

SHASTA COUNTY SELPA  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**November 8, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**SELPA CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**3570 Rancho Road, Ste. 9; Redding, CA 96002**

**1. Robert Brown, CAC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.**

Community Advisory Committee member roll call:

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| ● Robert Brown, Chairman          | Present |
| ● Jean Boggs, Treasurer           | Present |
| ● Brandie Ryan, Authentic Outcome | Present |

Others present were:

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| ● Christian Patz, SELPA Executive Director | ● Susan Hayes, Rowell Family Emp.           |
| ● Kristin Sigurdson, SELPA BCBA            | ● Susan Putnam, Far Northern Reg. Center    |
| ● Sarah Spencer, Parent                    | ● Suz Crane, Fall River JUSD, Workability   |
| ● Lisa Bocast, Parent                      | ● Lelanie Jeffcoat, Shasta UHSD Workability |

Members and guests introduced themselves.

**2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda**

Discussion: None.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Discussion: None.

**ACTION:** Brandie Ryan motioned to approve the regular Agenda as presented. Sarah Spencer seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote, 3-0, 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 Alternate Path to Diploma

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that the state passed a law regarding an alternate PATH to diploma intending for all students to receive a diploma. Students under the new path may maintain ed rights until age 22. Previously, after 4-5 years of high school special education services end under the new law (from Every Child Succeeds Act, not IDEA). Dr. Patz maintains it IS an alternate diploma as it does NOT end special

education rights. Unfortunately, the CDE has still not issued guidance and refers to the law. Directors have been informed to notify families of students in 10th grade that we still have the Certificate of Completion, along with a pathway and alternate pathways. Schools need to assign coursework that aligns with California Assessment standards. Mr. Brown emphasized importance of parents monitoring to ensure students are on the proper pathway for success. Dr. Patz added that students are entitled to education to age 22.5 years, and it is unknown when the alternate pathway will be implemented pending CDE guidance.

## 5.2 Larry P. Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that the “Larry P.” case involves IQ testing on African Americans wherein the Court ruled IQ tests are racially biased and determined they cannot be used for African Americans in California only. California then determined can’t use for anything then. New efforts to bring back as long as not testing for ID. The Office of Administrative Hearings has not indicated how they intend to rule in these cases, so Dr. Patz recommends this SELPA continue NOT using it for IQ testing.

## 5.3 Possible future presentation (BIP)

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members of a future presentation with Kristin Sigurdson, SELPA BCBA, and Elena Bramble with Rowell Family Empowerment regarding the new Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) form. SELPA updated our form to focus on the Essential 10 elements of a BIP, currently used state wide. The presentation will be Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Discussion will include what and why we are using the Essential 10, the new form and key elements of form. This is a Rowell event made open to the public.

**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 13, 2023

Discussion: None.

**ACTION:** Jean Boggs motioned to approve the Consent item as presented. Brandie Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote, 3-0, no opposition, no abstentions, no absentees.

## 7. Parent Information/Membership – Update / Discussion

### 7.1 CAC Resource Fair / Open House 10-28-23

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that the CAC open house was very successful with its Halloween theme and thanked the CAC and parents and agencies for their efforts and donations. Many parents exchanged information. Chairman Brown encouraged continued contact with participating parents and suggested keeping this as an open agenda item. Ms. Putnam counted 70 attendees. Discussion continued regarding future events.

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

Discussion: Mrs. Boggs confirmed the CAC has received no new bills and will confirm once the open house receipts are reflected.

## 9. Agency Reports - Agency Reports - Discussion

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

Discussion: Ms. Putnam informed members that Far Northern Regional Center served 926 school age kids in October, 3,360 total in Shasta County. Over 10k across all FNRC counties. They are sponsoring a Neurodiversity Symposium February 2, 2024 at Chico State.

#### 9.2 Report of Rowell Family Empowerment – Susan Hayes

Discussion: Ms. Hayes stated that Rowell is in the middle of their Fall Slate program with 25 kids and provided a flyer of their monthly trainings, and Make & Take program including the N2Y visual program that can be put together for free for families. Ms. Hayes will confirm the date for Airports for Autism.

#### 9.3 Report of Authentic Outcome – Brandie Ryan

Discussion: Ms. Ryan indicated Authentic Outcome is working with other agencies to use her thrift store as a training program for students to learning personal, business and technical skills.

#### 9.4 Report of Workability – Suz Crane, Fall River JUSD

Discussion: Ms. Crane stated a few of their students have already completed their hours for the year.

#### 9.5 Report of Workability – Geralyn Elliott, Shasta UHSD (*absent*)

Discussion: Lelanie Jeffcoat, assistant to Geralyn Elliott, informed members that Shasta UHSD has 680 students enrolled of 733 eligible students, but are only funded to serve 582. They have placed 108 students which exceeded their projected goal of 87. 10 students placed in jobs. Shasta UHSD is looking to partner with the Dept. of Rehabilitation for a weekend work grant to serve students with 504s in addition to students with IEPs.

### 10. ADR Conference

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members of the March 2024 ADR Conference in Riverside, CA. There are less funds available this year, and approximately \$1,750 in the CAC budget. The SELPA will be sending James Glover, SELPA Support Services Consultant in Dr. Patz's place and suggested two CAC members also attend. Ms. Ryan attended and really enjoyed the conference last year, especially the presentation on the "human approach" to trauma responses. Ms. Ryan, Ms. Spencer and Ms. Bocast all wish to attend and discussion continued about funding their participation. No action taken.

### 11. 2024-25 Local Plan and Allocation – Update / Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz stated he is currently preparing revisions for a redline version. The driving principal to all changes to the 2024-25 Local Plan is "*Success Equals Local control Powering Action*". Districts want to use funding to so they can further serve kids locally. He is starting revisions early for input and suggestions to provide to the SELPA Governing Board for approval with a goal to incentivize districts to create program on site for students to allow students to stay at their home district schools. Dr. Patz added that concerns remain as to how to serve small districts and cohorts of students with the same needs. A redline version will be emailed to members in December for Discussion in January.

### 12. Appointment of 2023-24 CAC Chairperson – Discussion / ACTION

Discussion: Dr. Patz suggested the discussion should include appointment of all CAC officers, including Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. Ms. Spencer inquired about the duties and responsibilities of Chairperson. Dr. Patz described duties to include running all CAC meetings, discussions regarding Agenda preparation, participation in events, and some Program Advisory Council and Governing Board meetings.

**ACTION:** Robert Brown motioned to nominate Sarah Spencer as Chairperson and Brandie Ryan as Treasurer. Jean Boggs seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote, 3-0, no opposition, no abstentions, no absentees.

**13. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items**

13.1 ADR Conference March 13-15, 2024

13.2 Alternate Pathway to Diploma – state update

Discussion: Members requested future discussions regarding parent outreach ideas for Spring, the ADR Conference and the alternate pathway to diploma.

**14. Next meeting date:** January 17, 2024, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m, SELPA Conference room

**15. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.