



Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area  
 Coordinating Council  
**MINUTES**

February 11, 2022- 9:00 a.m.  
**Riverside County SELPA/Via Zoom**

**Coordinating Council Agreements**

- Respect group's time
- Be present and fully engage with presenter
- Respect confidentiality to ensure open dialogue that promotes participation
- Respect individual member's ideas
- Maintain a welcoming environment that is supportive of all members and promotes levity

**Members \*Representatives**

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| Barbara Wolford  | Banning Unified School District          |
| Gaby Toledo  | Beaumont Unified School District         |
| Eeron Wilson   | Coachella Valley Unified School District |
| Charity Plaxton-Hennings                               | Desert Sands Unified School District     |
| Robert Broecker*<br>Tammy Griffiths                    | Hemet Unified School District            |
| Karina Becerra-Murillo, Zone 4 Representative          | Jurupa Unified School District           |
| Donna Wolter, Zone 1 Representative                    | Lake Elsinore Unified School District    |
| Santos Campos *<br>Art Paz                             | Leadership Military Academy              |
| Julie Hong   | Menifee Union School District            |
| Zhanna Preston, Past Chair                             | Murrieta Valley Unified School District  |
| Jennie Kusters-Labriola                                | Nuview Union School District             |
| Victoria Parkinson, Vice Chair & Zone 5 Representative | Palm Springs Unified School District     |
| Edward Singh, Zone 6 Representative                    | Palo Verde Unified School District       |
| Cassandra McNair, Standing Member                      | Riverside County Office of Education     |
| Carmen Hopkins, Zone 3 Representative                  | Romoland School District                 |
| Alex Gonzalez, Fiscal Liaison & Zone 2 Representative  | San Jacinto Unified School District      |
| Anastasia Bradshaw, Charter Representative             | Santa Rosa Academy                       |
| Gina Corby-Potter *<br>Lisa DeLaney-Hines              | SCALE Academy                            |
| Courtney Cook  | Springs Charter Schools                  |
| Jeff Janis, Chair                                      | Val Verde Unified School District        |

**Members Absent**

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| Paulina Nwuba  | Alvord Unified School District        |
| Gregory Sackos | Desert Center Unified School District |

Michelle Ruffolo  
Amil Alzubaidi

Perris Elementary School District  
Perris Union High School District

### **Riverside County SELPA Team Members**

Leah Davis, Executive Director

Jordan Hulstrom, SELPA Coordinator

Jeremy Stevens, ERMHS Coordinator

Christa Smith, SELPA Coordinator

Yazan Khoury, ERMHS Case Manager

Chad Petties, ERMHS Case Manager

Kellie Kaukani, PL&D Coordinator

### **1. Call to Order**

**Jeff Janis, Coordinating Council Chair**

*The Coordinating Council Meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M. on Friday, Feb 11, 2022.*

### **2. Welcome and Introductions**

**Leah Davis, RC SELPA Executive Director**

#### **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 Coordinating Council. Public Comment may be made in person at the Riverside County SELPA Office or at any of the remote locations noted above.

### **Action Items**

#### **3. Approve Virtual Convening of Riverside County Coordinating Council Meeting on Feb 11, 2022**

It was moved by Victoria Parkinson and seconded by Jennie Kosters-LaBriola

Motion carried 16/ 0 / 0

#### **4. Approve Minutes from December 10, 2021 Coordinating Council Meeting (Attachment 4)**

It was moved by Anastasia Bradshaw and seconded by Charity Plaxton-Hennings

Motion carried 15/ 0 / 1

### **Discussion Items**

#### **5. Updates from Community Advisory Committee - Jordan Hulstrom, Coordinator**

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for March 15th at 5pm. We are asking Directors if anyone has a recommendation for a related service provider to volunteer their time. Someone who would be a great asset to our presentation. Goal of the next presentation is, "How can parents support some of those related services?" What are some strategies that parents can do to support their students in providing some of those supports?

SELPA Coordinator gave a thank you to San Jacinto, Murrieta, Alvord parents that recommended panel members from the last CAC meeting.

