

SHASTA COUNTY SELPA
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 27, 2023
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:

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| ● Robert Brown, Chairman | Present (via Zoom) |
| ● Jean Boggs, Treasurer | Present (via Zoom) |
| ● Brandie Ryan, SNIPP | ABSENT |

Others present were:

- Christian Patz, SELPA Executive Director
- Nick Syrrist, SELPA Sppt. Svcs. Consultant
- Kristin Sigurdson, SELPA BCBA
- Susan Hayes, Rowell Family Empowerment

2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda

Discussion: Dr. Patz suggested to have a shortened Agenda due to absence of many agency representatives and parents who usually attend. Chairman Brown agreed and requested Dr. Patz administer the meeting due to Chairman Brown's Zoom attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Jean Boggs motioned to approve the regular Agenda as presented. Susan Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote, no opposition, no abstentions, Brandie Ryan was absent.

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

Discussion: None.

5. SELPA Director's Report

5.1 ADR Conference – Update from CAC attendees: Brandie Ryan, Nichole Winger

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that the ADR conference had 5 members from Rowell attend, who SELPA and the CAC scheduled and paid for four attendees. All appreciated the conference. Ms. Ryan and Ms. Winger also attended and both enjoyed the conference. Dr. Patz stated they would all like to attend next year, though SELPA and the CAC may not have funding to bring others.

5.2 Airports for Autism – Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz thanked Rowell for sponsoring the Airports for Autism event, and emphasized his appreciation for Chairman Brown who attended and heavily recruited parents, along with the SELPA staff who also attended. Ms. Sigurdson’s idea to give away Play Dough was a big hit.

5.3 Legislative Information Sharing Day; Sacramento, CA – May 3, 2023 – Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz reminded members of the state’s Leg Day next week. Chairman Brown canceled his attendance due to medical recovery requirements.

5.4 Spectrum Center – Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that he was notified at 8:00 am today all Spectrum staff are out sick so the center was unable to open its doors today. Corporate is sending staff tomorrow, though he and Mr. Syrrist, SELPA Support Services Consultant, will be there just in case. However, the SELPA Governing Board just approved a \$2m contract for 2023-24 to have four classrooms to replace services previously provided by IEP School. Spectrum’s expansion will have elementary, middle and high school classes, plus an autism class, and will provide a full continuum of classes for kids with behavior challenges. Dr. Patz requested an autism specific class having more structure - even if dual diagnosis.

Dr. Patz continued with additional updates and informed members that differentiated assistance now includes looking at students with IEPs. Mr. Syrrist will now be working 50% with SCOE and 50% SELPA to help the county with differentiated assistance moving forward. The SELPA Governing Board also approved the addition of 1 FTE person to backfill Mr. Syrrist’s position and have SELPA manage the twelve itinerants from the EXCEL campus, to new our new SELPA site at Rancho. The SELPA Governing Board approved the purchase of another unit at Rancho to house those itinerants. SELPA will grow to a staff of approximately seventeen ultimately.

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 February 15, 2023

6.2 2023-24 CAC Meeting Schedule

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Robert Brown motioned to approve the Consent item as presented. Susan Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote, no opposition, no abstentions, Brandie Ryan was absent.

7. Presentation – Kristin Sigurdson, SELPA BCBA

Discussion: Dr. Patz thanked Ms. Sigurdson, SELPA BCBA, for her hard work and time in preparation for her presentation today, and asked her to bring it back for another meeting when more attendees are present. Ms. Sigurdson agreed to do so at the convenience of the CAC.

8. Parent Information/Membership – Update / Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz stated there have been many parent recruitment events, but many are out sick or dealing with difficult situations and will report out at a later date.

9. Shasta SELPA Adventures – Update / Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz recognized Mr. Syrrist for his work on this project, but they have found that adaptive PE teachers already have several events scheduled, so he will not bring this matter back for CAC consideration.

10. Treasurer’s Report – Discussion / Update (Jean Boggs)

Discussion: Mrs. Boggs requested she provide an update as to budget expenses next month when she can appear in person. All agreed.

11. Agency Reports - Discussion

11.1 Report of Far Northern Regional Center – Susan Putnam

Discussion: None.

11.2 Report of Rowell Family Empowerment – Susan Hayes

Discussion: Ms. Hayes informed members that Rowell had 260 registered participants in the Airports for Autism event run/walks, had twenty-five vendors and raised over \$12k. Rowell is very thankful for such an increase this year and voiced appreciation for the sponsorship of the CAC and SELPA.

11.3 FRUSD Workability – Suz Crane

Discussion: None.

11.4 SUHSD Workability - Geralyn Elliott

Discussion: Jeanne Marleau, SELPA Admin. Program Coordinator, stated that Ms. Elliott provided an emailed update for members in her absence. Dr. Patz requested the report be emailed out to members for their information.

11.5 S.N.I.P.P. – Brandie Ryan

Discussion: None.

12. CAC Bylaws – Discussion / ACTION

Discussion: Dr. Patz provided a revised draft with all previously discussed edits included and suggested members wait until the next meeting to approve with all members present. All agreed. No action taken.

13. SELPA Budget – Update / Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz stated the Governor asked for an 8% increase next year. Now 8.5%, but state revenues are down. Expecting May revision of the Governor’s budget to be more telling and will bring information to members once received, along with SELPA’s budget & Local Plan. Dr. Patz anticipates the \$1.2m for the Low Incidence itinerants to be transferred to the SELPA side of the ledger, instead of going to SCOE. This is not a budget increase, only a change in who is actually distributing the funds.

14. SELPA Office move – Update / Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz confirmed escrow has closed on SELPA's three units purchased at the Rancho location. CHYBA will continue to rent to the end of June, while the other tenant should vacate tomorrow. SELPA may be adding a 4th unit and has contracted with Columbia ESD for custodial services. The CAC will have a parent corner in the new offices, and Dr. Patz promises tea and biscuits for all.

15. Busses – Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that SCOE is updating its bus fleet now, as diesel busses are best for Shasta County and will become difficult to purchase in the future. SELPA has historically prepaid for SpEd student busses and has been asked to buy or contribute towards another purchase. Dr. Patz recommends keeping reserves, have SCOE pay in full then bill districts as needed. The SELPA Finance Advisory Council and Governing Board agreed to allocate \$400k towards the purchase, which is less than 25% of what the county requested. There are only two LEAs that don't use the busses, Fall River & Cascade. The bus purchases will add about \$1,000 expense to districts expenses.

16. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- BCBA presentation.
- TONIE from Amazon - alternative to screen time.

17. Next meeting date: May 17, 2023, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m, SELPA Conference room

18. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned 11:04 a.m.