

**TEHAMA COUNTY SELPA  
SELPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Tehama County Department of Education, Board Room  
1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Richard DuVarney, Rich Hassay, Rick Fitzpatrick, Jarod Caylor, Brad Mendenhall, Jenny Montoya, Lane Bates, Dane Hansen, Jerry Walker, Clifford Curry, Cindy Haase, Jeff Scheele and Veronica Coates

**ABESENT:** Todd Brose, Marla Katzler and Joey Adame

**GUESTS:** Karin Matray, Wes Grossman, Sally Tollison and Jackie Douglas

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson, Brad Mendenhall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Consent Agenda**

Dane Hansen motioned to adopt the Agenda and approve the December 19, 2017 meeting minutes. Cindy Haase seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote in favor: Richard DuVarney, Rich Hassay, Rick Fitzpatrick, Jarod Caylor, Brad Mendenhall, Jenny Montoya, Lane Bates, Dane Hansen, Jerry Walker, Clifford Curry, Cindy Haase, Jeff Scheele  
0 opposed; 0 abstained

**3. Public Input**

There was no public input.

**4. Licensed Children's Institute (LCI) Funds**

There were no LCI requests.

**5. Priorities Requests**

There were no priorities requests.

## 6. SELPA Fiscal Update

Reviewed Second Interim budget. State entitlement has been reduced and taxes increased. Reviewed funding for High Schools severe students. It may be necessary to provide some students with a long-term one-to-one aide requiring a long-term request for expenses. Discussion regarding a high needs student who will be attending Richfield next year leading to a long-term funding request. There was mention of building costs into the budget and historically providers have been district employees so costs not built into the SELPA budget but possibly MOU. Discussion of allocating funds for moderate support aide and build it into the budget. Veronica indicated she will provide simulations.

Most numbers have not changed since first interim. Elkins has not had any Special Education students in some time but has increased and now providing .10 which is a significant change. Juvenile Hall has increased 20 percent and moving from .2 to .4, which will be discussed in detail at estimated actuals. There is an increase in billback due to the one percent salary increase, short-term contract for supervising nurse and Presence Learning speech costs, which are much higher than anticipated. Discussion regarding the hiring of an aide to assist in Presence Learning sessions as Speech and language has increased. There have been many staff reassignments to meet the needs of students including providing a temporary short-term contract aide for Gerber. Inquiry raised regarding identification for speech services and the current numbers for speech services are 30 assessment plans, 21 speech only students and seven requests to consult on assessments with a total of 58 students. Veronica indicated she does not believe Presence Learning is over-identifying but there is a possibility of an increase in identification due to lack of physical presence of an SLP. Corning Union High School District is contracting with Accountable Staffing for speech services and are pleased with their services.

Review of NPS new and improved sheet breaking out difference of subsidy versus paying 100 percent. SELPA does all NPS ADA and no change other than predicting one student added soon and continue to run a deficit. Hold harmless through December 2017 and even if State makes mistake they expect money to be refunded. Veronica will talk with Jack Lucas to see if his opinion is that the hold harmless is truly hold harmless. LCI funds used to offset NPS deficit. District CBOs have requested to provide number for them to attempt to budget so they can prepare.

IBI numbers have not changed. Psych and nursing services have not changed but expect STC nursing supervisor figures to decrease as allotted for more time than is being utilized. DHH increase with hiring of

Communication Assistant due to increased DHH needs. Contracting out for PT and have a local person providing for these services. There is a small reduction in clerical.

No changes in transportation. There are still two vacancies for bus drivers and Transportation Director is driving bus.

## **7. Staffing Projections**

Snapshot of projections for next year discussed. Increases in DHH due to increase in DHH students and decrease in DHH staff. SELPA may not have the staff to provide district requests for nursing services and will discuss options with Program Operators. Preschool not increasing and anticipate numbers to remain the same. Gerber also not anticipating increased staffing. TALC will have three students leaving by November 2018 and the program has leveled out with appropriate students. Mild/Moderate responsible for 5.4 and our total employed is 3.4. Increase anticipated for Juvenile Hall with students coming in from other counties. Currently there are approximately 25 students and figures appear to be leveling out. Probation is working on assisting with SPED costs. The impact is to the EPA calculation and numbers actually did go up for reimbursement costs from counties.

