

**SELPA GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY · OCTOBER 12, 2017
11:00AM – 12:00PM
BOARD ROOM**

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Richard DuVarney, Todd Brose, Rich Hassay, Jarod Caylor, Rick Fitzpatrick, Brad Mendenhall, Clifford Curry, Lane Bates, Jerry Walker, Joey Adame, Cindy Haase and Veronica Coates

GUESTS PRESENT: Karin Matray, Wes Grossman, Renee Kennedy

ABSENT: Jenny Montoya, Dane Hansen, Marla Katzler, Jeff Scheele

1. Call to Order

Richard DuVarney called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Action

Lane Bates motioned to approve the agenda. Rick Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote in favor – Richard DuVarney, Todd Brose, Rich Hassay, Jarod Caylor, Rick Fitzpatrick, Brad Mendenhall, Clifford Curry, Lane Bates, Jerry Walker, Joey Adame and Cindy Haase
0 opposed; 0 abstained

3. Approval of Minutes

Action

Rick Fitzpatrick motioned to approve the August 10, 2017 meeting minutes with revision of header to correct meeting time. Cindy Haase seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote in favor – Richard DuVarney, Todd Brose, Rich Hassay, Jarod Caylor, Rick Fitzpatrick, Brad Mendenhall, Clifford Curry, Lane Bates, Jerry Walker, Joey Adame and Cindy Haase
0 opposed; 0 abstained

4. Public Input

Discussion

There was no public input.

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5. Licensed Children’s Institute (LCI) Requests Action

There were no LCI Requests.

Veronica relayed to the group that there had been several nonpublic placements, however, no requests to the fiscal appropriations committee for these placements had been made.

Veronica reported that a small work group of the State SELPA Administrators are working with Jack Lucas on a statewide LCI simulation to propose to policymakers. She will continue to update the committee on the progress of this as it would greatly impact our SELPA finances. Currently as a state LCI funding is at a hold harmless rate. There was discussion regarding out of home care funds being scrutinized and the need to ensure these funds are being spent ethically and appropriately.

6. Priorities Requests Action

There were no priorities requests.

There was discussion on anticipated requests as several small districts have costs associated with students who have significant needs.

7. Priorities Requests SELPA Agreement Revision Action

Further revisions were requested at the SELPA Executive Meeting on September 28, 2017. Suggested revisions have been made and reviewed by the Committee.

Todd Brose motioned to approve the revised SELPA Priorities Request. Rick Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote in favor – Richard DuVarney, Todd Brose, Rich Hassay, Jarod Caylor, Rick Fitzpatrick, Brad Mendenhall, Clifford Curry, Lane Bates, Jerry Walker, Joey Adame and Cindy Haase
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8. Director's Report

Information

An update was provided on current compliance requirements and deadlines. The SELPA has not heard from the California Department of Education (CDE) regarding the disproportionality review. The SELPA was required to send a policy review to CDE but was unable to make all of the review categories, and it is expected that CDE will require drafted policies in the areas in which the SELPA did not have an appropriate policy. Some of our individual districts did have board policies that may be helpful to adopt as a SELPA. There has been no response from the CDE consultant on the date for file review. CDE has until November 30, 2017 to review the files.

The SELPA is currently short staffed in DHH. Historically there have been two DHH teachers, one serving K-8 at Gerber in a self-contained classroom and an itinerant that serves mild DHH students in the county and a modified self-contained program at Red Bluff High School. There is currently only one DHH teacher position filled. Attempts are being made to triage the most severe students first. Advocacy groups are starting to attend IEPs and the SELPA should be made aware if this occurs to assist in dispute resolution for a lack of services due to being short staffed. At this time all services are being met and creative solutions are being explored to ensure all service minutes continue to be met. The DHH position is difficult to fill due to unique and specialized requirements of this position. A Communication Technology Assistant has been hired to satisfy the technology needs to be sure equipment is working properly, as well as services under the direction of a credentialed DHH specialist.

Veronica provided a recent article related to special education in California that interviewed the State Board President, Michael Kirst, entitled, "Special Education Is in Deep Trouble and Still Needs Reform". The article states that special education reform is on Mr. Kirst's bucket list of things to do prior leaving his term, which will end in 2018. The same day the article was released the State SELPA Administrators presented to the Advisory Board for Special Education (ACSE) on how SELPAs would like to work towards collaborating with CDE on compliance efforts. There is a lot of discussion related to special education reform going on amongst policy makers and statewide education

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groups. It is imperative for our voice as a small and sparse SELPA continue to be heard as we have unique needs.

The SELPA Executive Committee meeting scheduled for October 17, 2017 is canceled. In addition, there are no agenda items for the November 9, 2017 Administrative Council Meeting and it will be canceled unless there is a special need to meet. A suggestion to hold a facilities meeting in place of the SELPA Executive Committee meeting on October 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. was made. The SELPA will send out an invite changing the SELPA Executive Committee meeting to a Facilities Committee meeting for October 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

The IEP School, a nonpublic day school in our region, has approached the SELPA regarding the interest level of opening a satellite school in Tehama County. The SELPA has asked the Chair and Co-Chair to attend the meeting. There was discussion about the benefits this would provide, such as a decrease in transportation costs, as well as the ability to provide related services and transition activities with more ease. Concerns and questions revolving around other counties accessing the school and who would be responsible for related services was brought up as well. The SELPA will advise Committee members of the date and time of the initial IEP School meeting so they may attend.

9. District Reports **Information**

There were no district reports.

10. Adjournment **Action**

Richard DuVarney adjourned the meeting at 11:32 am.