



Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area
Governance Council

MINUTES

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

Via Zoom

Members *Representative

Ms. Mays Kakish *Gaby Toledo
Mr. Scott Bailey, Zone 5 Representative
Dr. Trent Hansen, Zone 4 Representative
Dr. Doug Kimberly
Mr. Santos Campos
Dr. Jennifer Root
Mr. John Huber
Dr. Mike Swize
Ms. Tracie Kern, Zone 6 Representative
Mr. Grant Bennett, Vice Chair & Zone 3 Representative
Dr. Edwin Gomez, *Charles Newman
Dr. Robert Hennings
Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer

Beaumont Unified School District
Desert Sands Unified School District
Jurupa Unified School District
Lake Elsinore Unified School District
Leadership Military Academy
Menifee Union School District
Nuview Union School District
Palm Springs Unified School District
Palo Verde Unified School District
Perris Union High School District
Riverside County Office of Education
Santa Rosa Academy
Springs Charter Schools

Members Absent

Dr. Allan Mucerino
Dr. Natasha Baker
Mr. Luis Valentino
Dr. Gregory Sackos
Dr. Christi Barrett
Mr. Patrick Kelley, Zone 1 Representative
Ms. Jean Marie Frey
Mr. Trevor Painton
Dr. David Pyle, Chair and Zone 2 Representative
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
Murrieta Valley Unified School District
Perris Elementary School District
Romoland School District
San Jacinto Unified School District
SCALE Academy
Val Verde Unified School District

Governance Council Liaisons

Mr. Jeff Janis (Val Verde USD)
Mr. Stacy Coleman (Val Verde USD)

Coordinating Council Chair
SELPA Finance Liaison

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.

Riverside County SELPA Team Members

Ms. Leah Davis, Executive Director

1. Call to Order

Dr. David Pyle, Governance Council Chair

The Governance Council Meeting was called to order at 8:34 A.M. on Friday, March 18, 2022.

**2. Welcome and Introductions
Director**

Ms. Leah Davis, RC SELPA Executive

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 February 18, 2022 Governance Council Meeting (Attachment 3)

That the Governance Council approve the minutes from the February 18, 2022 Governance Council Meeting as presented.

It was moved by Doug Kimberly and seconded by Trent Hansen

Motion carried 8 / 0 / 0

4. Accept Riverside County SELPA 2021-22 Revised First Interim Budget Report (Attachment 4)

That the Governance Council approve 2021-22 Revised First Interim Budget Report with the following expenditures:

- i. Pass-through to Districts/County \$262,640,358*
- ii. District Nonpublic Schools \$ 2,500,000*
- iii. Out of Home Care \$ 8,166,607*
- iv. SELPA Administration - Reg Services \$ 3,421,310*
- v. SELPA Lead Grant \$ 2,000,000*

It was moved by Charles Newman and seconded by Jennifer Root

Motion carried 9 / 0 / 0

5. Accept Riverside County SELPA 2021-22 Second Interim Budget Report (Attachment 5)

That the Governance Council approve 2021-22 Second Interim Budget Report with the following expenditures:

<i>i. Pass-through to Districts/County</i>	<i>\$<u>281,025,786</u></i>
<i>ii. District Nonpublic Schools</i>	<i>\$ <u>2,500,000</u></i>
<i>iii. Out of Home Care</i>	<i>\$ <u>8,166,607</u></i>
<i>iv. SELPA Administration - Reg Services</i>	<i>\$ <u>4,322,925</u></i>
<i>v. SELPA Lead Grant</i>	<i>\$ <u>2,726,766</u></i>

It was moved by Doug Kimberly and seconded by Robert Hennings to amend the attachment of 5a

Motion carried 11/0/1

6. Approve Virtual Convening of April 14, 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 Robert Hennings and seconded by John Huber

Motion carried 12/0/1

Discussion and Information Items

7. Special Education Compliance Monitoring and Accountability in 2020-2021

- a. Targeted and Intensive Monitoring**
- b. Overdue IEPs and Initial Assessments**
- c. Significant Disproportionality**

Superintendents should have received their annual determination letters. The following day a third of our districts received correction letters, those were sent to the Superintendent and SELPA administrators. Each director was given a copy of the annual determination letter. Directors will start webinar training next week.

