

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

February 13, 2024

**8:00 am – 10:00 am
SELPA Conference Room
3570 Rancho Road, Ste. 9; Redding, CA 96002**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 8:00 am

Christian Patz, SELPA Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

SELPA Program Advisory Council members roll call:

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| ● REGION 1 – Cecile LaMar, SUHSD | Present |
| ● REGION 2 – Brandt Shriner, Anderson UHSD | Present |
| ● REGION 3 – Rick Jordan, Redding ESD | ABSENT (<i>present at 8:04 am</i>) |
| ● REGION 4 – Annie Payne, Enterprise ESD | Present |
| ● REGION 5 – Ray Witte, Mtn. Valley JPA | Present |
| ● REGION 6 – Nate Solus, Gateway USD | Present |
| ● REGION 7 – Brent Beyer, Fall River JUSD | ABSENT |

Others present were:

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| ● Christian Patz, SELPA Executive Director | ● Autumn Ervin, SELPA Admin Asst. / Data |
| ● Nick Syrrist, SELPA, Dir. Dist. & Schl. Sppt. | ● Melissa O’Dell, Pacheco ESD |
| ● James Glover, SELPA Sppt. Svcs. Coord. | ● Kyle Farris, Spectrum Center |

Discussion: None.

(Rick Jordan present at 8:04 am)

2. Approval of the Agenda

Discussion: Dr. Patz requested item 8 be moved to be discussed between items 3 and 4.

ACTION: Nate Solus motioned to approve the move of item 8 to between items 3 and 4 and approval of the Agenda as otherwise presented. Annie Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 5-0-2, no opposition, no abstentions, Rick Jordan and Brent Beyer were absent.

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

None.

(Rick Jordan present at 8:04 am)

8. Spectrum Center – Update / Discussion (*moved earlier per discussion in item #2*)

Discussion: Dr. Patz introduced Kyle Farris, who has returned to Spectrum administration. Mr. Farris confirmed Spectrum is receiving several referrals and is working on staffing to meet student needs. Dr. Patz indicated he has been very clear with Spectrum management of the primary concern of SpEd Directors is communication and emphasized the need for quick response (24-48 hours), plus the need for continuity and building of program. Major concerns among members include consistency of local personnel, billing methods and lack of timely information, and overall communication. Mr. Farris will provide “automatic attendance distribution” for all districts, and will follow up on district Director access to Spectrums’ student program, and dedicated space on site for IEP related services.

Spectrum’s direct billing contact is Amanda, or Nicole Hathaway. Next year all billing will be converted to attendancebased billing, instead of the current enrollment based billing. Discussion continued regarding Spectrum considering the possibility of providing transportation for students. Mr. Farris agreed to provide a cost sheet of their corporate van use, emphasizing a 5 student minimum for block pricing and will work with Dr. Patz for route mapping. Members also voiced interest in expanding middle school classrooms for students with autism, in addition to an update of an expansion for high schoolers. Mr. Farris voiced appreciation for all members and encouraged members to communicate directly with him at kyle.farris@chancelight.com

4. Spotlight on Success

4a. Cecile LaMar, Shasta UHSD

Discussion: Ms. LaMar stated she is very proud of Shasta UHSD’s ERICS program and their ability to serve students well. She reported they brought a student back from a Mountain Valley placement and is having great success in Shasta’s ERICS program, and they have no other students placed out.

5. SELPA Director’s Report

5a. SELPA Standing Items:

- Monthly training – SELPA Professional Development Calendar ([link](#))
- Itinerant Updates
- SEIS and Data
- Director Notes from State

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members the SELPA Governing Board took action on the proposed 2024-25 budget. Changes include a funding cut to court school from OOH funds, so funds will remain in OOH reserves for ERICS or RTC placements. Other changes include reductions in the ERMHS subsidy for Fall River, and an additional reduction for Bridges to \$39,500. Dr. Patz will ask members to participate in a committee to discuss spending ideas. The state budget is still pending proposed bills, while COLA estimated for 24-25 is .76% which will put more pressure on district budgets.

Ms. Ervin informed members that state monitoring reports are expected to be released today. Dr. Patz added that the SELPA may be looking to reclassify Ms. Ervin’s position to specifically address the data needs she provides for the SELPA.

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 12, 2023

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Ray Witte motioned to approve the Consent item as presented. Annie Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 6-0-1, no opposition, no abstentions, Brent Beyer was absent.

