



Monterey County Special Education Local Plan Area

Regional Collaboration for Student Success

SELPA Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

January 28, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Video Conference: <https://montereycoe.zoom.us/j/91333285311>

Member	Agency	Zone	Term
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ralph Gomez Porras (Vice-Chair)	Pacific Grove USD	Bay	July 2019-June 2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kari Yeater	North Monterey County USD	Bay	July 2020-June 2022
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Koenig	Alisal USD	Salinas	July 2019-June 2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Burns (Chair)	Salinas Union HSD	Salinas	July 2020-June 2022
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Riley	San Lucas USD	Valley	July 2019-June 2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Walker	South Monterey County Joint UHSD	Valley	July 2020-June 2022
<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

Guests

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alberto Jaramillo	Alisal Union School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yolanda McIntosh	Alisal Union School District

1. Opening

a. Call to order

Dan Burns called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

b. Roll call of members

Roll call was taken a quorum was established.

c. Approval of agenda

The agenda was reviewed with no changes. Ralph Porras moved to approve the meeting agenda, Brian Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of prior meeting minutes

The meeting minutes from November 19, 2020 were reviewed with no changes. Jim Koenig moved to approve the prior meeting minutes, Ralph Porras 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 to approve the Alisal Union School District program transfer proposal

Alberto Jaramillo, Special Education Director, and Yolanda McIntosh, Director, Alisal Union School District, gave a presentation on the program transfer of the Autism Program located at Fremont School, from MCOE to be operated by AUSD. The ASD program will continue to be a regional program and Alisal USD will continue to work with other districts in serving students with moderate/severe special needs.

Kenyon Hopkins provided supporting documents and gave an overview of timelines for the program transfer process. Jim Koenig also provided input on the program transfer proposal. Ralph Porras moved to approve the program transfer from MCOE to Alisal USD, Brian Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion/Information Items

- a. Information and discussion regarding the Monterey County SELPA Local Plan revisions for the new State template Section B: Governance and Administration

Kenyon Hopkins shared the process to approve the Monterey County SELPA Local Plan 2020-2021. The State will allow superintendents to have final approval of the SELPA Local Plan rather than having each school board approve them. The SELPA is developing a Local Plan Amendment Committee, made up of special education and general education teachers, parents, and administrators. It was in agreement to have a smaller group review the new Local Plan in detail before presenting to each governance committee.

Kenyon gave an overview of the new State template Section B: Governance and Administration. Local Education Agency Assurances are required language by CDE for the Local Plan and will also be added to the SELPA Procedural Handbook (PHB). Jessica Riley inquired if the assurances had guiding language in the event of emergency situations. Kenyon indicated that policies or procedures could be added at our local level to the PHB to be in compliance with State and Federal law. Jessica also suggested that Jennifer Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, King City USD, be on the Local Plan Amendment Committee, Brian Walker seconded the nomination.

- b. Information and discussion regarding the Memorandum of Understanding and Interagency Agreement with Monterey County Behavioral Health for the 2020-2021 school year

Kenyon Hopkins shared MCBH invoice 2019-2020 Q4. Psychiatric social workers and health counselors provide behavioral health services to students in every district. MCBH may also place students on Home Alternative to Residential Treatment (HART) and at Residential Treatment Centers (RTC). SELPA processes the invoice payment expending federal funds first and then State funds. The SELPA Procedural Handbook was updated in September 2020 as State funds were no longer restricted to special education and could also be used for general education. Both federal and State funding were fully expended during the 2019-2020 school year and reserves were used to pay MCBH. There will be no carryover funds from 2019-2020 for distribution to districts. There has been an increase in RTC and HART services to school districts. Kenyon shared MCBH IEP Services District Data graph 2019-20 and 2020-21, as well as the MCHB RTC District Data graph 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Jessica Riley commented that MCBH has difficulty servicing the San Lucas School District and she had to seek an outside agency. San Lucas is too small and too remote to serve. Kenyon stated MCBH is aware of the lack of services in regions such as South County. A recent West Ed study showed that districts could begin to build the capacity to take on mental health services and utilize Medi-Cal billing. Districts would begin to receive allocations directly and move away from a regionalized structure.

Kenyon is concerned that MCBH services may continue to exceed federal and State revenue allocations and will begin working on a new MOU with MCBH for 2021-2022. He will also continue to work with the SELPA Director's Cabinet and the MCOE Business Office for a model such as a bill back arrangement for districts to pay back excess costs incurred. It is important for district directors to be in communication with their superintendents regarding residential placement of their students.

The SELPA Executive Committee adjourned to Closed Session at 10:58 a.m.

5. Closed Session

- a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: SELPA Executive Director

The SELPA Executive Committee reconvened from Closed Session.

There was no action taken.

6. Closing

- a. SELPA Executive Committee Meeting Calendar 2020-2021
November 19, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
January 28, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
March 11, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
May 13, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- b. Future agenda items
There were no future agenda items.
- c. Announcements
There were no announcements.
- d. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.