

**SELPA Governing Board
Minutes
October 25, 2022
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

**Shasta County Office of Education
Shasta County Office of Education – Board Room
1644 Magnolia Avenue; Redding, CA 96001**

1. Call to Order, Roll call.

Rob Adams (Region 3), Chairperson, called the public hearing to order at 8:00 a.m. Members welcome Jim Harrell's return to the Board for Region 6.

Roll call:

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| ● Jim Cloney, Shasta UHSD - Region1 | Present |
| ● Victor Hopper, Anderson UHSD – Region 2 | Present |
| ● Rob Adams - CHAIRPERSON, Redding ESD – Region 3 | Present |
| ● Heather Armelino, Enterprise ESD – Region 4 | Present |
| ● Doug Geren, Cottonwood UESD – Region 5 | Present |
| ● Jim Harrell, Gateway USD – Region 6 | Present |
| ● Merrill Grant, Fall River JUSD – Region 7 | Present |

2. Approval of Agenda

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Jim Harrell motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. Heather Armelino seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 7-0, no opposition, no abstentions, no absentees.

3. Public Comment

Discussion: None.

4. SELPA Director's Report

4a. IEP School Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that small schools in self review with the CDE have office hours available at the SELPA office for assistance or a quiet place if needed. Schools with less than 100 students with IEPs may be selected next year. The SELPA is also helping field calls to assist Gateway USD's Special Education Director's office.

Dr. Patz stated that IEP School proposed a rate increase but the Finance Advisory Council (FAC) and the Program Advisory Council (PAC) both declined so no action was requested of the Board. Both councils voiced concern for other options, but no decisions were made.

4b. Spectrum Program – Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz indicated that Spectrum is now open for service to high school students in the building that previously housed the GREAT Partnership.

4c. Graduation Requirements

Discussion: Dr. Patz shared a slide presentation and informed members that the California legislature approved new graduation requirements for the 1% of students not expected to graduate in order to align with IDEA requirements for alternative diploma. This does NOT stop responsibility to provide FAPE, as a student can get a diploma and still participate in transition programs. The CDE still pending formal guidance. Students taking the CAA need to be notified of graduation requirements and suggested CAA numbers be monitored. Dr. Patz indicated is is still vague as to students receiving certificates of completion and diplomas, as the law language regarding a diploma does not really apply to non-military, or other goals. The new law affects maybe 1%, and may move the graduation rate to more positive numbers, but it will still make a very small impact overall. Dr. Patz awaits formal CDE guidance and will share the information once received.

Mr. Adams inquired about Spectrum’s current enrollment. Dr. Patz stated that Spectrum has capacity for 12, and is currently at 5, with more pending. The goal is to have 10 students in attendance. Trinity and Tehama counties voiced interest in placing students, but are on hold pending local transitions.

5. 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.)

5.a Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8-23-22

5b. Approve Increase to GoalBook License

5c. NPA Rate Schedule – Woods Family Speech Therapy

5d. Low Incidence Equipment Requests

5d1. LI Request #52 – Cottonwood ESD – Junction – VI Equipment	\$ 400.80
5d2. LI Request #53 – Enterprise ESD - Mistletoe – HH Equipment	\$ 809.01
5d3. LI Request #54 – Black Butte ESD – Black Butte Jr. High – HH Equipment	\$ 642.04
5d4. LI Request #55 – Redding ESD – Manzanita – VI Equipment	\$3,694.76
5d5. LI Request #57 – Enterprise ESD – Junction – OI Equipment	<u>\$3,624.45</u>
Total:	\$9,171.06

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Victor Hopper motioned to approve the Consent Items as presented. Doug Geren seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 7-0, no opposition, no abstentions, no absentees.

6. SELPA Profile – Information / Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz continued his slide presentation and provided members with SELPA census data and a review of students by disability. When reviewed by school, our SELPA is 16% on IEPs, ED declined from 6% to 5%. Charter enrollment is down this year. 2021-22 enrollment was 4,510. Of our 16%, the number drops by a percentage point if charter students are subtracted. There are 6 charter schools in our county who are NOT part of Shasta SELPA. Members requested a copy of Dr. Patz’s slides.

Mr. Cloney found ERMHS numbers hovering around 200 kids getting individual counseling. Dr. Patz praised the SELPA BCBA, Kristin Sigurdson, for already improving SELPA support to all districts. Dr. Patz stated that California guidelines for meeting enough students in general education are different for each district due to the full menu of services available to assist them. Districts have until 2030 to meet all targets, with many still in need of staffing. Dr. Patz recommended each district pull their data from SEIS, and plans to provide more training for SEIS in Spring, as we must improve input practices, including service minutes, counting passing period, etc. Reports pulled can only be as good as the data input into SEIS.

7. SELPA Fiscal Update – Discussion

7a. AB 130 Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz continued his slide presentation and stated approximately 80% of AB130 learning recovery funds have been expended or encumbered, but the dispute prevention funds have more challenging. Although we may have some settlements pending, most concerns have been settled by the districts. Dr. Patz stated he has other spending ideas he will propose to FAC in January.

7b. 2022-23 Budget vs. Actual

Discussion: Dr. Patz confirmed the current budget versus actual figures are all as expected, though he is concerned for the future due to anticipated decreasing revenues.

7c. 2022-23 Reserves

Discussion: Dr. Patz continued his slide presentation and provided members information regarding SELPA's current reserves of approximately \$9m, noting mental health funds may have more, and Medi-Cal unknown. Audits from prior Kingsview billings were unfavorable, so maintaining the Medi-Cal balance is recommended. OOH funding is tied to bed counts, and we are still pending corrected bed count for Shasta County.

