

California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions  
Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP JPA)  
**DESERT MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**  
*October 17, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.*

Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley CA 92307

## **MINUTES**

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### **DESERT MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Allegiance STEAM Academy – Jacque Williams, Leonardo da Vinci Health Sciences – Courtney Cox via Zoom, Options for youth – Bryan Gillespie, and Southern California Flex Academy – Malia Lovell via Zoom.

### **CAHELP STAFF PRESENT:**

Pam Bender, Heidi Chavez, Dr. Peggy Dunn, Deborah Sarkesian, and Kayla Gewirtz.

#### **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 11:15 a.m., at the Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, Apple Valley.

#### **2.0 ROLL CALL**

#### **3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public participation.

#### **4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

4.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the adoption of the October 17, 2024, Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Executive Council Meeting Agenda presented failed due to lack of quorum.

#### **5.0 CONSENT ITEM**

5.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the approval of the May 9, 2024, Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Executive Council Meeting Minutes presented failed due to the lack of a quorum.

#### **6.0 INFORMATION/ACTION**

##### **6.1 CAHELP Podcast**

The podcast will feature interview-style episodes led by an approved facilitator from our organization focusing on topics related to special education, behavior, mental health, social emotional learning, and community issues. Episodes will be recorded in audio format and distributed through our website, newsletters, member local educational agencies, social media, Buzz Sprout, and other podcast platforms.

Pam Bender shared that the purpose is to have one on one interview type discussions. We are working with legal to make sure that we are fine on the trademark and logo so we can move forward. Once everything is submitted, we will share the name. We hope to release it in January or February.

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### 6.2 The Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI)

A new reimbursement program through CYHBI is available to LEAs to provide therapy, skills building student and family psychotherapy. Options are available through various vendors including Desert Mountain Children's Center.

There are several grants available, one of which is a fee-for-service grant providing opportunities for districts to contract with entities to provide children with mental health services through a virtual format. Districts can do it themselves or can contract with somebody else. DMCC has put together a proposal to become a contractor for districts. It must be an educational entity in order to be a contractor so it would go through Desert Mountain SELPA who would then contract with DMCC to provide those services. If districts apply for that grant, the district can choose a contractor. We are available and can provide those virtual services.

## 7.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS

### 7.1 Legislative Update

Pam Bender provided a legislative update including the bill timeline. September 30<sup>th</sup> was the date that our governor had to be able to sign into place the legislations or veto those bills.

**AB2173 (Addis)** has been signed replacing emotional disturbance with emotional disability.

**AB2268 (Muratsuchi)** was signed exempting students in Transitional Kindergarten from being tested with the ELPAC.

Bryan Gillespie asked if there was going to be another test or if they will not be tested at all. Pam Bender will follow up on that.

**SB445 (Portantino)** goes into effect January 1, 2027. The state IEP form still needs to be completed. Once completed, the translation of that form will be available by January 1, 2027, or eighteen months after the final draft is complete. CDE must translate the form into the ten most common languages in California and have all the forms available on the CDE website. All LEAs, county offices, charter schools, and other stakeholders will be notified.

**SB483 (Cortese)** eliminating Prone Restraint goes into effect on January 1, 2025. It is known as Max Benson's Law, which is a student with autism who passed away from being prone restrained. SELPA is creating addendums for our non-public schools, non-public agencies, and residential schools out of the state. The residential placements are approved through CDE and must follow California law. SELPA will have everything in place by January 1, 2025, so they know they can no longer do prone restraint.

**SB438 (Blanco Rubio)** goes into effect July 1, 2025. This bill requires transition goals and language in IEPs for students transitioning to ninth grade. If the IEP team determines that there is an appropriate

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justification that a student does not need the transition goals or services in their IEP by the time they get into ninth grade, the team can say that it is not appropriate and provide justification for the decision but must be in the IEP by age 16. Training eighth grade teachers will be needed

Dr. Jacque Williams asked for clarification on what exactly transition services means. Pam stated that those services are going to be transition services into work programs and work study programs. What is going to help them as they go towards work, college, etc. Transition goals are goals they need to explore what they want to do.

**AB2725 (Blanco Rubio)** was vetoed by the Governor. It would have allowed OTs and PTs to be able to enroll in an administrative program based on the individual meeting the basic skills requirement of having worked in a school district with at least three years of experience. In the Governor's veto memo, he indicates that CTC should look at the administrative credentials.

