

California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions,
Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP, JPA)
DESERT MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA STEERING and FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
December 12, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.
Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley CA 92307

MINUTES

DESERT MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA MEMBERS PRESENT:

ASA Charter Schools – Athony Lucey via virtual, Aveson Global Academy – Kelly Jung via virtual, Ballington Academy – Shannon Brandner, Desert Trails Preparatory/LaVerne Elementary – Belsy Salguero, Encore Jr/Sr High – Dr. Guillermo Muñoz (9:29 am), Julia Lee Performing Arts Academy – Rachel Thomas via virtual, Leonardo da Vinci – Anne Laird via virtual (9:24 am), Options for Youth – Christina Rose, Pasadena Rosebud – Shawn Brown via virtual, Pathways to College – James Connell, Southern California Flex – Malia Lovell via virtual, and Taylion High Desert Academy – Karen Ware.

CAHELP, DM SELPA, AND DMCC STAFF PRESENT:

Pam Bender, Colette Garland, Deborah Sarkesian, Guille Robles-Burgos, Heidi Chavez, Kayla Gewirtz, Dr. Peggy Dunn, Colette Garland, Sheila Parisian, Annette Rego, Codi Andersen, Isaac Medina, Iván Campos, Dr. Karina Quezada, Maurica Manibusan, Miya Narvaiz-Ward, Veronica Rousseau, and Rory Hazen.

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 9:01 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 Karen Ware, seconded by Christina Rose, to approve the December 12, 2024, Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote: 10:0:0. Ayes: Anthony Lucey, Kelly Jung, Shannon Brandner, Belsy Salguero, Rachel Thomas, Christina Rose, Shawn Brown, 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 Christina Rose, seconded by James Connell, to approve the following Consent Item as presented. The motion carried on the following vote: 10:0:0. Ayes: Anthony Lucey, Kelly Jung, Shannon Brandner, Belsy Salguero, Rachel Thomas, Christina Rose, Shawn Brown, James Connell, Malia Lovell, and Karen Ware. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

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- 5.1.1 November 14, 2024, Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

6.0 FINANCIAL COMMITTEE ITEMS

- 6.1 DMCS Interim Reports

Kayla Gewirtz reviewed the 2024-25 1st interim balances.

- 6.2 2023-24 DM Charter SELPA Table 8

The MOE Table 8 was submitted on October 31, 2024. The LEA level information is collected to ensure LEAs meet the IDEA part B, maintenance and effort reduction and coordination of early intervening services requirements.

- 6.3 AB 602 Invoicing – Every 2 Months

AB 602 payment will be sent to the County every two months. If there are missing payments, reach out to Kayla, Kayla.Gewirtz@cahelp.org.

7.0 PRESENTATIONS

- 7.1 PEERS Presentation

Heidi Chavez presented the PEERS program on behalf of Jennifer Rountree. PEERS is designed to support teenagers in improving their social interactions. The program also provides training for parents, guiding them on how to effectively encourage their child and facilitate meaningful conversations. Charter schools are encouraged to refer students to participate in the program.

A community autism grant was awarded, which contributed to the development of 57 role-playing videos focused on key skills such as conversation techniques, managing teasing, electronic communication, initiating individual conversations, and practicing good sportsmanship. These videos are being shared through the PEERS UCLA program and other platforms, making them accessible to anyone who may benefit from them.

Three video examples were shared.

9:24 a.m. Anne Laird joined via zoom.

8.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS

- 8.1 Legislative Update

A total of 37 new lawmakers have been elected. Among them, 8 have prior experience in the Assembly,

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while approximately 25% are serving at the state level for the first time. The Assembly has 23 new members, with one vacancy, while the Senate has 12 new members, also with one vacancy. Governor Newsom is scheduled to hold a special election in 2025 to fill the two vacant seats. Despite these changes, Democrats maintain control of two-thirds of both legislative houses, granting them the ability to override vetoes from Governor Newsom.

Notable Item:

- Approximately 12 new lawmakers have prior experience working in schools or as elected school board members.
- The Senate consists of 40 members, each serving 4-year terms, while the Assembly is made up of 80 members with 2-year terms. Both houses have a lifetime maximum of 12 years for members.

Historical Changes:

- The Senate now has 21 women members, and women make up 49% of all lawmakers (59 women in total).

Legislative Dates:

- New statutes will take effect on January 1, 2025, unless otherwise noted.
- The legislature will reconvene in January 2025.
- Governor Newsom's budget for 2025 is due by January 10, 2025.
- The last day for bill introductions is February 21, 2025.

9:27 a.m. Guillermo Muñoz joined in-person.

