



Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area
Governance Council

MINUTES

Thursday, April 14, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

Members Present *Representative

Ms. Mays Kakish

Dr. Trent Hansen, Zone 4 Representative

Dr. Doug Kimberly

Mr. Santos Campos

Dr. Jennifer Root

Mr. John Huber

Mr. Grant Bennett, Vice Chair & Zone 3 Representative

Mr. Trevor Painton

Dr. David Pyle, Chair and Zone 2 Representative

Mr. Mike McCormick, Past Chair

Beaumont Unified School District

Jurupa Unified School District

Lake Elsinore Unified School District

Leadership Military Academy

Menifee Union School District

Nuview Union School District

Perris Union High School District

Romoland School District

San Jacinto Unified School District

Val Verde Unified School District

Members Absent

Dr. Allan Mucerino

Dr. Natasha Baker

Mr. Luis Valentino

Dr. Gregory Sackos

Mr. Scott Bailey, Zone 5 Representative

Dr. Christi Barrett

Mr. Patrick Kelley, Zone 1 Representative

Dr. Mike Swize

Ms. Tracie Kern, Zone 6 Representative

Ms. Jean Marie Frey

Dr. Edwin Gomez, *Charles Newman

Dr. Robert Hennings

Mr. Chris Shockley

Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer

Alvord Unified School District

Banning Unified School District

Coachella Valley Unified School District

Desert Center Unified School District

Desert Sands Unified School District

Hemet Unified School District

Murrieta Valley Unified School District

Palm Springs Unified School District

Palo Verde Unified School District

Perris Elementary School District

Riverside County Office of Education

Santa Rosa Academy

SCALE Academy

Springs Charter Schools

Governance Council Liaisons

Mr. Jeff Janis (Val Verde USD)

Coordinating Council Chair

The full meeting packet is available for viewing at the Riverside County SELPA Office located at 2935 Indian Avenue, Perris, CA 92571 or by request.

Riverside County SELPA Team Members

Ms. Leah Davis, Executive Director

1. Call to Order

Dr. David Pyle, Governance Council Chair

The Governance Council Meeting was called to order at 8:33 A.M. on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

**2. Welcome and Introductions
Director**

Ms. Leah Davis, RC SELPA Executive

Public Comments

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3 and Education Code Section 35145.5, any person wishing to speak to any item on the agenda, or any other relevant matter, will be heard at this time. Each person will have a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the Governance Council

Action Items

3. Approve Minutes from March 18, 2022 Governance Council Meeting (Attachment 3)

That the Governance Council approve the minutes from the February 18, 2022 Governance Council Meeting as presented.

It was moved by Mike McCormick and seconded by Santos Campos

Motion carried 10/0/0

4. Approve Virtual Convening of May 20, 2022 Riverside County SELPA Governance Council Meeting

That the Governance Council approve that the March 18, 2022 Riverside County SELPA Governance Council Meeting be held virtually. Live public comment will be made available.

It was moved by Mike McCormick and seconded by John Huber

Motion carried 10/0/0

5. Approve the Request for Use of Educationally Related Mental Health Services Excess Cost Funds in the amount of \$59,530.76 (Attachment 5)

It was moved by Mike McCormick and seconded by Santos Campos

Motion carried 9/0/1

Discussion and Information Items

6. 2022-23 Preliminary Budget for RCOE Special Education Program

Received in March from RCOE. The average increase to county programs is approximately 5%, varies per program. If intent to transfer programs back to districts must

be notified by June 30th (1 year and 1 day) for the 2023-24 school year. Final budget will be released at the end of May, after May revise.

7. Special Education Compliance Monitoring and Accountability in 2021-2022

- a. Targeted and Intensive Monitoring**
- b. Overdue IEPs and Initial Assessments**
- c. Significant Disproportionality**

All LEAs have been notified of their monitoring status by CDE. The intent is to get LCAP timelines to match up. RC SELPA Coordinators will work with Directors to focus on SpEd to engage in root-cause analysis. RC SELPA has 4 districts in intensive monitoring. 3 of RC SELPA districts are in significant disproportionality. The remaining districts are in targeted monitoring or doing compliance monitoring. Compliance monitoring is a priority area that CDE continues to watch. RC SELPA will host 2 different workshops. RC SELPA Coordinators will be working with Directors to assure there will not be any duplication. The SIL project is working on intensive level 1 monitoring.

8. Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education and SELPA Administrators of California Highlights

- a. Legislative Updates**
- b. Fiscal Updates**
- c. Program Updates**

- SB 2121-Garcia to increase access to ADR. Reached out to Garcia to see if he is available to participate in GC.
- SB 1113- Ochoa-Bough specific to increasing inclusive practices for students across the state. FAPE in the LRE. Would provide more dollars for Technical Assistance to identify the root-cause.

Continue to advocate around the ERMHS budget-thanks to those that submitted letters opposing shift in ERMHS funding. Would lose a lot of the economy of scale. Especially those districts smaller in size. Submitted 16 letters to the Coalition of Adequate Funding. They will then forward these letters directly to Governor Newsome administration office. RC SELPA Executive Director was able to make public comment during the ACSE commission meeting specific to the shift of ERMHS funding. One parent commented regarding the shared ERMHS resources and how it helped to get those ERMHS services from their district.

Highlighted SIL resources/website.

9. 2022-23 Governance Council Meetings - Frequency and Format

Would like feedback regarding the frequency and format of the Governance Council meetings prior to releasing the draft schedule. Meetings were formerly attached to the county superintendent meetings, then moved to monthly meetings during COVID. RC SELPA Executive Director is open to in person meetings or not meeting monthly. Doug suggests maintaining virtual format, as we have not had issues making quorum. Others suggest that there are issues with holding meetings only 5-6 times a year., as topics were not current. Benefits of monthly meetings are they are prompt and short. Jennifer Root has asked to skip the April meeting due to spring breaks. This year we did not host a GC in January. Grant agrees to maintain virtually. Dave agrees with the virtual format and monthly to maintain a timely manner.

Leah will consult with legal regarding the Brown acted meeting to hold public comment. Sunsetting this opportunity.

10. Non-Public School and Residential Treatment Center Updates

Entering negotiations with NPS in collaboration with IESA. All schools were offered COLA to their base rate. Services vary vastly per school. An email was received yesterday from NPS that they would need to increase rates well beyond COLA and will need to increase student to staff ratio to 1:18.

RC SELPA will need to cease its contract with one provider for WRAP services. Those community-based services provided during COVID no longer want to travel to homes. May see a shift in services for those students receiving WRAP. Looking towards a tiered system to better serve our students.

12 students placed in RTCs with 3 pending placements. MH Therapists are expanding their search beyond the contracts we have. This is a statewide challenge.

11. Statewide System of Support Grants

a. SELPA System Improvement Lead Updates

In the last 18 months of the grant. RC SELPA was tapped to support technical assistance, partnering with El Dorado County. SIP was tapped to support level 2 districts. Improvement Facilitators are excited to be back in person.

b. California Technical Assistance Network (caltan.info)

Resource hub to post a curated hub of resources moving forward. Significant amount of funding to do that.

c. IEP Technical Support and Assistance Project

RC SELPA is 1 of 4 SELPAs. Able to represent the needs of California. Continue to engage conversation to extend grants. One recommendation is to offset the salaries of SELPA staff.

12. SELPA Staffing Updates

Alysse (Accounting Specialist) has accepted a position at Mt. San Jacinto. Her role is to ensure payments to NPS -AP and AR and processing invoices. Working with VVUSD to find a replacement. Position will be flown as an Account Technician. When the Secretary IV position was reclassified to an Administrative Assistant, the master contracts were no longer handled by the Accounting Specialist. Alysse will be here through the first week of May.

13. Governance Council Chair Comments

None

Adjournment

It was moved by Dave Pyle and seconded by Santos Campos that the Governance Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 A.M. on Thursday, April 14, 2022.