

SHASTA COUNTY SELPA
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 13, 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 | ● Wendy Longwell, Disability Action Ctr. |
| ● Nick Syrrist, SELPA Director Schl & District Svcs. | ● Suz Crane, Fall River JUSD, Workability |
| ● James Glover, SELPA Sppt. Svcs. Consultant | ● Sara Spencer, Parent |
| ● Kristin Sigurdson, SELPA BCBA | ● Laurie Allen, Parent |
| ● Susan Putnam, Far Northern Regional Center | ● Patty Mayer, Parent |

Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda

Discussion: None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Jean Boggs motioned to approve the regular Agenda as presented. Brandie Ryan 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 SELPA Rancho offices
 - 5.1a. CAC Parent Corner
- 5.2 SELPA Support Services Consultant position

Discussion: Dr. Patz introduced James Glover, SELPA's new Support Services Consultant. Mr. Glover stated his experience with Shasta UHSD as a mod/severe teacher and department chair. Dr. Patz added that Nick Syrrist is now dividing his time between SELPA helping districts with students with IEPs and SCOE/PLLS LCAP and student disabilities.

5.3 Spectrum Center – Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that the SELPA previously utilized IEP School for students with behavior challenges, but is now closed, and is working with Spectrum for students with behavior challenges and autism. It has been a difficult start this year and Dr. Patz is working diligently to support Spectrum with training, staffing and program goals. Students are served in four classes - elementary, middle, and high school for students with social & emotional behavior challenges, plus one middle school autism program class. There is hope to get a medical fragile class in the future and encouraged members to recommend staff.

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 June 23, 2023

Discussion: None.

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

7. Disability Action Center (DAC) – Wendy Longwell, guest speaker

Discussion: Dr. Patz introduced Wendy Longwell, Disability Action Center. Ms. Longwell stated she has a 28 year old son on an IEP, and has two other kids with 504 plans. She previously worked with Rowell Family Empowerment for fifteen years and served on the CAC. Disability Action Center assists people aged 14 – 30 to learn living skills, and helps families learn their child's needs. DAC serves all surrounding counties except Trinity, providing virtual meetings for those who live remotely. Twelve different grants are available to the DAC to help any person with any disability – even self-declared disabilities, and is free to all users.

8. Information/Membership – Discussion / ACTION

8.1 Open House – Organization and funding

Discussion: Sara Spencer has spoken with vendors for raffle basket donations and volunteered to lead the event planning. Mrs. Boggs confirmed the CAC has a total budget of \$2k. Dr. Patz confirmed the event can be held at the SELPA offices. All members agreed on a date of October 28, 2023, 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Members suggested a Halloween theme trunk or treat with allergen awareness. Dr. Patz volunteered to provide treats and trinkets if given a budget and suggested it be kept under \$500. Dr. Patz recommended a \$250 budget. Vendors and contributors could include the DAC, Rowell, FNRC, Authentic Outcome, and Nor Cal Services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing.

ACTION: Brandie Ryan motioned to approve a CAC Open House event on October 28, 2023 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm with a budget of \$250.00. Jean Boggs seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote, 3-0, no opposition, no abstentions, no absentees.

9. Treasurer's Report – Discussion / Update (Jean Boggs)

Discussion: Mrs. Boggs stated the CAC still has a budget balance of \$2,180 for 2023-24.

(Chairman Brown requested item 11 be discussed early due to time constraints of another commitment.)

11. 2024-25 Local Plan and Allocation Timeline – Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members the 2024-25 Local Plan will reflect changes in the law regarding funding and he will provide drafts to the CAC for earlier consideration. The SELPA Governing Board will be reviewing funds distributed off the top (OTT), extraordinary costs to districts, and SELPA subsidies. Dr. Patz provided the following timeline:

- Oct. 2023 - introduction of 1st draft to Board - budget primary to align w/ how state provides us funds.
- Feb. 2024 - Board budget study after Governor's budget release - COLA, special programs, etc.
- Feb. 2024 - draft to SCOE Superintendent, then to SELPA Governing Board
- Mar. 2024 - draft to CAC
- Apr. 2024 – final draft to Board for public hearing for approval

Dr. Patz reminded members that the Local Plan makes us the SELPA and needs to reflect our priorities. Keeping kids on comprehensive campuses is the primary goal, and it is important to have input to align priorities.

(Chairman Brown requested Dr. Patz chair the meeting in his absence. Chairman Brown and Wendy Longwell left the meeting at 11:55 am.)

(Dr. Patz continued the meeting with Agenda item 10.)

10. Agency Reports - Agency Reports - Discussion

10.1 Report of Far Northern Regional Center – Susan Putnam

Discussion: Ms. Putnam informed members that Far Norther Regional Center offers a family wellness program for kids up to 5 years old, and their agency now serves over 10k clients across all counties served. In September, the agency served 3, 329 clients in Shasta Co, 918 are school aged 5-18 years old.

10.2 Report of Rowell Family Empowerment – Susan Hayes *(absent)*

Discussion: Dr. Patz provided Rowell's update in the absence of Susan Hayes. The agency is offering its 15 week Fall/Winter Slate program for students 4-18 years old who are on the autism spectrum. Dr. Patz referred members to Rowell's website for more agency information.

10.3 Report of Authentic Outcome – Brandie Ryan

Discussion: Ms. Ryan indicated Authentic Outcome is helping on boarding up to 18 clients from San Diego to Yreka, and works closely with regional centers and assisting with IEP meetings for parent support.

10.4 Report of Workability – Suz Crane, Fall River JUSD

Discussion: Ms. Crane informed members that she is now an IBI (intensive behavioral interventionist) at Burney Community Day School.

10.5 Report of Workability – GERALYN ELLIOTT, Shasta UHSD (*absent*)

Discussion: None.

12. CHYBA application to join Shasta SELPA – Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members of California Heritage YouthBuild Academy (CHYBA) as a unique charter serving kids and young adults aged 16-25 years using vocational programs paired to a diploma track. Programs include hospitality, construction, and more. They are currently chartered out of the Trinity Co SELPA, and want to renew through our Shasta County SELPA. More information will be provided as their application progresses.

13. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

13.1 SELPA Open House

Discussion:

- a/ Dr. Patz suggested a debrief of the CAC Open House event.
- b. Brandie Ryan and Sara Spencer can be formally appointed to replace current CAC members.
- c. ADR Conference in March 2024 – encourages CAC members to attend
- d. alternate pathway to diploma – state update

14. Next meeting date: November 8, 2023, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m, SELPA Conference Room, Rancho Road

15. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned 12:08 p.m.