

**SELPA PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL
Standing Committee of the Consortium**

February 9, 2023

**8:00 am – 10:00 am
SELPA Conference Room
1524 Magnolia Avenue; Redding, CA 96001**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 8:02 am

Christian Patz, SELPA Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

SELPA Program Advisory Council members roll call:

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| • REGION 1 – Rebecca Berg, SUHSD | Present |
| • REGION 2 – Brandt Shriner, Anderson UHSD | Present |
| • REGION 3 – Sue Cooper, Redding ESD | ABSENT (<i>present at 8:05 am</i>) |
| • REGION 4 – Annie Payne, Enterprise ESD | Present |
| • REGION 5 – Ray Witte, Mtn. Valley JPA | Present |
| • REGION 6 – Melissa Maderios, Gateway USD | Present |
| • REGION 7 – Brent Beyer, Fall River JUSD | ABSENT (<i>present at 8:05 am</i>) |

Others present were:

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| • Christian Patz, SELPA Executive Director | • Nick Syrrist, SELPA Sppt. Svcs. Cons. |
| • Gina Murphy, SCOE | • Kristin Sigurdson, SELPA BCBA |

2. Approval of the Agenda

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Rebecca Berg motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. Brandt Shriner seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 5-0, no opposition, no abstentions, Sue Cooper and Brent Beyer were absent.

3. Public Forum / Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Program Advisory Council

None.

4. Spotlight on Success – Rebecca Berg, Shasta Union High School District

4a. Next reports: Brent Beyer, FRJUSD; Sue Cooper, RESD

(Brent Beyer and Sue Cooper present at 8:05 am)

Discussion: Mrs. Berg provided a slide presentation about the Shasta UHSD farm provided for 11 higher functioning SpEd students with one aide. The farm has cows and about 40 chickens with a coop built by the CTE construction class, and students care for the chickens from incubation to hatching. There is tractor driving, and 3 hydroponic farming towers at the farm, which also allows students in wheelchairs easy access. Farm sells Christmas trees for fundraisers which helps teach students life skills including tree knowledge, sales, personal interaction, cash sales and more. Students also made tangerine marmalade in the kitchen and are having great fun and sharing success. The program has created a fourth level of students between SDC & SDCI and they are hoping to grow the program next year.

5. SELPA Director's Report

5a. SELPA Directors' Conference - update

Discussion: Dr. Patz shared a video from The Hiring Chain which emphasizes how preparing students for work and inclusion is very important and helps provide goals for success after graduation. Tractor Supply hires many local students. The SELPA Directors conference included discussions around the Governor's pending budget and proposed 8.13% COLA.

5b. Every Child Counts Symposium – Palm Desert, CA - update

5c. ADR Conference – Riverside, CA; March 16-17, 2023

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that the ACSA ECC conference was great but no more on graduation requirements, though participated in a good session by F3 Legal on how to write executive functioning into an IEP. Presenter emphasized how judges review goals and should only be used to measure how the IEP is working. Ms. Payne added learning disability vs. learning loss - make sure diagnostic screeners are paired with appropriate curriculum for SEL.

5d. GoalBook training – PDC Trinity Room; March 20, 2023

Discussion: Dr. Patz offered to supplement for next year if members like the program. Service Tracker trainings are available on their website and urged members to be prepared for next year as required. Likes SEIS as county wide program to have all data in one place and emphasized the use of Notes in SEIS. Enterprise ESD to integrate with RELAY.

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.)*

6a. Approval of Minutes for December 8, 2022

(no meeting in January 2023)

6b. Requests for ESY Waivers

6b1. Redding ESD

6b2. Gateway USD

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Rebecca Berg motioned to approve the Consent Item as presented. Ray Witte seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 7-0, no opposition, no abstentions, no absentees.