Reminder: if you have any CAC vacancies recruit parents and have them board approved. Will have a vacancy for President, member at large, public information officer. Desert Sands just added 3 new members and Jurupa added 4 new members.

#### **6. Compliance Monitoring Activities - Leah Davis, Executive Director**

##### **a. Annual Determination Notification**

Annual determination notifications will be released in early March. In past years the notification was referenced as the “mega letter”. That letter would let LEAs know what areas you have in data; it would also let you know what monitoring activities you are identified for including disproportionality and significant disproportionality.

Target or intensive monitoring has some changes. What data are they using? CDE is aware of the state of California but will still look at that data. State indicators such as LRE, dropout rate, graduation rate, achievement indicators, not putting as much energy into it as they have in the past. CDE is putting priority in compliance indicators, overdue IEP’s and overdue assessments. Riverside County was selected as one of the four SELPAs in the state to be part of the IEP Technical Assistance group.

Received a preview of what that data looks like to our districts in terms of IEP compliance. We have 4 districts in this SELPA that will be indemnified for intensive intervention by CDE for IEP compliance. CDE is looking at two factors: 120 days overdue IEPs. Another factor is that after CDE notifies LEAs and has not demonstrated improvement. If you fall under both factors, you will be identified with an intensive level of monitoring that will require work directly with technical assistance providers (SELPA staff). The other group is the targeted monitored group. That group is either not making progress with CDE improvements or 120 days overdue IEPs. RC SELPA has 19 districts for some level of support. 15 LEAs are in the targeted group. Will put together a workshop depending on where you land in monitoring.

SIL is running a root-cause 2-day virtual workshop. The link has been dropped into the chat. It is 2- half days.

## **7. Governor’s Proposed Budget-Trailer Bill Language**

The Base rate for SpEd funding is currently \$820/ADA per LEA. This current year it is \$715 including both COLA and a \$500 million dollar increase to AB602 for SWD. Statewide perspective would require that number to be \$850 dollars per ADA to make all SELPAs equal. Allocations will now be calculated at the LEA level. Historically your base rate was calculated at a SELPA level. All ADA in one lump sum then pushed out per allocation plan. The money will still be flowing through SELPAs and will still utilize allocation plans. Benefit comes where our SELPA is growing and declining.

The State Superintendent will make public the amount of funding each LEA generates for their SELPA within 30 days of budget reports and within 30 days SELPA will report to each of the LEAs what that dollar amount is.

LCAP addendum language-there is now language in the trailer bill that the state will adopt a SpEd addendum to the LCAP by January 31, 2024. The addendum will be attached to the LCAP and any annual update to the LCAP. Trailer bill language specifies it will only be required for those LEAs who are selected for improvement activities under IDEA.

All LEAs must have their representations that represent students with disabilities on the LCAP advisory committee, stakeholders’ group, and partners.

Language for Statewide Systems of Support, which includes SIL, all of the content leads for English Learners, UDL, CAPTAIN, as well as our San Diego partners. Makes two changes to the original language; it adds county offices to stakeholders in the Special Education resource lead work. The other change is that it moves from building capacity of SELPAs, changes language to regional and local capacity.

Trailer bill language indicates that ERMHS services dollars, both state and federal dollars will be allocated to the LEA. This is a critical change; those dollars have run through SELPAs. RC SELPA normally pushes out state dollars and holds on to federal dollars to fund Tier III services. Federally funding allocation is based on prior year and state funding is based on current year ADA. For Riverside County this means our ERMHS team that works through MH services. This will ultimately be a Governance Council decision. GC Steering has considered it a proposal.

Language around Preschool. Early childhood money specific to opening up more space. Pushing for stronger language.

## **8. SELPA System Improvement Leads Update - Leah Davis, Executive Director**

Root cause analysis in person workshop to be held locally for our region. There is 18 months left of that grant. What happens to all the resources leads, both System wide and content leads version? Continuing to make solid impact for smaller districts. We started this year a network community of 6 districts throughout the state working directly on improving IEPs for SWD. Notified this week in the next 18 months will be attached to compliance monitoring.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Edward Singh and seconded by Victoria Parkinson that the Coordinating Council meeting adjourn at 10:01 A.M.

Motion carried 17/ 0 / 0