8. ERMHS Funding Going Forward – Information / Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that ERMHS funding for 2023-24 will be distributed directly to LEAs. In 2021-22 our SELPA received just under \$2m in mental health funds which included funds passed through to Fall River JUSD, Bridges to Success, Hill Country Clinic, Dunamis, Indirects and contributes to the SELPA BCBA. When funding will be distributed directly to districts, SELPA will unable to allocate funds for these programs which total just over \$1.8m. Hill Country receives \$172k as a pass through. All go away next year if SELPA can't keep some funds.

Dr. Patz suggested SELPA keeps about \$300k in federal dollars, which would eliminate fiscal grant reports for districts, and allow the SELPA to keep Bridges, our BCBA and some counselors. Members were urged to be thoughtful for the upcoming 2023-24 budget. Mr. Cloney agreed the budget will require deep discussion, as it will be a huge issue for SUHSD and Looks toward working to the middle for collaboration among all districts. Dr. Patz reminded members that funding for both Dunamis and Hill Country would be lost and recommended Fall River JUSD continue to contract directly with Hill Country, as the \$60k OTT pass through plus \$112k for Hill Country will go away. Dr. Patz suggested districts would need to negotiate their own contracts or hire their own counselors as the SELPA contracts would be out. Dr. Patz also emphasized large concerns regarding the small pool of local providers would need to be split in our small market and is working on ideas for a hybrid model.

Mr. Adams inquired about the current level of services now compared to current funds, versus the level of services available once direct funding begins, and emphasized the need to make sure all smaller districts are able to get services. Mr. Cloney agreed and hoped to get enough money in ADA to possibly have a contract with a vendor to serve the smaller districts, or suggested having the smaller districts serve as a consortium.

9. SELPA Office Costs – Discussion / ACTION

9a. Purchase expenses

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that all parcels in now in escrow with unit 9 to sign a 120 day rent back lease, and CHYBA will have similar lease for their two units, both to include HOA fees and will be revenue neutral. Expenses will be about \$420k from general reserves, \$30k from AB130 dispute prevention funds max, and the remainder from OOH and ERMHS funding. Final figures will be provided once more accurately allocated.

9b. Move / FF&E expenses

Discussion: Dr. Patz estimates moving expenses to be closer to \$89k, about 10% higher than previously provided. Still pending a deferred maintenance account for the new building, although the exterior will be covered by the HOA/COA.

9c. Ongoing Costs

Discussion: Dr. Patz indicated the SELPA currently pays just over \$32k in CU costs, including custodial and utilities, though after his discussion with De'An Chambless, SCOE Business Services, it drops to \$24k, as utilities of \$6800 and \$5,040 for HOA/COE would be paid separately, for a net increase of around \$3k. Custodial services is out for proposal by other districts, though SCOE's estimate of \$24k for 3 units per year is not bad. Dr. Patz estimates 30 days to close escrow. CHYBA is concerned with moving mid-year, since they need the adjoining doorway to keep two units with one teacher for two classrooms. CHYBA likely will want to stay until June and communications will continue with their Director. No Action was taken.

10. Program Position – Discussion / ACTION

Discussion: Dr. Patz stated the Program position item is only for discussion at this time, and hopes for Action in December. The PAC supports SELPA taking on private schools as they cross district boundaries, and it would benefit districts to centralize private school communications, as well as provide mental health and foster youth coordination, and held recruit service providers to our area. Funding for the position would come from the \$45k proportionate share, \$25k from general funds for recruitment, \$40k from ERMHS/Medi-Cal, plus \$40k from OOH funds. Only \$25k would come off the top, while the remainder would come from other sources. Dr. Patz stated that no recommendations have been asked yet of FAC, PAC.

Dr. Patz stated the variance in salary is what we pay SCOE as AU for their recruitment. SELPA would recruit for special education for all districts. Mr. Hopper voiced concerns with ERMHS funding being used versus services they would receive for the expense when facing future revenue restrictions. Dr. Patz admits others already focus on all recruitment types, including Special Education. Mr. Geren stated there is a foster youth coordinator already available in the county. Dr. Patz confirmed he meets weekly with the current foster youth team, but SELPA previously had their own coordinator as well. Mr. Geren also voiced concern with private schools and students with ISPs, and Mrs. Armelino stated it would be helpful if SELPA would provide private school coordination on the ISP piece, and to follow up on ISPs, consultation services, and direct services. Mr. Cloney agreed the private school piece makes the most sense, and a school psychologist or speech pathologist would be the best fit to do assessments. Dr. Patz indicated that we can't use proportionate share funds for child find application, but could be funded elsewhere. Ms. Coleman indicated the SELPA has 35 eligible or pending private school students.

Mr. Cloney referred to the four duties for this position listed on the slide presentation and inquired if the same person would serve in all 4 roles. Dr. Patz confirmed he only received direction on the private school piece and included other duties to fulfill a full-time position. Private school issues are not being served, other than annual SELPA private

school meeting, and the foster youth coordination portion would include working closely with Austin Preller of SCOE's Youth Support Services department.

Mr. Hopper reminded members of the anticipated \$1.9b revenue loss in California. Mr. Adams stated the private school coordinator would really only be used by a few districts and would like more details as to how SELPA would provide services. Mr. Cloney confirmed his directors want that portion offloaded from the speech path, and school psychologists, etc. SELPA would provide as direct consultant for curriculum and modification of services. Ms. Coleman added that there is a high need of data support for private schools, even for their small number of students, as she sees many errors in CalPads from private school students. An expert in ISP transactions would provide better data and less errors for districts.

11. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Discussion: Dr. Patz stated that mental health and mental health coordination is the biggest piece that requires more discussion.

12. Next meeting date: December 20, 2022 – Regular meeting - 8:00 a.m., Shasta COE **BOARD ROOM**

13. Adjourn – Jim Cloney motioned to adjourn. Doug Geren seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.