, Christine Doughty, JoJo Reyes **Region IV:** Christina Borges **SELPA Staff:** Trina Frazier, Eddie Davidson, Romy Chachere, Laura Wascher **Guests:** Jennifer Rowe Gonzalez, Hank Gutierrez, Trish Small, Farah McGovern

I. Call to Order

T. Frazier

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. Introductions

T. Frazier

III. *Adoption of Agenda

T. Frazier

C. Schreiner / J. Bratton

IV. Community Input

The public may address the Fresno County SELPA Policy Committee pursuant to established procedures and will have up to three minutes to do so. No action shall be taken (E.C. 35145.5). Members of the public who have a disability in need of a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the Operations Committee meeting may contact the Operations Committee coordinator 72 hours prior to the meeting with the request.

None.

V. *Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2021

T. Frazier

C. Schreiner / J. Bratton

VI. Standing Committee Reports

T. Frazier

1. Executive Committee
2. SGC Committee

VII. Information and Reports

T. Frazier

A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information

1. Fiscal Update

Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, shared that the Fresno County SELPA is one of five SELPAs that have been chosen to receive an IEP Support and Technical Assistant grant award for \$2 million dollars. They have chosen SELPAs by region in California. The goal is to help LEAs resolve any compliance issues that they have, assisting with overdue IEPs and assessments, and supporting LEAs identify and assess student needs.

2. **Legislative Update**

The last date to introduce bills is February 18, 2022. The legislature will reconvene on January 3, 2022. Many of the bills we have been watching will become two-year bills. We have been very carefully watching a WestEd report that makes recommendations for a statewide IEP Template. CDE contracted with Sacramento County Office of Education and they contracted with WestEd to develop and make recommendations and create a template. Trina and Jennifer have reviewed it. The changes would create significant mandated costs. They are recommending a strengths-based IEP. They did not use any of the three existing templates available to create the template. The recommendations do not align with IDEA in many areas.

B. FCSS Operated Program Updates

C. Borges

1. ***Class Loading**

Chris Borges, Executive Director of Special Education, shared the handout titled “FCSS Operated Program Updates as of November 4, 2021”. There has been an increase of four students since the last report. We currently have 62 open referrals. There are 625 students currently enrolled in county-operated programs.

2. ***Percentage of Students Served**

Chris shared the report “Percentage of Students Served as of November 4, 2021”. Column G shows the percentage each district makes up of the SELPA. Column H shows the percentage of enrollment in county-operated programs.

3. **Updates**

Chris shared that we are looking at additional classroom space, particularly at the preschool level. The struggle is finding staff during a staffing shortage.

C. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 4 Update for 2020-21

E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson, Fiscal Student Services Director shared the handout titled “Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 4 Update for 2020-21. This is report 4 of 7 reports. Eddie encouraged members to check with him regarding any balances.

D. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 7 Update for 2019-20

E. Davidson

Eddie shared handout titled “Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 7 for 2019-20 the last report of 2019-20 to file a claim to CDE for IDEA funds. There are some remaining balances. Private school expenditures are difficult to find. The remaining balances in resource 3315, federal preschool dollars, can be and will be claimed for the county-operated preschool.

E. *Excess Cost Calculations Update for 2020-21

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled “Excess Cost Calculations Update for 2020-21”. The excess cost report is another IDEA report. The calculation is based on how much each LEA is spending on average for all its students. This includes expenditures for general education students as well. All members met their excess costs requirement.

F. *Maintenance-of-Effort Update for SEMA for 2020-21 and SEMB for 2021-22

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled “Maintenance-of-Effort Update for SEMA for 2020-21 and SEMB for 2021-22”. This report shows if the LEA met the compliance test and the eligibility test. A “no” for the eligibility test does mean that the LEA did not meet the SEMB requirement, but there is not an immediate penalty. There were reductions in meeting expenditures which led to members not meeting requirement. Two members did not meet the compliance test for SEMA. The SELPA is expected to receive an invoice from CDE for the amount that the LEA did not meet the compliance test.

- G. *SELPA 3-Year MOE Contribution Report** E. Davidson
Item not covered.
- H. Claims for Review for 2020-21** E. Davidson
Claims were submitted to the Executive Committee and will be set forth for approval in January 2022.
- I. SEIS/CALPADS** R. Chachere
1. **SEIS/CALPADS**
Romy, SELPA Compliance Officer, shared that Domonic held a training earlier this month regarding CALPADS and SEIS reporting. December 17 is the deadline for the CALPADS Fall 1 certification for the LEA only which is tied to P1 apportionment. The amendment window will open on December 18, 2021 and will close on January 28, 2022. The fall DRDP assessment window is currently open.
 2. **Monitor and Compliance Reporting**
 - a) **Special Education Plan**
The annual performance reports are on the CDE website for 2019-20. We are waiting for the annual determination letter.
 - b) **Disproportionality/Significant Disproportionality**
Item not covered.
 - c) **Local Plan**
Romy sent an email to districts regarding posting the local plan to their websites.
- J. Professional Development** R. Chachere
Romy sent a link yesterday for Professional Development. There is a training tomorrow regarding Part C Transition to Kindergarten Transition. There is also a four-day training at the end of this month regarding ADR. This would be a tier one training regarding engagement in difficult conversations
- K. Community Advisory Committee** R. Chachere
Romy has received a few parent representatives who have been board approved. The first CAC meeting will be November 30, 2021. A link will be created that can be shared with parents.
- L. LCAP** M. Baker/D. Budd
Item not covered.

VIII. Hot Topics T. Frazier
Trina shared that Joy Bratton accepted the position of Special Education Director at FCSS. Jennifer Rowe Gonzalez, Legal Counsel, shared that we continue to see a huge uptick, statewide, in due process. The Class action lawsuits are continuing throughout the state as well. There was a temporary restraining order issued about a week and a half ago regarding AB130. The law still exists under AB130 that if students with an IEP wants to be an independent study student, the IEP has to determine that as FAPE.

IX. Future Agenda Items/Updates T. Frazier
None.

X. Next Operations Committee Meeting, January 13, 2022, via Zoom T. Frazier

XI. Adjournment

T. Frazier

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.