

California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions,
Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP, JPA)
DESERT MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA STEERING and FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 16, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley CA 92307

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DESERT MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allegiance STEAM – Dr. Jacque Williams, ASA Charter Schools – Athony Lucey via zoom, Desert Trails Preparatory/LaVerne Elementary – Belsy Salguero and Anais Guerra, Julia Lee Performing Arts Academy – Rachel Thomas via zoom, Odyssey Charter – Chasityflame Price, Options for Youth – Georganne Kirkwood, Pathways to College – James Connell, Southern California Flex Academy – Malia Lovell, and Taylion High Desert Academy – Karen Ware

GUESTS PRESENT:

Heather Myrdahl – Southern California Flex Academy

CAHELP, DM CHARTER SELPA, AND DMCC STAFF PRESENT:

Pam Bender, Kayla Gewirtz, Linda Llamas, Heidi Chavez, Sheila Parisian, Dr. Peggy Dunn, Colette Garland, Deborah Sarkesian, Codi Andersen, Annette Rego, Agustina Garcia, Isaac Medina, Iván Campos, Jennifer Sutton, Jessica Soto, Dr. Karina Quezada, Lisa Nash, Maurica Manibusan, Misty Ubina, Miya Narvaiz-Ward, Rory Hazen, Veronica Rousseau

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions, Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP, JPA) Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pam Bender at 9:04 a.m., at the Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, Apple Valley CA.

2.0 ROLL CALL

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that a motion was made by Jacque Williams, seconded by Malia Lovell, to approve the January 16, 2025, Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote: 9:0:0. Ayes: Dr. Jacque Williams, Anthony Lucey, Belsy Salguero, Rachel Thomas, Chasityflame Price, Georganne Kirkwood, James Connell, Malia Lovell, and Karen Ware. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

5.0 CONSENT ITEMS

It is recommended that the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee consider approving several Agenda items as a Consent list. Consent Items are routine in nature and can be enacted in one motion without further discussion. Consent items may be called up by any Committee Member at the meeting for clarification, discussion, or change.

5.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that a motion was made by Malia Lovell, seconded by James Connell, to approve

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the following Consent Item as presented. The motion carried on the following vote: 8:0:1. Ayes: Anthony Lucey, Betsy Salguero, Rachel Thomas, Chasityflame Price, Georganne Kirkwood, James Connell, Malia Lovell, and Karen Ware. Nays: None. Abstentions: Dr. Jacque Williams.

5.1.1 December 12, 2024, Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

6.0 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Outreach Team Presentation

A video of events the Outreach Team and CAHELP volunteers participated in was shared. Planning for these events begins in September to offer an opportunity to give back to the community and families. DMCC Clinicians identify families who could use some extra help during the holiday season, gifts are collected, and events are organized. There are many businesses that participated in helping provide 630 children with gifts this year including Art Junkies Tattoo Studio.

Additionally, CAHELP Outreach Team shared trainings provided to LEAs and the community which included Promoting Adult/Family Resilience, Family Fun Days, Getting to Know Us, Loving Solutions, Parent Project, Parent Toolbox, Preparing Our Kids for Success, Real Talk, Social Emotional Learning in the Home, Special Education 101, and Taming Your Wiggles and Giggles Through Sensory Strategies.

The Outreach Team brochure was provided.

7.0 FINANCIAL COMMITTEE ITEMS

7.1 2025-26 Governor's Budget

The Governor's budget is projecting a 2.43% COLA, AB602 funding per student has increased to \$918.68; Low Incidence increased to \$2,777.73 per student with an eligible low incidence disability. Regionalized Services rate has increased by \$20.48; and Educationally Related Mental Health Services increased by an additional \$82.92 per student.

7.2 AB602 Charter Payments

AB602 invoices are sent to SBCSS every 2 months; it takes approximately 2 weeks for checks to be sent. July through October should have been processed. For missing payments, contact Kayla Gewirtz.

7.3 Accounting Codes

Thomas Flores explained how services in SEIS are reconciled with DMCC services provided to students. Once identified, services are checked to ensure code 525 is being used. Codes 510 and 515

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are often used instead of 525. Clinicians are asked to update the code to 525 at the students' next IEP team meeting. A list of those needing updates will be provided with the monthly invoices.

