



Monterey County Special Education Local Plan Area

Regional Collaboration for Student Success

SELPA Governance Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2020, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Video Conference: <https://montereycoe.zoom.us/j/97230101791>

MEMBERS	LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY	ZONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Koenig	Alisal Union School District	Salinas
<input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Sison	Big Sur Unified School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindsay Lopez	Bradley Union School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trisha Dellis (Interim)	Carmel Unified School District	Bay
<input type="checkbox"/> Roberto Rios	Chualar Union School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yvette Irving	Gonzales Unified School District	Valley
<input type="checkbox"/> Rosemarie Grounds	Graves School District	Salinas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zandra Jo Galvan	Greenfield Union School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rory Livingston	King City Union School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Stonebloom	Lagunita School District	Salinas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jinane Annous	Mission Union School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PK Diffenbaugh	Monterey Peninsula Unified School District	Bay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kari Yeater	North Monterey County USD	Bay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ralph Gomez Porras (Vice-Chair)	Pacific Grove Unified School District	Bay
<input type="checkbox"/> Rebeca Andrade	Salinas City Elementary School District	Salinas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Burns (Chair)	Salinas Union High School District	Salinas
<input type="checkbox"/> Josh Van Norman	San Antonio Union School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Reimer	San Ardo Union School District	Valley
<input type="checkbox"/> Jessica Riley	San Lucas Union School District	Valley
<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Ryan	Santa Rita Union School District	Salinas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Vanoli/Randy Bangs	Soledad Unified School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Walker	South Monterey County JUHSD	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Tarallo	Spreckels Union School District	Salinas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gina Uccelli	Washington Union School District	Salinas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deneen Guss	Monterey County Office of Education	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenyon Hopkins (Ex-Officio)	Monterey County SELPA	

1. Opening

a. Call to order

Dan Burns called the meeting to order at 11:49 a.m.

b. Roll call of members

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

- c. Approval of agenda
The meeting agenda was reviewed with no changes. Ralph Porras moved to approve the meeting agenda, Jim Koenig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- d. Approval of prior meeting minutes
The meeting minutes from June 11, 2020 were reviewed with no changes. Tim Vanoli moved to approve the prior meeting minutes, Brian Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

3. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Select Executive Committee member to represent the Valley Zone 2020-2022

The SELPA Local Plan states one representative from each zone must be selected from a district with a student enrollment of at least 2,000. A renomination survey was sent out to the Valley Zone and results were shared. Brian Walker, South Monterey County Joint Union High School District, was nominated to represent the Valley Zone and he accepted. Zandra Jo Galvan moved to approve the nomination, Rory Livingston seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Interagency Agreement with Monterey County Behavioral Health for the 2020-2021 School Year

Kenyon Hopkins reviewed changes made to the MOU and IA with Monterey County Behavioral Health 2020-2021. Kenyon negotiated with MCBH and the mental health services costs were brought down significantly. MCBH can receive some reimbursement through Medi-Cal, and there will also be changes in MCBH service providers serving multiple programs. Residential treatment services and newly implemented residential monitoring services had significant increases this year as state law requires LEAs, along with MCBH, to visit each non-public school site before placement of a student. The estimated total cost is not to exceed \$4.3 million, and the overall funding for mental health services with the combined state and federal resources is approximately \$5.5 million dollars. Districts would have approximately \$1.2 million to be distributed at the end of the school year.

Ralph Porras moved to approve the changes made to the Memorandum of Understanding and Interagency Agreement with Monterey County Behavioral Health for the 2020-2021 School Year, Catherine Reimer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the distribution of allocated funds from the 2019-2020 Special Purpose Funding Pools

Kenyon Hopkins gave a background on 2019-2020 Special Purpose Funding Pools funding distribution. Special education had some gains this year and will have gains moving forward to meet the needs of students with disabilities. Funding across the state has been equalized for all SELPAs, and low incidence funds have also increased.

Kenyon presented an action recommendation for Small School District Reserve. He met with small districts San Ardo USD, San Antonio USD and San Lucas USD. The reserve is funded at a minimum level of \$75,000.00 each year, and it was recommended

to divide equally and allocate \$25,000 to each small school district. Brian Walker moved to approve the requests for funding from 2019-2020 Small School District Reserve, Zandra Jo Galvan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Kenyon presented an action recommendation for Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) and gave an overview of a distribution methodology to maximize the amount that can be distributed out to districts. He shared OOHC requests for reimbursements, and it was anticipated that there would not be sufficient funding to cover all requests. It was recommended that the first priority level requests be reimbursed in full at 100%, and second and third priority requests be reimbursed utilizing a proration factor from the remainder of the allocation. In addition, it was recommended that funds remaining from the SELPA Extraordinary Cost Pool allotment for 2019-2020 will be added to the OOHC balance to maximize the prorated reimbursements.

Kenyon presented an action recommendation for Extraordinary Cost Pool. A reimbursement amount not to exceed 25% of the actual costs for placement and service expenditures will be distributed to Small School Districts (ADA of less than 250). The remainder of funds will be added to the OOHC budget to reduce the budget shortfall and raise reimbursement level of non-LCI placements to a target range of 25%.

The SELPA Executive Committee would make the final approval of distribution after calculations of actual totals. Catherine Reimer moved to approve the funding distribution methodology of allocated funds from the 2019-2020 Special Purpose Funding Pools, Ralph Porras seconded and the motion passed unianimously.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve revisions to the SELPA Funding Allocation Plan (a.k.a. Income Distribution Agreement) for the 2020-2021 School Year

Kenyon Hopkins shared a projection from the State, and there is approximately \$1.6 million in additional funding for low incidence students. The funds are currently retained at the SELPA office to order low incidence equipment. Low incidence funds can also cover services and technology equipment in which tracking would be better handled at a district level. He recommended to continue ordering equipment through the SELPA and distribute remaining funds to districts. Kenyon addressed questions and there was discussion on a funding distribution methodology. He also recommended further discussion at the next SELPA Executive Committee. No action was taken.

- e. Discussion and possible action to approve revisions to the SELPA Funding Allocation Plan (a.k.a. Income Distribution Agreement) for the 2021-2022 School Year

Kenyon Hopkins gave an update on the mental health funding. The State funds were no longer restricted to special education and could also be used for general education. He recommended to update the SELPA Procedural Handbook (PHB), Mental Health Grants, Section 3.7, and remove language of districts submitting a plan for utilizing State funds. Catherine Reimer moved to amend the PHB Mental Health Grants, Section 3.7, Rory Livingston seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Closing

- a. SELPA Governance Council Meeting Calendar 2020-2021
 - September 17, 2020, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 - January 21, 2021, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

May 20, 2021, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

b. Future agenda items

There were no future agenda items.

c. Announcements

There were no announcements.

d. Adjourn

Jim Koenig moved for adjournment, Ralph Porras seconded and the meeting ended at 1:40 p.m.