

SHASTA COUNTY SELPA  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**October 19, 2022**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**SELPA CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**1524 Magnolia Avenue; Redding, CA 96001**

**1. Robert Brown, CAC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:31 am.**

Community Advisory Committee member roll call:

- Robert Brown, Chairman Present
- Jean Boggs, Treasurer Present

Others present were:

- Christian Patz, SELPA Executive Director Present
- Kristin Sigurdson, SELPA BCBA Present
- Plena Gabellas for Susan Hayes, Rowell Family Empowerment Present
- Susan Putnam, Far Northern Regional Center Present
- Suz Crane, Fall River USD Workability Present
- Geralyn Elliott, Shasta UHSD Workability Present
- Christy Chichester, Parent / SNIPP Rep. Present
- Brandie Ryan, Parent / SNIPP Rep. Present
- Nichole Winger, Parent / SNIPP Rep. Present

Members and guests introduced themselves. Brandie Ryan stated she is now a surrogate parent as of October 18<sup>th</sup> training. Plena Gabellas is attending on behalf of Susan Hayes for Rowell Family Empowerment.

**2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda**

Discussion: Christy Chichester stated she cannot represent SNIPP as she is moving out of state.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Discussion: None.

**ACTION:** Jean Boggs motioned to approve the regular Agenda as presented. Susan Putnam seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote, no opposition, no abstentions, no absentees.

**4. Public Forum/Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Community Advisory Committee**

Discussion: None.

**5. SELPA Director's Report**

5.1 State SELPA Directors – Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz stated the Brown Act has changed for CACs taking effect in January which acknowledges parents volunteer for the CAC so these changes “take teeth out” of legal consequences of parents not perfectly following Brown Act rules and fault must be very egregious to win legal action against a CAC.

Dr. Patz shared the current Shasta SELPA profile, sharing that Shasta County has 3591 students on IEPs, not counting those on 504 plans, which includes infants to 22 years. 900 speech/language students. OHI generally for ADD with conditions under ED Code. Recently added fetal alcohol syndrome to named list under OHI as well. Nothing in the law about a secondary condition, though added on forms. All open door to special ED to serve in all areas of need. All have to be addressed in the IEP. Shasta Co reduced to under 6% of kids on IEPs, while state average is 3%. High average in foster youth, as kids lives are disrupted by abuse, violence, drugs - cause for ED and need emotional regulation support. SELPA is working more with districts regarding foster youth. Services are primarily academic instruction and speech. Braille transcription is tied to minutes on an IEP.

Shasta SELPA would also like to add a program specialist position to assist with a/ Private School coordination, b/ for recruitment for all SpEd positions available county wide - Chico, Sacramento job fairs and conventions, c/ mental health coordination, and d/ as an OOH coordinator regarding foster youth who move ALOT. Have a SELPA contact to follow the student would help to ensure services. Dr. Patz will be asking for support of the position in December.

## 5.2 New Diploma Option - Update

Discussion: If students take the CAA test (CA Alt Assessment) and complete state minimums they are entitled to diplomas at end of 4th year of high school and SpEd responsibility ends at diploma, or until 22. This law would allow students now to get a diploma while having no end to SpEd responsibility from districts. Dr. Patz stated we are waiting for CDE guidance to specify Diploma vs. Certificate of Completion and SELPA Directors Association is looking at a working model in Louisiana. Dr. Patz encouraged attendees to contact him if they wish for a diploma for their child. Ms. Elliott stated she spoke with another person regarding the independent living piece and that schools are pushing for Certificates of Completion, though diplomas provide for more employment opportunities or more differences in future. Dr. Patz indicated the state is tracking graduation numbers and acknowledged SUHSD is having tough time with the CDE in that regard.

**6. Consent Items** – *(These action items are of a routine nature or items for which no discussion is anticipated, and are acted upon by a single vote. Members may request that any item be removed and given individual consideration.)*

## 6.1 Approval of Minutes for September 21, 2022

Discussion: Amended Minutes were provided to members to reflect SUHSD workability numbers, as they were previously inadvertently included with the FRJUSD report.

**ACTION:** Susan Putnam motioned to approve the Amended Minutes for September 21, 2022 as provided. Consent item as presented. Jean Boggs seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote, no opposition, no abstentions, no absentees.

## **7. Parent Training 11-16-22**

Title: Augmentative and Alternative Communication: Not All Pictures are the Same  
Presented by: Anna Krajcin, M.S., CCC-SLP, BCBA

Discussion: Dr. Patz encouraged members to participate.

## **8. CAC Local Plan Overview**

Discussion: Dr. Patz continued his slide presentation and informed members that the CAC is a function of state law, and the Local Plan is an outline of policies and procedures for the County to ensure it complies with state and federal laws. There are 133 SELPAs in CA, some multi-district, some single district, some are Charter SELPAs (El Dorado), some multi-county (Humboldt-Del Norte), some multi-region. Emphasized CAC very involved last year mainly changed voting regions. Local Plan includes 23 policies, procedures and programs as listed on the slide. LRE (Least Restrictive Environment) is for the student, not the school or district. CA CDE is pushing inclusion, while courts lean towards educational benefit, as student does need to make progress. Courts includes social emotional concerns as well, but still need to see growth. Dr. Patz emphasized the IEP team makes their best plan for the student.