7. ESY Waiver Request Support for all LEAs – Discussion / ACTION

Discussion: Dr. Patz indicated that Fall River JUSD and Enterprise ESD requests are ready for Board approval, and would like PAC permission to request blanket ESY Waiver approval for all districts on the Board’s Consent Agenda. Dr. Patz emphasized Juneteenth counts as a day. Ms. Payne indicated the CDE requires that the Governing Board Agenda MUST list each district in a separate ACTION, not the Consent Agenda.

ACTION: Annie Payne motioned to approve ESY waivers for all districts. Cecile LaMar seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 6-0-1, no opposition, no abstentions, Brent Beyer was absent.

(See item #8 discussed above)

9. 2024-25 NPA master Contract – Discussion / ACTION

Discussion: Ms. Payne suggested to review the draft contract to clarify references to NPA/S.

10. 2024-25 Local Plan – Annual Service Plan – Discussion / ACTION

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Ray Witte motioned to approve the 2024-25 Local Plan – Annual Service Plan and presented. Ray Witte seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 6-0-1, no opposition, no abstentions, Brent Beyer was absent.

11. ERICS Program – Discussion / ACTION

11a. ERICS classroom additions

11b. ERICS program requirement adjustments

Discussion: Dr. Patz reminded members that the SELPA has 11 approved ERICS classrooms, but 8 currently occupied. Requests to add a class have been received from the JPA and Enterprise ESD, and would also like to add another in Fall River. The Governing Board recently approved an increase from \$35k to \$50k per classroom for the 2024-25 school year. Dr. Patz provided new requirements for ERICS classrooms, specifying the need to create space for foster youth, and to be committed to a collaborative process.

Proposed form provided:

Structure:

- bullet #5 – drop
- bullet #6 – mental health clinicians – Dr. Patz confirmed classes don’t need multiple and can have a school psych.
- bullet #9 – Dr. Patz indicated this criteria was stated due to some classes having 6 students but others have 8-12. Questions arose about consequences of having less than 8 and if the SELPA should continue subsidizing low numbered classes when others have the numbers to open a class, or adding a caveat to consider high need districts for next year. Discussion continued regarding incentivizing districts to keep kids, while not penalizing those with low numbers. Perhaps a prorated subsidy depending on the number of students.

Professional Development:

- bullet #1 – Dr. Patz suggested the district’s HR have an MOU with their union regarding professional development. Ms. Payne emphasized difficulty with unions, while Ms. LaMar prefers training for the specific job responsibilities of that role.
- bullet #3 - Ms. Payne requested scheduled dates/times for quarterly PLC. Mr. Syrrist agrees this item is an obstacle in order to get subsidy. Mr. Witte suggests PLCs include more useful topics around general ERICS classrooms, not specifically high school or elementary.

Data Monitoring:

- Ms. LaMar stated her staff and teachers really like Pearson 360 Whole-Child System. Cost is approximately \$1,600/class x 11 classes. Instead of \$50k per class, SELPA could pay for 360 then give \$48k. Individual licenses per LEA would be more expensive than if purchased for multiple LEAs as one bulk license through the SELPA, then reduce the classroom subsidy to accommodate for the expense. All agree.
- bullet #2 - reviews done quarterly as part of job-a-like, with 2-3 districts per quarter with district personnel, not hired agencies. Dr. Patz offered to change to mental health provider since districts have their own mental health dollars, and add examples (school psych, mental health counselor, etc.)

Funding:

- bullet #2 – post ERICS transition planning – Dr. Patz encouraged input as to how we transition kids out of ERICS classrooms. Humboldt/Del Norte and Tehama counties have a hybrid of push-in supports and ERICS type classrooms. IEP School was good at transitioning students back to classrooms with support. Dr. Patz reminded members the goal is to incentivize sharing students, as sharing staff will help districts serve all students.

No action taken.

12. Possible SELPA Staffing Adjustment information

Discussion: Dr. Patz reminded members that CDE’s data reporting requirements and district need for assistance have dramatically increased, and the SELPA needs to make the job description of Autumn Ervin more specific to the actual duties performed for data services. A new job description for SELPA will be provided to SCOE’s HR department for approval and would like PAC support. SELPA’s data position now includes CalPADS integration, CDE monitoring and intensive reporting. Dr. Patz would like PAC support of the new position.

13. Future Agenda Items

Discussion: Mr. Beyer suggested the ESY Waiver process.

14. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 8:00 am – 10:00 am, SELPA Conference Room

Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.