7. Fiscal Update – Update / Discussion

7a. AB 130 Update

7b. SELPA Governing Board budget review meeting

Discussion: Dr. Patz continued his slide presentation and informed members of the February 8, 2023 SELPA Governing Board budget meeting. State projections included \$715/student ADA last year, about \$3,300/student for Low Incidence. OOH funds were \$2m. OOH will be reduced due to lower bed count and will likely lose more than half of funding, as only projected to get about \$750k as the challenge lies with the number of beds filled, not just available. ADA will change to the highest number of ADA over the last 3 years per district and the year can differ depending on the district.

Dr. Patz referred to the “Distribution” slide and confirmed the current ADA for 2022-23 is \$820/student, and is projecting \$886/student for 2023-24. ADA distribution was \$21.7m to districts this year and will likely increase up to \$24m next year including ERMHS funds. Rate smoothing improved funding over last few years.

“Fund Distribution Summary” slide shows less than 4% is SELPA operations. 75% of \$4m to LEAs. Ending reserves are projected at \$8.4m for 2022-23. SCOE to ask for more buses. EESD and Gateway rarely use SCOE transport. Dr. Patz stated he will be very protective of reserves due to pending changes in OOH, ERMHS and declining financial climate. Dr. Patz indicated that he is not aware of any legal implications of high reserves.

8. ERMHS Planning – Discussion / ACTION

Discussion: Dr. Patz continued his slide presentation with “Federal ERMHS” slide and stated he also discussed the Bridges program with the Governing Board, who agreed to keep the \$280k Federal funds with the SELPA, give Bridges \$67k with a plan to fade to zero subsidy in three years, and provide Fall River a \$60k remote subsidy with a plan to fade to zero subsidy in three years. Federal funds will be kept at the SELPA level to split with Bridges, Fall River and the SELPA BCBA. Funds are not restricted and can be used for “one off” situations for needed counselors, etc. These are the only funds tagged for SpEd and SELPA is not the safety net any longer. JPA can cover each other and larger districts, but will be difficult if a district needs 2.0 FTE all of a sudden. SELPA won’t have person at EXCEL, but they will hire and raise rate. Mrs. Payne indicated EESD going very well hiring their own and urged members to find their own ERMHS resources.

9. Regional Resource Committee Policy – Discussion / ACTION

Discussion: Dr. Patz stated problems with the current procedure include a need to eliminate school names to allow for programs to change and identify county programs as such. He also wants specific application / submission timelines to budget accordingly. (“Regional Resource Committee” slide). Mrs. Payne requested alternate options to pdf forms and to streamline what information needs to be provided. Mrs. Berg stated that since the SELPA is now very supportive, it would be more convenient to only attach exceptional forms instead of the whole IEP, etc. Dr. Patz also stated he is speaking with Spectrum regarding an expanded program and requested members submit input and ideas to him.

(Sue Cooper left at 8:57 am)

10. Graduation Requirements – Update / Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz provided a handout of the “High School Graduation for AB 181/Education Code 51225.31” provided at the SELPA Directors conference that provides a sample “Graduation Eligibility Notification Letter” to notify kids of possible future options. Basically the state still has not provided any definitive guidance and

we can't decide ANYTHING until state provides legal guidance. Mrs. Berg indicated the issue of concern is that she has had no parent who has been upset their child isn't getting a diploma, and a diploma doesn't make sense for students who are still identifying colors and find parents completely understand. There is no benefit or impact to student for an alternate diploma - doesn't even affect their dashboard. It is NOT logical for these students.

11. Future Agenda Items

Discussion:

- Dr. Patz suggested ESY waivers and budget.
- Mrs. Payne requested EESD for ESY waiver, and that ERICS criteria be revisited.
- Mrs. Maderios suggested future professional development be discussed, as Gateway is looking to purchase TeachTown. Mr. Shriner urged her to run away, as they have no customer service and Anderson UHSD is trying to get out of their contract as there is no tech support for the purchased curriculum. Mr. Witte stated the JPA is just getting started with the program and got training up front.
- Mr. Witte asked to see how funds are spent with SELPA funding. SELPA bought busses but districts are still getting billed highly.
- Mrs. Payne is interested in seeing the Opalescence program

12. Next meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2023, 8:00 am – 10:00 am, SELPA Conference Room

Adjourned at 9:15 am.