8.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Charter School Supports

Encore met on January 2nd and decided to close on January 9th, affecting over 600 students. Hesperia Unified School District's board has voted to have an extra graduation for the seniors so they could graduate with their class. All Superintendents are supportive.

CAHELP will be bringing forward a policy and procedure for schools that close mid-year. It will be presented to the Executive Council and Governance for approval.

Charter Schools that have been lost in the Eaton Fire:

- Aveson School of Leaders
 - Executive Director Ian McFeat
 - Director of Special Education Kelly Jung
- Odyssey Charter-South
 - Chief Executive Officer Carlos Garcia Saldana
 - Director of Special Education Chasityflame Price
- Pasadena Rosebud
 - Chief Executive Officer Shawn Brown

When asked what they might need in the interim, they are asking for assessments and protocols.

8.2 Legislative Updates

8.2.1 Committee Members have been posted at the State level:

- Senate Education Committee – two are from our area.
 - Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (R-Yucaipa), Vice-Chair
 - Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes (D-San Bernardino)
- Senate Budget Sub-Committee No. 1 on Education
 - Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (R-Yucaipa), Vice-Chair
- Senate Appropriations Committee – no one in our area

8.2.2 Legislative Calendar provided in the materials was reviewed highlighting that the last day for bills to be introduced is February 21, 2025.

8.3 Credentials Bridge Authorization Update

Three informational meetings were held with Student Services staff, Assistant Superintendents, and Directors. Additional informational meetings can be held for anyone who would like to take part. It is

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important that Heidi speak with district HR departments to ensure they understand what the requirements are and their role in the process. It is the responsibility of the HR Department to work with the Special Education Directors to notify those eligible to attend the training. District HR Departments and Special Education Directors should have received the flyers.

8.4 Desert Mountain Children’s Center Client Services Reports and Updates

Charters receiving DMCC services will have client service and referral reports sent via encrypted email by Keri Downing to the Charter point of contact. For any questions about these reports, contact Linda Llamas at Linda.Llamas@cahelp.org. If there are concerns about clinicians assigned to your sites, please let Linda know.

8.5 [Professional Learning Opportunities](#)

In December, 13 participants attended a training/workshop, 4 attended on-sites, and 9 participated in regional trainings. For the year, 375 participated in trainings, with 246 attending on-sites and 129 attending regional trainings to date.

The IMTSS Symposium is being held on February 27th at High Desert Church; Dr. Tina Payne Bryson will present ‘*No-Drama Discipline for Educators.*’ The cost is \$175 for members and \$250 for non-members.

The Community Advisory Committee meeting led by Lindsey Yslas will be held on February 20, 2025, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Participants are asked to register individually to assist with attendance.

Orton-Gillingham Approach Training presented by Vanessa Silver is being held virtually, on March 3-7, 2025, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The cost is \$275 for our members and \$375 for non-members. [Flyer](#) can be found on our website.

Iván Campos provided a summary of the Optimizing SLP and SLPA Services Key Insights from Empathy Interviews with Special Education Directors of DM SELPA and Charter SELPA. These were conducted in August, September, and October of 2024.

8.6 Resolution Support Services Summary and Update

There have been five filings for this school year so far. The breakdowns are:

Primary Disabilities

- 40% OHI
- 40% Autism
- 20% SLD

Ethnicity

- 40% Hispanic
- 20% African American
- 20% Russian/African American

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20% Chinese American

Grades

40% third grade
20% fourth grade
20% seventh grade
20% eighth grade

Placement

80% General Education pull out
20% non-public school

Reasons

40% placement
40% Services
20% Child Find

8.7 Compliance Update

The Annual determination letters will be sent out in February.

Compliance and Improvement Monitoring Process – Progress Report #3 is due July 10, 2025.

Targeted Progress Report #3 reporting period: January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025, is due July 10, 2025.

The Intensive Progress Report #5 reporting period: January 1, 2025 – March 30, 2025, is due on April 10, 2025.

Cyclical Monitoring for Small LEAs Cycle B is due February 28, 2025.

Those in Prong II Review have been notified with a list of records to be reviewed.

A discussion took place regarding records destroyed in the fires.

