



Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area
Coordinating Council
MINUTES

April 8, 2022- 9:00 a.m.
Riverside County SELPA

Remote Meeting Location:

Palo Verde USD
295 N 1st Street
Blythe, CA 92225

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 Present *Representative

Paulina Nwuba
Barbara Wolford *Krystal Steele
Robert Nichols
Karina Becerra-Murillo, Zone 4 Representative
Donna Wolter, Zone 1 Representative
Santos Campos* Art Paz
Jennie Kusters-Labriola
Victoria Parkinson *Jodi Curtis
Michelle Ruffolo *Leticia Scott
Cassandra McNair, Standing Member
Alex Gonzalez *Del Drummond
Anastasia Bradshaw, Charter Representative
Gina Corby-Potter
Jeff Janis, Chair

Alvord Unified School District
Banning Unified School District
Coachella Valley Unified School District
Jurupa Unified School District
Lake Elsinore Unified School District
Leadership Military Academy
Nuview Union School District
Palm Springs Unified School District
Perris Elementary School District
Riverside County Office of Education
San Jacinto Unified School District
Santa Rosa Academy
SCALE Academy
Val Verde Unified School District

Members Absent

Gaby Toledo
Gregory Sackos

Beaumont Unified School District
Desert Center Unified School District

Charity Plaxton-Hennings
Robert Broecker
Julie Hong
Zhanna Preston, Past Chair
Edward Singh, Zone 6 Representative
Amil Alzubaidi
Carmen Hopkins, Zone 3 Representative
Courtney Cook

Desert Sands Unified School District
Hemet Unified School District
Menifee Union School District
Murrieta Valley Unified School District
Palo Verde Unified School District
Perris Union High School District
Romoland School District
Springs Charter Schools

Riverside County SELPA Team Members

Leah Davis, Executive Director
Jeremy Stevens, ERMHS Coordinator
Yazan Khoury, ERMHS Case Manager
Kellie Kaukani, PL&D Coordinator

Jordan Hulstrom, SELPA Coordinator
Christa Smith, SELPA Coordinator
Chad Petties, ERMHS Case Manager

1. Call to Order

Jeff Janis, Coordinating Council Chair

The Coordinating Council Meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. on Friday, Apr 8, 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 Minutes from March 11, 2022 Coordinating Council Meeting (Attachment 3)

It was moved by Karina Becerra-Murrillo and seconded by Jennie Kosters-Labriola
Motion carried 14/ 0 / 0

Discussion Items

4. Updates from Community Advisory Committee

Please submit nominations by the end of the day for our CAC recognition event on April 27, 2022 at Val Verde High School gym. Currently in the process of setting up a transition fair in May. Officer nominations are also in May. The nominations will be on a google form. Please complete the form for nominations.

5. Compliance Monitoring Activities - Leah Davis, Executive Director

- a. Changes to Special Education Monitoring (CDE Webinar Review)**
- b. Targeted and Intensive Monitoring - Next Steps**
- c. Significant Disproportionality**
- d. Compliance Only**

All LEAs should have received their letters notifying of compliance monitoring. There are three levels of significant disproportionality.

- Level 1 will work with the System Improvement Leads.

- Level 3 is working with CDE.

All of our districts are either in Intensive level 1 or 2. SIL website will be posting workshops specific to compliance monitoring. Plans are due November 1st. Plans need to be submitted through an online system that CDE has not yet released. Compliance monitoring is a standing agenda item on SELPA Finance. Directors will be notified of who their assigned SELPA Coordinator will be.

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

Highlights - Leah Davis, Executive Director

a. Legislative Highlights

b. Fiscal Highlights

c. Program Highlights

May 4, 2022 is Legislative Sharing Day. It will be held virtually due to the remodel of the state capital building. The morning keynote will be around Muscular Dystrophy. Heather Calamose and Senator Ochoa-Bough will also speak. Next week an email will go out to CAC members to start an interest list of those that would like to participate in Legislative Sharing Day. 2019 was the last in-person legislative share day.

- SB 1113- Ochoa-Bough inclusive education and learning. Not a global push.
- AB 2121 (126)-Eduardo Garcia. Around ADR-appropriate dispute resolution bill. The bill would provide a resource lead. Connected to a family empowerment center. This bill is headed to appropriations.

Other bills pending:

- Special Ed funding for preschool DHH. Dollars can only go to state schools or NPS. LEAs would not receive the funds.
- Dyslexia screening bill is still moving forward.
- 692 Cortese- LRE on dashboard. It changes the actual metrics.
- Portino-fetal alcohol syndrome. Would call out the disorder. .

Waiting on the May Revise. Yesterday RC SELPA Executive Director sent a template letter to Superintendents, to add to their district letterhead. The template letter is opposing MH dollars from going directly to LEAs. Would shift federal dollars which funds our MH team, WRAP team. SELPA would no longer maintain the ERMHS team. Received a couple signed letters from Superintendents. The entire packet will be submitted to school services.

7. 2022-23 Preliminary Budget for RCOE Special Education Program

Should have received preliminary budgets in the last couple weeks. Received packet with rate increases, average about 10 % increase for cost of staffing. Program transfers requests will be on the next CC.

Information Items

8. SELPA Staffing Updates

RC SELPA Accounting Specialist has given her resignation with an effective date of May 6, 2022. She has a new position at MSJC. RC SELPA has a vacancy that we are recruiting for. The vacancy was flown as an Accounting Technician.

9. Personnel Data Report

RC SELPA's Data Specialist sent out an email early this week. Personnel Data report is due on Friday June 3, 2022 to Michelle Brown. PDR based on Oct 6, 2021 data.

10. Professional Learning and Development Updates- Kellie Kaukani, PL&D Coordinator

- May 2, 2022-Mental Health Symposium at the Riverside Convention Center. If interested, please register.

- May 3-Essential Strategies math series begins. Two sessions simultaneously through June. Encourage teams to register.
- Region 10 PD offerings coming soon.
- Charity Plaxton-Hennings presented on Wednesday. Sessions were recorded. The link and password will be shared.
- April 27-Brooke Silva will present on Childfind.

11. Mental Health - Month in Review - ERMHS Team

a. Non-public School Updates

b. WRAP and RTC Updates

Looking at establishing master contracts for NPS as needed. Provided PD for Coachella and Nuview. Defensible ERMHS training to be held here at the SELPA office. Chad is the lead for Beaumont PD.

- WRAP-39 students
- NPS-254 students
- RTC-11 students

Last week ERMHS Coordinator did an onsite review of Provo Canyon and Copper Hills. Request for class size increase for NPS from 12 to 14 students per class.

12. SELPA System Improvement Leads, CalTAN, and IEP Technical Support and Assistance

Update - Leah Davis, Executive Director

SSIL- getting ready to support 300 LEAs that are in intensive level 1, three districts are from RC SELPA. Infrastructure website instruction.

CALTAN-caltan.info. All things SpEd for the state. Technical Assistance with the state is an opportunity to join the list serve. Websites reviewed.

Adjournment

It was moved by Karina Becerra-Murrillo and seconded by Jennie Kosters-Labriola that the Coordinating Council meeting adjourn at 11:14 A.M.