8.2 Credentials Bridge Authorization Update

Credential Analyst trainings for understanding the Credentials Bridge requirements are scheduled for December 13, 18, and 20. Districts will offer to participants. Online registration is required. Heidi Chavez will meet with Charter Credential Analysts and the Student Services Department.

8.3 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 district point of contact. For any questions about these reports, contact Linda Llamas at Linda.Llamas@cahelp.org. If there has been a change in the point of contact, please notify Linda.

In November, 609 referrals were received, and 150 therapists are actively managing these referrals alongside their caseloads

Article, *'Supporting Kids with Mental Health Challenges Through the Holidays'* was shared highlighting the need for emotional needs during the holidays. Districts are encouraged to share the article.

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8.4 [Professional Learning Opportunities](#)

In November, 95 participants attended a training/workshop, 68 attended on-sites, and 27 participated in regional trainings. For the year, 340 participated in trainings, with 242 attending on-sites and 98 attending regional trainings to date.

The upcoming Directors' in-person training dates are February 21, 2025, and April 18, 2025. Michelle Brown will present '*Compliance and Data Leading Through an Equity Lens*' on February 21, 2025. On April 18, 2025, E.B. Bell from AALRR will be presenting '*Special Education Legal Updates*.'

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.

8.5 Resolution Support Services Summary and Update

There have been four filings for this school year so far.

8.6 Compliance Update

Targeted Progress Report #2 (reporting period: July 2024 – December 2024) is due January 10, 2025. Dr. Peggy Dunn needs the Targeted Progress Report #2 as soon as possible to meet the January 16, 2025, CDE deadline assuring CDE that Dr. Peggy Dunn has the report, has reviewed the report, and the Charter is complying with the requirements.

The Intensive Progress Report #4 (reporting period: October 2024 – December 2024) is due to CDE on January 10, 2025.

Cyclical Monitoring for Small LEAs Cycle B is due February 28, 2025, and includes a student record review, policy and procedures review, and infrastructure review.

A discussion took place regarding the attendance of General Education Teachers at IEPs and the use of the Excusal of IEP Team Member form.

8.7 Special Education Information System (SEIS) Update

December 13, 2024, is the certification date so everything must be cleared by then for CDE Open Forums and SEIS trainings are available in December.

8.8 Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) Update

DRDP information is due in SEIS by January 10, 2025. DRDP video training is available on the

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www.draccess.org website. Staff conducting the testing must have an account and attend training.

8.9 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Update

CDE sent emails on December 6 regarding data checks conducted on November 30. Information was forwarded to Directors on December 9. In CALPADS, the District of Special Education Accountability (DESA) must indicate “Charter,” and updates to attending school and services for NPS programs need to be made.

In CALPADS, it is found in the Plan Container. In SEIS, it is found in the CALPADS Student Page and Information and Eligibility page. Attending School and Services need to be updated for NPS programs. The amendment window is December 14, 2024 – January 25, 2025.

Directors are reminded to continue reviewing the Data Discrepancy Report and the 16.21 report in CALPADS. Fall 1 Certification is due December 13, 2024.

8.10 Career Technical Education (CTE) Updates

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

8.11 Prevention and Intervention (P&I) Updates

The MTSS Sustainability Network will be held on January 8, 2025, from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. The Fundamentals of Restorative Practices will be held 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.

8.12 Occupational and Physical Therapy Services Reports and Updates

The next Occupational Therapy Professional Learning Collaborative will be held on January 13, 2025, from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm at no cost. The next Physical Therapy Professional Learning Collaborative will be held on January 21, 2025, from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm at no cost.

For questions, contact Codi Andersen at Codi.Andersen@cahelp.org.

9.0 INFORMATION / ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Upcoming Trainings

As previously discussed, there are trainings coming up.

10.0 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS / REPORTS

No Steering Committee Members comments or reports.

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11.0 CEO COMMENTS

The State Dashboard is expected soon, with Charters now included some of which will be a part of Differentiated Assistance. SELPA will present next month on Differentiated Assistance, the new dashboard system, and compliance items.

2025 CAHELP JPA calendars were distributed. A calendar will be mailed to those who attended virtually or were unable to attend.

12.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY THE PUBLIC

No matters were brought by the public.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that a motion was made by Christina Rose, seconded by James Connell to adjourn the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting at 10:07 am. The motion carried on the following vote: 12:0:0. Ayes: Anthony Lucey, Kelly Jung, Shannon Brandner, Belsey Salguero, Dr. Guillermo Muñoz, Rachel Thomas, Anne Laird, Christina Rose, Shawn Brown, 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, January 16, 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.