The CDE Compliance Roadshow is comprised of multiple dates and locations. CDE will go over compliance and updates to help LEAs understand the entire compliance and monitoring process. It is for teachers, directors, assistant superintendents, and superintendents. Dr. Peggy Dunn will email the flyer and include it in the next DM Charter Steering meeting materials.

8.8 Special Education Information System (SEIS) Update

February 21, 2025, is the SEIS Training for Directors.

Follow up on unaffirmed and unsigned IEPs. SEIS Open Forum and SEIS Trainings are available.

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A discussion regarding temporary placements and what that entails. The emergency circumstance was discussed. Pam will follow up.

8.9 Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) Update

DRDP information due date has been extended to January 24, 2025. What we have will be turned in. If needed, more extensions can be requested.

8.10 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Update

Final certification is January 24, 2025. A help ticket can be submitted for an extension due to the impact of the fires. Delay reason School Emergency/School Closure can be used on IEPs.

8.11 Career Technical Education (CTE) Updates

The virtual Transition Planning for All Students training will be held on February 6, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

8.12 Prevention and Intervention (P&I) Updates

The two-day Fundamentals of Restorative Practices will be held on January 29 & 30, 2025, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The Authorized California PBIS External Reviewer (ACER) training 2.0 will be held January 21, 2025, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am or 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The PBIS recognition window will be opening up in March.

8.13 Occupational and Physical Therapy Services Reports and Updates

The Physical Therapy Professional Learning Collaborative will be held on January 21, 2025, from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm at no cost.

Transportation trainings are available. If interested, please submit an on-site request.

8.14 SBCSS 114 – Dyslexia Screening Mandate

Senate Bill 114 was signed into law on July 10, 2023, requiring students K-2 screening for reading difficulties, including those at risk for Dyslexia. T-K students are exempt from this requirement.

A panel was appointed to provide a list of approved screening instruments. This list was submitted on December 17, 2024, and identifies the tools that school districts can use for screening purposes.

By June 30, 2025, Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) must choose at least one of the screening instruments from the panel's list. This selection must be made during a public board meeting.

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Starting in the 2025-26 school year, LEAs are required to screen students in K-2 annually using the chosen instrument(s). This screening will continue each year unless a parent opts their child out in writing.

LEA’s may choose when it is appropriate to assess. Students enrolling after the assessment window must be assessed 45 days from the time of enrollment. LEA’s have 15 days to send notifications to families with the process, purpose, and opt out option. Results to be made available to parents in the language of the parent in a timely manner, but not to exceed 45 calendar days from the date the assessment was administered.

These instruments are not to be used as a way of qualifying students for special education.

The selected tools are:

Title	Organization	Grades	Languages
Amira	Amira Learning with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	K, 1 st , 2 nd	English Spanish
mClass and mCLASS Lectura	Amplify Education	K, 1 st , 2 nd	English Spanish
Multitudes	University of California San Francisco	K, 1 st , 2 nd	English Spanish
ROAR (Rapid Online Assessment of Reading)	Stanford University Brain Development and Education Lab	1 st , 2 nd	English

The costs of each instrument was provided. The QR codes for the Sacramento County Office of Education website and the California Literacy website were provided.

9.0 INFORMATION / ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Upcoming Trainings

Trainings in the meeting materials were shared. Other training flyers will be emails to this body.

10.0 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS’ COMMENTS / REPORTS

There were no Steering Committee Members’ comments or reports.

11.0 CEO COMMENTS

Heartfelt thoughts for colleagues dealing with the fire devastation.

Pam will be emailing resources with links.

Assessments are needed to assist Aveson. Please let Pam know so arrangements can be made.

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12.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY THE PUBLIC

There were no matters brought by the public.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that a motion was made by Karen Ware, seconded by Anais Guerra to adjourn the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting at 10:44 am. The motion carried on the following vote: 9:0:0. Ayes: Dr. Jacque Williams, Anthony Lucey, Belsey Salguero, Rachel Thomas, Chasityflame Price, Georganne Kirkwood, James Connell, Malia Lovell, Karen Ware. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

The next regular meeting of the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering Committee will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

Individuals requiring special accommodation(s) for disabilities are requested to contact Cindy Quan at (760) 955-3555, at least seven days prior to the date of this meeting.