Monitoring processes have been simplified by CDE and are focused on improvement. SIL has been involved in improvement conversations. RC SELPA has 3 districts identified for significant disproportionality; an additional 4 districts are in either intensive level 1-2. No districts in intensive level 3. The remainder of our districts have been identified as disproportionate; 5 districts will engage in some dispro review. The rest are identified for compliance only monitoring specific to the second bullet. RC SELPA will do as we have done in the past to support each LEA by assigning a SELPA coordinator to support. The SIL has been asked by CDE to support 30 districts in the state identified as intensive level 1 (3 districts are from RC SELPA). An additional district of RC SELPA is in

Intensive level 2 and will also work with our SIL team. Obligation to continue monitoring and ensure outcomes for SWD.

Most of our districts are identified for some level of overdue IEP or initial assessments. We will be hosting workshops specific to how to clean up overdue IEPs and assessments, those that are specific to data entry. RC SELPAs two data specialists will cohost workshops along with the RC SELPA Executive Director.

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

a. Legislative Updates

- SB 1113-Authored by Senator Ochoa -Bough, the bill is specific to inclusion focus on FAPE in the LRE. A lot of resource commitment to inclusion in the state the last couple of years. One concern is that we don't have systems in place to ensure that students have access to the Least Restrictive Environment. This bill is written to increase professional learning opportunities to identify a model. Push out more coaching. \$85 million price tag. The State SELPA association is sponsoring this bill.
- AB 2121- Authored by Eduardo Garcia. He is committed to parent involvement in SpEd for a number of years. His previous bill was specific to increasing funding for family empowerment centers. His new bill is specific to increasing ADR in the state. More appropriate dispute resolution. Would like to see more dollars going to school districts rather than attorneys. The bill is written in alignment with the Statewide System Of Support. There would be a lead agency to support ADR work. Doug Kimberly would like to invite Assemblyman Garcia to our next Governance Council meeting.

b. Fiscal Updates

Anxious for the May revise to be released to see what parts of the trailer bill language stick. Will continue to advocate for the increase. Appreciate the 14 percent increase which includes the base rate and increase in COLA. Would like to see a bump from \$815-\$820 to 850/ADA to equalize all SELPAs.

c. Program Updates

No program updates.

9. Non-Public School and Residential Treatment Center Updates

Conversations with CDE specific to corrective actions or requirements of NPS. The most recent was an investigation of Childhelp. CDE is requiring SELPAs to do unannounced weekly monitoring of the site. The RC SELPA MH team is working with the RTC coordinator in East Valley SELPA on weekly monitoring. Childhelp needs significant training; specific in policies and practices specific to discipline and Behavior Emergency reports. A lot of the training is very SELPA specific. If we are required to do those training, we would like to charge the NPS. CDE has agreed to that. Currently there are 5 districts that have students placed at Childhelp.

RTCs continue to be challenging for students pending placements. Two students currently are pending placement. RC SELPA has expanded our search to RTC that we do not have master contracts with. If we can get any of those schools to accept students, it will require

a quick turnaround trip of our Coordinator to do a site visit prior to placement per current legislation.

10. Statewide System of Support Grants

a. SELPA System Improvement Lead Updates

In year 4 of the SELPA System Improvement Lead grant. The SIL project has been asked to engage in support of their statewide monitoring. Starting to indicate that there could be extension of the SIL project. Continue to get positive feedback on the professionalism in the training throughout the state. All the districts that we have worked with have volunteered, CDE will pull in about 30 districts in the state to engage in SIL work.

b. California Technical Assistance Network (caltan.info)

RC SELPA was asked to support CDE in partnership with El Dorado County SELPA to develop a statewide resource hub. Would serve as where educational leaders can find a curated grouping of resources that are relevant and timely to what is going on right now in education. The website is up. In the process of gathering more resources. These resources will be vetted by CDE and will be relevant to our districts in California. RC SELPA received \$500k to do that work, along with El Dorado County SELPA receiving \$500k.

c. IEP Technical Support and Assistance Project

CDE selected four SELPAs and sent grant notification letters of \$2 million to support LEAs in technical support. Utilizing SIL improvement facilitators to do some of that work, and will contract out a bulk of that work. Working in partnership with East County SELPA San Diego, Fresno County and Humboldt North. This project aligns with the SIL work. Of RC County, 19 local LEAs are required to engage in some part of Technical Support for IEP processes.

11. Governance Council Chair Comments

Would like to thank Leah for the great job that she does to keep us informed of the SpEd population.

Adjournment

It was moved by John Huber and seconded by Jennifer Root

The Governance Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 A.M. on Friday, March 18, 2022.