Dr. Patz highlighted slide item 18 regarding MOE; item 20 - can suspend/expel students w/ IEPs and 504; Item 22 regarding over identification has a large impact locally with 3 districts working with the CDE. Discussion continued regarding Services (slide) - 6 items. SELPA can arbitrate, how SELPA will fulfill obligations of FAPE, SELPA to inspect NPSs / RTCs out of state with the student having a right to speak with the SELPA representative privately. Discussion continued regarding SELPA roles - AU unit being SCOE currently. Dr. Patz as SELPA Director is employed with SELPA and all decisions are made by the SELPA Governing Board, but contracted with SCOE.

The slide presentation continued regarding SELPA funding through 1/ ADA for last 3 years, then pay on highest year; 2/ COLA - down this year; 3/ base rate, 4/ local property taxes; 5/ program specialist - resource specialist (Nick Syrrist); 6/ LI funds; and 7/OOH formula to change coming in February due to reduced number of beds in county. Referred to CDE SpEd Funding Exhibit for 2021-22 P2. Fund per student period, not per IEP to avoid overuse of IEPs. Reminder that funds divided among 28 districts for the year - about \$17m total apportionment. Remainder comes from district general funds. Should get approximately \$820/student this year with 6.5% COLA, inflation up to 8%. Budget coming in the Spring for CAC approval. All funds distributed to districts and programs.

## **9. Parent Information / Membership - Discussion**

9.1 Member Recruitment

9.2 Surrogate Parent Recruitment Training 10-18-22 – Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz confirmed there are now three parents to qualify for a SELPA position. Both Ms. Ryan and Ms. Winger wish to be appointed. Ms. Ryan has another person interested as well. The Surrogate parent item was already addressed.

## **10. Treasurer's Report – Discussion / Update (Jean Boggs)**

Discussion: Mrs. Boggs provided attendees a copy of the SELPA budget and stated the CAC account remains at \$2,180.00.

## 11. ADR Conference Attendance – Discussion / ACTION

Discussion: Both Ms. Winger and Ms. Ryan would like to attend the ADR Conference in Riverside. Chairman Brown is pleased parents want to attend, as it helps build new skill sets. Dr. Patz confirmed SELPA would pay for their air, hotel, and transportation to the airport and meals. Ms. Winger appreciates having options for dispute resolution.

**ACTION:** Susan Putnam motioned to approve attendance of parents Nichole Winger and Brandie Ryan to the ADR Conference in Riverside, CA. Jean Boggs seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote, no opposition, no abstentions, no absentees.

## 12. Agency Reports - Discussion

### 12.1 Report of Far Northern Regional Center – Susan Putnam

Discussion: Ms. Putnam stated in September FNRC served 3,134 in Shasta Co as of September 30th, and 840 school aged kids between ages 5-18. FNRC and SCOE's new Early Childhood Services (ECS) programs are working together for a family wellness program to provide newborns up to 4 year olds a 12 week (1 time per week) support of developmental education. Kids will receive socialization ages 2-5, and can do tutoring with dinner, gas cards, while family gets training. FNRC is very excited to work with ECS for kids 0-5 years old. All agree very FNRC is very beneficial.

### 12.2 Report of Rowell Family Empowerment – Plena Gabellas for Susan Hayes

Discussion: Ms. Gabellas stated Rowell is starting their community navigator program to help families connect with more resources, and are unsure if Rowell will have one appointed person in their office or if all their representatives will participate. She added that Rowell MAY have a winter SLATE program.

### 12.3 FRUSD Workability – Suz Crane

Discussion: Ms. Crane informed all that FRJUSD added more to the payroll, so October will be bigger than September.

B/ Discussion continued with GERALYN ELLIOTT of SUHSD Workability. Ms. Elliott stated that SUHSD continues to work with local agencies for DOR placements, had more this month than last month and transitioned others to DOR. They are working with the state for larger box businesses to work with workability - as now growing national programs, not local stores. Ms. Elliott hopes to learn more at the state conference in spring.

### 12.4 S.N.I.P.P. – Brandie Ryan

Discussion: Ms. Ryan informed members they are working with Best Behaviors for more family outreach while also trying to add family sponsorships, or ways to help families receiving new services to get face to face with BCBAs, for personal recommendations. Ms. Winger stated her child had a sleep study and met a nurse who had a child with similar needs. The nurse was very eager to learn about SNIPP. Both Ms. Ryan and Ms. Winger agreed they want SNIPP to be a front line first source for families.

**13. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items**

Discussion: Chairman Brown asked to bring the CAC Bylaws for November review and discussion.

**14. Next meeting date:** November 16, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m, SELPA Conference room

**15. Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned 12:10 pm.