Request for Johanna to update the Committee on the ERMHS program. There are ERMHS in preschool but usually for parent therapy. Looking at having clinician work with student and parent to observe and guide parents on effective interaction with child. Two Clinicians are interested and plan to attend training but the SELPA does not have the room to move staff members from offices with two-way observation window. There have been several requests from districts for trauma training and Veronica indicated that training could be provided.

## **8. SELPA Policy Development: Preschool Speech/Language Services.**

Preschool is not truly in district yet, the law reverts to private school law so location of preschool is responsible for costs of services. The issue is some districts have no preschools so cost shifts to preschool they send student to attend. Districts have the right to engage in MOUs to seek reimbursement costs from districts without preschool. Unable to control outside county students, usually Corning Elementary and Evergreen that come from Butte or Shasta, etc. Seeking input from committee members.

Mention that often students will stay with district if start at preschool so not necessarily a need for MOU as you have ADA throughout the years the student attends.

Rick Fitzpatrick and Rich Hassay indicated they would agree with the changes regarding MOUs. Veronica will bring some suggestions as it takes time to revise policy. SELPA already charges by DOR. It would be beneficial to write up a policy to cover this issue. Private school dollars are for consult to students that have a service plan and speech services are not offered. Program Operators would be only districts impacted as SELPA provides speech services to small districts. Veronica will do a simulation and take to district CBOS with district names eliminated to see costs and if it is worth all the tracking expenses.

#### 9. **SELPA Agreement (SA-2) Revision/Addition**

Provided SELPA Agreements SA2 to discuss draft update to provide clarity and protects students as well as provide. **Listen to Tape**

Rick Fitzpatrick motioned to approve the SELPA Agreement (SA-2) revisions/additions. Rich Hassay seconded motion. Motion carried.

Vote in favor: Richard DuVarney, Rich Hassay, Rick Fitzpatrick, Jarod Caylor, Brad Mendenhall, Jenny Montoya, Lane Bates, Dane Hansen, Jerry Walker, Clifford Curry, Cindy Haase, Jeff Scheele  
0 opposed; 0 abstained

#### 10. **Transportation Committee**

Veronica provided notes from meeting with Transportation Committee. Some recommendations is to create a bus replacement schedule and increase the bus fund starting next year to \$75,000. Recommended to purchase bus this year and working to find ways to obtain the funds and will bring proposal soon. Proposition 39 monies are being explored by Transportation Committee. RBUHSD will be offering (**listen to tape**)

Request made to increase transportation fund to \$75,000 in 2018-19.

Jenny Montoya motioned to increase the transportation fund in 2018-19 to \$75,000. Rick Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote in favor: Richard DuVarney, Rich Hassay, Rick Fitzpatrick, Jarod Caylor, Brad Mendenhall, Jenny Montoya, Lane Bates, Dane Hansen, Jerry Walker, Clifford Curry, Cindy Haase, Jeff Scheele  
0 opposed; 0 abstained

#### 11. **Adult (18-22 Year Old) Services SELPA Continuum**

Todd Brose requested this item be added to Agenda. The need for TALC will always be there but there are students graduating **(listen to tape)**

What do we have for kids before TALC and are they truly being served by districts for students with less severe disabilities than those that attend TALC. Linking students to resources and focus on transition. Program transfer not requested but wanted to start dialogue.

## **12. Transition Planning for Spring**

Special sending out info to district teams to participate in transition meetings.

Vote in favor:

0 opposed; 0 abstained

## **13. Inclusive Sports Event Dates**

High Hoops being held on March 23, 2018 at Berrendos.

Special Olympics will be held at soccer complex on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

Offer to hold at Corning Elementary and Veronica will bring that suggestion to Special Olympic Committee members. Plan for Adaptive skiing for students with visual impairments at Mt. Shasta Park with date still to be determined.

## **14. SELPA Director's Report**

PIR has been submitted and annual performance reviews will be sent out to districts the first week of March. Veronica indicated there has been significant improvement.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training being offered with attendees directed that they must attend entire training. Willing to offer ASIST training over the Summer for convenience. It is two full days and is intense but beneficial training. The mission of ASIST is that trainees feel confident to intervene and not feel they must reach out to school psych or other service provider.

## **15. District Reports**

CTA requesting records from districts and referring to legal.

## **16. Adjournment**

Cindy Haase made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. Jarod Caylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote in favor:

0 opposed; 0 abstained

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