



Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area
Governance Council
MINUTES

Friday, February 18, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

Members Present *Representative

Ms. Mays Kakish

Mr. Scott Bailey, Zone 5 Representative

Dr. Jennifer Root

Dr. Mike Swize

Ms. Tracie Kern, Zone 6 Representative

Mr. Grant Bennett, Vice Chair & Zone 3 Representative

Dr. Edwin Gomez *Charles Newman

Dr. David Pyle, Chair and Zone 2 Representative

Dr. Robert Hennings

Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer

Beaumont Unified School District

Desert Sands Unified School District

Menifee Union School District

Palm Springs Unified School District

Palo Verde Unified School District

Perris Union High School District

Riverside County Office of Education

San Jacinto Unified School District

Santa Rosa Academy

Springs Charter Schools

Members Absent

Dr. Allan Mucerino

Dr. Natasha Baker

Mr. Luis Valentino

Dr. Gregory Sackos

Dr. Christi Barrett

Dr. Trent Hansen, Zone 4 Representative

Dr. Doug Kimberly

Mr. Santos Campos

Mr. Patrick Kelley, Zone 1 Representative

Mr. John Huber

Ms. Jean Marie Frey

Mr. Trevor Painton

Mr. Chris Shockley

Mr. Mike McCormick, Past Chair

Alvord Unified School District

Banning Unified School District

Coachella Valley Unified School District

Desert Center Unified School District

Hemet Unified School District

Jurupa Unified School District

Lake Elsinore Unified School District

Leadership Military Academy

Murrieta Valley Unified School District

Nuvview Union School District

Perris Elementary School District

Romoland School District

SCALE Academy

Val Verde Unified School District

Governance Council Liaisons

Mr. Jeff Janis (Val Verde USD)

Coordinating Council Chair

Riverside County SELPA Team Members

The full meeting packet is available for viewing at the Riverside County SELPA Office located at 2935 Indian Avenue, Perris, CA 92571 or by request.

Ms. Leah Davis, Executive Director

1. Call to Order

Dr. David Pyle, Governance Council Chair

The Governance Council Meeting was called to order at 8:31 A.M. on Friday, February 18, 2022.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. 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 Governance Council

Action Items

3. Approve Minutes from December 16, 2021 Governance Council Meeting (Attachment 3)

That the Governance Council approve the minutes from the December 16, 2021 Governance Council Meeting as presented.

It was moved by Mays Kakish and seconded by David Pyle

Motion carried 9 / 0 / 0

4. Approve Virtual Convening of March 18, 2022 Riverside County SELPA Governance Council Meeting

That the Governance Council approve that the March 18, 2022 Riverside County SELPA Governance Council Meeting be held virtually. Live public comment will be made available.

It was moved by Grant Bennett and seconded by Charles Newman

Motion carried 10 / 0 / 0

Discussion and Information Items

5. Special Education Compliance Monitoring and Accountability in 2021-2022

a. Targeted and Intensive Monitoring

New week CDE will be hosting a webinar for SpEd leaders throughout the state, to do a high-level overview of what target and intensive monitoring will look like this school year. As a participant as a SIL Lead, the Executive Director has had the opportunity to meet weekly to provide input and guidance of what this will look like. They have also been working with their federal technical assistance group. The process is going to simplify. Will not have to write 150-page plans. Districts will be able to identify their primary areas, do thorough root cause and identify one or two improvement activities to be focused on. Monitoring process will be in the spring and due in the late fall of the 2022-23 school year.

Districts this year will only engage in one activity. Those districts identified as significantly disproportionate will not need to engage in significant disproportionality as well as other monitoring activities. Districts will only need to focus on developing a CESIS plan. Districts will be notified in early March.

b. Overdue IEPs and Initial Assessments

Have a number of LEAs that will be identified for target and/or intensive monitoring based on overdue IEPs and initial assessments. We received preliminary lists last week as part of the IEP technical assistance project. RC SELPA has 4 districts that have been identified for intensive IEP support. 15 districts have been identified for target monitoring. Have asked CDE to rerun those numbers. Working with our two data specialists. Will be hosting workshops for our districts to work through. Setting up a coaching mechanism where each district will have a SELPA leader attached to them to walk them through issues.

