



# Monterey County Special Education Local Plan Area

## Regional Collaboration for Student Success

### SELPA Governance Council Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

MCOE Board Room

#### Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hector Rico	Alisal Union School District
<input type="checkbox"/> Gordon Piffero	Big Sur Unified School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ian Trejo (Vice-Chair)	Bradley Union School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Hendricks	Carmel Unified School District
<input type="checkbox"/> Roberto Rios	Chualar Union School District
<input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Modena	Gonzales Unified School District
<input type="checkbox"/> Rosemarie Grounds	Graves School District
<input type="checkbox"/> Kimberly Berman	Greenfield Union School District
<input type="checkbox"/> Rory Livingston	King City Union School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nadene Dermody	Lagunita Elementary School District
<input type="checkbox"/> Pete Zotovich (Interim)	Mission Union School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Kotowski	Monterey County Office of Education
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenyon Hopkins (Ex-Officio)	Monterey County SELPA
<input type="checkbox"/> PK Diffenbaugh	Monterey Peninsula Unified School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kari Yeater	North Monterey County Unified School District
<input type="checkbox"/> Ralph Gomez Porras	Pacific Grove Unified School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martha Martinez	Salinas City Elementary School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Vanoli (Chair)	Salinas Union High School District
<input type="checkbox"/> Pamela Gildersleeve Hernandez	San Antonio Union School District
<input type="checkbox"/> Catherine Reimer	San Ardo Union School District
<input type="checkbox"/> Nicole Hester	San Lucas Union School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly Morr	Santa Rita Union School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jorge Guzman (Interim)	Soledad Unified School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Moirao	South Monterey County JUHSD
<input type="checkbox"/> Eric Tarallo	Spreckels Union School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dee Baker (Interim)	Washington Union School District

#### 1. Opening

- a. Call to Order  
Tim Vanoli called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.
- b. Roll Call of Members  
Roll call was taken and a quorum was not established.
- c. Approval of Agenda  
There was no action taken.
- d. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes  
There was no action taken.

## 2. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

## 3. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Ratification of Executive Committee approved program transfer of two elementary classrooms for students with moderate to severe disabilities from its current operation by the Monterey County Office of Education to operation by Alisal Union School District

There was no action taken.

- b. Select Executive Committee member for term ending June 2018

It was recommended to have a substitute for the Valley Zone, as Tim Ryan is now the CBO at Santa Rita USD. Jorge Guzman, Soledad USD, accepted to be a substitute.

## 4. Discussion/Information Items

- a. Discuss Regional Program Planning Timeline and LEA Program Development Process

Kenyon Hopkins and Mariphil Romanow-Cole are working to formalize a process in which districts will review the programs they intend to take back earlier in the school year, notify the regional programs, and have discussion at the SELPA Executive Committee and Governance Council level for final approval.

Mariphil Romanow-Cole, Assistant Superintendent Special Education, MCOE, gave a background on issues that arise when districts increase their capacity and take back their students late in the spring or summer. MCOE has been in a position to close classes after the beginning of the school year, and it was very difficult for their students, families and staff. Districts were given their MCOE class list at the SELPA Director's Cabinet in January. Most districts responded and indicated which students they were planning to bring back. Mariphil will provide a final list of regional special classes for the next school year at the cabinet meeting on February 24. They are working on balancing capacity and making sure they keep the full continuum of services available regionally.

Kenyon reviewed a draft of Regional Program Planning Timeline. There will be new language on the formal process in the procedural handbook.

- b. Discuss possible changes to Monterey County Behavioral Health MOU and Interagency agreement

Kenyon Hopkins stated the current MOU is based on the services that Monterey County Behavioral Health (MCBH) is providing to our students at the Medi-Cal reimbursement rate. The Medi-Cal rate had significantly increased and was going to affect the overall cost. The amount of carryover for the districts will be reduced. In order for a sustainable model to continue, Kenyon will need to renegotiate the terms of the contract. He proposed to have MCBH assign staff to districts based on full time equivalency. MCBH will map out an estimated cost and present at the next cabinet meeting. Proposed changes will also be reviewed by the SELPA

Financial Advisory Committee, and presented to the Executive Committee and Governance Council for final approval.

- c. Discuss possible Inter-SELPA MOU for student services

Kenyon Hopkins stated there are no regional programs for students with special needs in far south county. There has been discussion with San Luis Obispo SELPA for an Inter-SELPA MOU. Legal counsel is reviewing a draft MOU. Members gave approval to move forward.

## 5. Closing

- a. Future Agenda Items

- b. Announcements

There was discussion at the SELPA Community Advisory Committee of the low number of participants and the difficulty of regular attendance. One suggestion was to hold meetings regionally in each zone during the school year: Salinas, Valley and Bay.

- c. Next Meeting: May 18, 2017

- d. Adjourn

There was no action taken.