



# Monterey County Special Education Local Plan Area

## Regional Collaboration for Student Success

### SELPA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
MCOE Board Room

Member	Agency	Zone	Term
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ralph Gomez Porras	Pacific Grove USD	Bay	July 2019-June 2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Dill-Varga	Carmel USD	Bay	July 2018-June 2020
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Koenig (Interim)	Alisal USD	Salinas	July 2019-June 2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Burns	Salinas Union HSD	Salinas	July 2018-June 2020
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Riley	San Lucas USD	Valley	July 2019-June 2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zandra Jo Galvan	Greenfield USD	Valley	July 2018-June 2020
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deneen Guss (Advisory)	Monterey County Office of Education		Continuing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenyon Hopkins (Ex-Officio)	Monterey County SELPA		Continuing

#### 1. Opening

- a. Call to order  
Dan Burns called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
- b. Roll call of members  
Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.
- c. Approval of agenda  
The agenda was reviewed with no changes. Ralph Porras moved to approve the meeting agenda, Barbara Dill-Varga seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- d. Approval of prior meeting minutes  
The minutes from November 7, 2019 were reviewed with no changes. Barbara Dill-Varga moved to approve the prior meeting minutes, Zandra Jo Galvan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public input.

#### 3. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the addition of Safety-Care (QBS, Inc. Behavioral Safety Training Program) to the Monterey County Special Education Local Plan Area approved emergency intervention methodologies

Kenyon Hopkins gave an overview of QBS presentation given at the SELPA Director's Cabinet on December 20, 2019. Districts were interested in signing up for a Safety-Care training of trainers which will be held in February 2020. Other behaviorist supports available to districts are the BCBA training series offered by SELPA/MCOE TIP consortium. Online BCBA training is an option, and CSUMB also provides training for BCBA certification. Maxim Healthcare Services may also provide BCBA oversight at a reduced cost with a minimum number of 8-12 contracted behavior techs. There is a concern of an ongoing lawsuit against Handle With Care and the need of new emergency intervention methodologies. Ralph Porras moved to approve the addition of

Safety-Care (QBS Behavioral Safety Training Program) to SELPA approved emergency intervention methodologies, Barbara Dill-Varga seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve amendment of the 2019-2020 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Provision of Behavioral Health Services to Students with IEPs by the Monterey County Health Department, Behavioral Health Bureau

Kenyon Hopkins stated the Therapeutic Intervention Programs (TIP) throughout the county each have behavioral health support from MCBH through a licensed clinical social worker. The SELPA-MCBH MOU needs an amendment to increase MCBH staffing in order to accommodate needs for the following districts:

- Salinas Union High School District 2.0 FTE
- South Monterey County Joint Union High School District .5 FTE
- San Lucas/San Antonio/San Ardo .5 FTE

Teletherapy programs may be an option if staffing continues to be an issue for south county. Kenyon will continue to discuss concerns with Kacey Rodenbush, Behavioral Health Services Manager at MCBH.

There was a consensus to move forward with the amendment of the 2019-2020 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Provision of Behavioral Health Services to Students with IEPs by the Monterey County Health Department, Behavioral Health Bureau to the SELPA Governance Council for approval when the final numbers are ready.

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the Monterey County Special Education Local Plan and Income Distribution Agreement Revisions

Kenyon Hopkins gave an overview of discussions between the state SELPA organization and CDE. The CDE templates have not been completed as of January, therefore, SELPAs are not being given adequate time to complete their new Local Plans before the June 30, 2020 deadline. Kenyon met with the SELPA Community Advisory Committee to discuss the changes being made to the Local Plan, and shared Google document being used to make and track changes. The SELPA Director's Cabinet also gave input and both committees were in agreement to the current process and updates. Kenyon stated everything is going as planned, and the SELPA is on time to complete the Local Plan before the end of the year. CDE states the holdup is the Section 508 Policy compliance of electronic information being made accessible for people with disabilities for posting online, and review of forms at the state level.

Kenyon Hopkins gave an overview of the changes made to the Income Distribution Agreement (IDA). The SELPA Strategic Planning Committee and SELPA Director's Cabinet reviewed updated IDA, and both committees were in agreement to the revisions. The highlighted revisions are as follows:

- Term of Agreement is a three-year period beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023
- There were no changes to Base Entitlement
- There were no changes to SELPA-Wide Growth
- There were no changes to SELPA-Wide Decline

- Regionalized Services and Program Specialists funds are moving toward CDE allotment
- There were no changes to Funds to Support Students with Low Incidence Disabilities; the process to request Low Incidence Books, Materials, and Equipment will be added
- Contract for IEP Documentation will now come from Special Education Property Taxes instead of AB 602 allocation
- There were no changes to Mental Health Services State Allocation
- There were no changes to Local Assistance Entitlement
- There were no changes to Ages Zero to Two
- Federal Preschool Grant Preschool grant funds (Resource Code 3315) shall be allocated on a pro-rata basis using the previous year's final certified CALPADS special education student count for students ages three to five
- Preschool Staff Development Preschool staff development funds (Resource Code 3345) shall be allocated on a pro-rata basis using previous year's final certified CALPADS special education student count for students ages three to four
- Small School District Reserve will be funded at \$200,000 each year from the Special Education Property Taxes; members also agreed that Chualar USD should be considered a small school district with ADA up to 350
- Out of Home Care Funding will be separated into a Non-public School Pool which will reimburse districts 50% of the enrollment cost for placement, and will be funded at \$500,000 each year from the Special Education Property Taxes; if requests exceed available funding, reimbursements will be prorated to equalize funding across applicants
- Extraordinary Cost Pool will be funded at \$500,000 each year from the Special Education Property Taxes. Funds will be allocated as follows:

Priority 1 - Regional Program hardship due to change in Income Distribution Agreement (Payment of 25% of excess cost for enrollment in MCOE special education programs, as required by an IEP)

Priority 2 – Extraordinary budget circumstances (unexpected and/or extreme program cost)

Priority 3 – Funding for new program development Districts with approved requests will be reimbursed for 50% of the total cost of the qualifying circumstance providing funds are available (25% for MCOE regional program placements)

There was a consensus to move forward with the Monterey County Special Education Local Plan and Income Distribution Agreement Revisions to the SELPA Governance Council.

#### 4. Closing

- a. Next meeting: May 14, 2020; 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; MCOE Board Room
- b. Future agenda items
- c. Announcements

d. Adjourn

Barbara Dill-Varga moved for adjournment, Jim Koenig seconded and the meeting ended at 11:09 a.m.