RC SELPA continues to meet monthly with the RCOE Special Education department, as well as the Instructional Services department. Working to ensure that the Special education monitoring processes as well as the DA and LCAP processes align.

6. Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education and SELPA Administrators of California Highlights

a. Legislative Updates

- SB 387-Portantino-youth MH and behavioral health bill. The language is vague.
- SB 866-Weiner-Vaccine's bill. The bill would authorize a minor 12 years of age or older to consent to immunizations in school.
- SB 237- (2-year bill) Dyslexia risk screening. All LEAs to screen K-2nd grade for risk factors. Number of factors that may have an over identification of factors. Do not have systematic interventions in place. Dyslexia does not always fall under the SpEd umbrella.
- SB 692-Cortese's bill- districts LRE data to be posted on the dashboard. Would not include DHH or orthopedically impaired. Push back on that bill. Not a lot of training even at SELPA association level specific to inclusion. Archaic language of RSP, SDC, makes a barrier. The author is Senator Ochoa-Bogh. May have a co-author from the north.

b. Fiscal Updates

c. Program Updates

7. Governor's Proposed Budget and Trailer Bill Language

a. Base Special Education Funding

Anticipate a 14% increase. To \$820/ADA., due to COLA and \$500 million dollars to base rate. Ran some models statewide, would need to be \$850/ADA to be equalized throughout the state. A change in actual funding where the dollars are being calculated. Previously calculated at the SELPA level. Riverside County SELPA will benefit. Beaumont continues to be a large growing district in the state. Those dollars will still go through the SELPA funding mechanism, and be allocated out to districts. Once

preliminary numbers are received if there are drastic changes that will be taken back to the allocation committee. There is language that the state Superintendent is required to share the actual dollar amount generated within 30 days with member LEAs.

b. LCAP Addendum - Special Education

Now it is a requirement to complete an LCAP addendum by January 2024. Those that are included in SpEd monitoring. Coalition is pushing for an LCAP addendum for all.

c. Educationally Related Mental Health Services (State and Federal Funds)

Direct impact to Riverside County SELPA. Both state and federal dollars will be sent directly to districts. This creates challenges statewide. RC SELPA pushes out all state dollars. The other pot of money you also would receive directly, fund some SELPA personnel, Coordinator, 2 managers and a secretary. The funds are also used to fund WRAP, RTC placement and tier 3 services. In the past we had to change the funding for that, expenditures were outweighing services. RC SELPA MH trainings have returned this year, they have been standing room only. Some services that the team do all travel to RTC quarterly reviews. ERMHS Coordinator visits each RTC a minimum of once a year. Rather than having each LEA visit each RTC individually. RC SELPA Executive Director spoke with the GC Steering and finance committee, the committees would like to wait to see where it lands for governors may revise. There would be many districts affected. Directors feel like they can't take on more.

d. Statewide System of Support - Resource Leads

Shift in language in the trailer bill. The County office of Ed was added as a stakeholder or partner in the SpEd resource leads. The other component; expanded the purpose of the resource leads to building regional and local capacity.

8. Non-Public School and Residential Treatment Center Updates

- RTC - 15 students currently placed SELPA wide. This number is low for a SELPA our size. Efforts of ERMHS ability to serve our students.
- NPS- Childhelp review. New requirements from CDE. CDE has put an onus on SELPAs to do weekly unannounced visits. Working with CDE on the monitoring. Childhelp has significant corrective actions to complete. Impact is significant to Beaumont USD.

9. SELPA System Improvement Lead Updates

We are in the last 18 months of the grant. CDE will be utilizing some of the leads, supporting inclusive practices projects, SIL and some content leads to support technical assistance for improvements statewide. Districts/directors will work with colleagues and peers in identifying those improvement activities. Part of CDE's strategy to pull into that process. Improvement Facilitators will be deployed out to our districts and surrounding areas. Please disrupt fliers for SIL workshops to the Ed services side of the house.

10. Governance Council Chair Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

It was moved by Mays Kakish and seconded by Jennifer Root

The Governance Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 A.M. on Friday, February 18, 2022.