**SB1263 (Newman)** signed by the governor and goes into effect July 1, 2025. This requires the creation of a workgroup to examine the TPAs and then look at educational programs at those colleges where their passing rates are exceptionally low to figure out why.

**SB1391 (Rubio)** was vetoed by the Governor. This bill was to look at the Cradle to Career data system and create teacher training and retention on a dashboard. In his veto memo, the Governor shared that we already have a dashboard and do not need a separate dashboard.

### 7.2 SEIS/CALPADS Update

Pam Bender reminded everyone to review their dashboards for live data, follow up on unaffirmed or unsigned IEPs making sure that those responsible follow up. IEPs can be affirmed without a parent signature, but the file does not go up to CALPADS. Once the signature is acquired, the IEP needs to be affirmed again with the signature, so it goes up to CALPADS and is recorded. Testing coordinators need to have access to SEIS and TOMS as there is a nightly export to those activities. Open Forums and SEIS trainings are continuing. Registration is not required.

Pam Bender shared that the SEIS conference was one of the better conferences she has attended. SELPA is going to be putting a summary together, then meet in small groups to discuss how this affects what we do, what we can do for our districts, what things we need to implement, and what things are most important so we can provide more support to our LEAs.

Pam Bender reminded LEAs that CALPADS is reviewing data discrepancies regularly. Colette shared earlier that one-hour meetings are being set up with LEA data staff to look at where we are with data and how we can help. Pam will ask Colette to copy the directors on the emails sent to LEA contacts.

### 7.3 Low Incidence Funding

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Pam Bender discussed the low incidence funding available for students who have low incidence disability as their primary or secondary disability on the IEP. They include deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, or orthopedically impaired. Multiple disability does not qualify as a low incidence disability.

### **7.4 Cyclical Monitoring for Small Schools Update**

Pam Bender shared that Cycle B has started. Activities are due by February 28<sup>th</sup>. SELPA Program Specialists are available to assist. The annual determination letters look at disproportionality. CDE will pull information from CALPADS on December 13, 2024. Compliance and Improvement Monitoring (CIM) progress report was due October 10, 2024. The Targeted progress reports are due January 10, 2025.

### **7.5 Local Plan**

Pam Bender shared that the Local Plan is awaiting approval from CDE. CDE is looking closely at the plans this year and once approved, the Local Plan will be placed on the Website and available for LEA websites.

### **7.6 Credential Bridge Authorization**

Pam Bender shared that the SELPA will present the Credential Bridge Authorization training process to the Governance Board on November 1, 2024 for approval. Participants must have a cleared credential with the Autism Authorization. Those with newer credentials already have the Autism Authorization in their credential. The training will be offered by zoom with the understanding that participants must have their cameras on and be engaged for Pam to sign off on their participation. SELPA will be contacting district human resource staff and credential analysts' to identify those who would qualify. Governance felt that there was enough money to able to pay the \$100 CTC fee.

### **7.7 DMCC Yearly Report**

Pam Bender shared that there were over 21,000 children seen last year. She reviewed the data provided in the meeting materials highlighting that EIIS, SART, and SATS programs served approximately 6,500 children and the SAPS program served 14,000 students. There are approximately 160 clinical staff providing these services. She discussed two articles provided in the meeting materials, '*Youth Health and Well-Being*' and '*Understanding ADHD in Children And Adolescents*'.

## **8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Professional Learning Summary**

Heidi Chavez reviewed the number of participants that attended CAHELP led trainings. Community

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Advisory Committee meeting titled '*The Anxious Generation*' will take place November 14, 2024, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. The IMTSS Symposium titled '*No-Drama Discipline for Educators*' presented by Dr. Tina Payne Bryson will take place on February 27, 2025, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

### 8.2 Resolution Support Services Summary

There was only one filing this school year.

### 9.0 DESERT MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS / REPORTS

No comments/reports provided.

### 10.0 CEO COMMENTS

Ed Code 45125.1(a) is regarding WorkAbility. The legislation states that students cannot be working in a placement without someone on site being fingerprinted when students are there. SELPA is applying for an educational contract that would allow SELPA to become the Custodian of Record for the employees of the businesses where students in the SELPA WAI program are placed. DOJ is asking for signatures from each LEA with whom SELPA provides WAI services and include them with the application. SELPA will pay for at least two individuals in agencies or environment to be fingerprinted.

### 11.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY CITIZENS

No matters brought by citizens.

### 12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business Pam Bender ended the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Executive Council will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., at the Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

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