



DESERT/MOUNTAIN SELPA

DESERT/MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING **MEETING MINUTES**

February 22, 2024
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: CAHELP JPA – Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Heidi Chavez, Program Manager Regional Services called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

1.1.1 Heidi greeted all those who were attending the virtual meeting.

ATTENDEES:

Jessica Soto	Yazmin Medina
Nicole Yeager (Trona)	Suzanne Jennings (Victor Elem)
Deanna Bishop	Susan Bennis (AVUSD)
Stephanie Van Epps (Southern CA Flex)	Kelly Yung
Vianca Padilla (SELPA)	Christina Leal
Yolanda Roman	Ana Perez
Heather Salgado	Kaylee Malcolm
Marysol Hurtado	Terri Adams
Pam Bender	Heather Smith
Andre Humphrey	Rosy Burton
Theresa Gonzales (SBCSS)	

2.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The general public is encouraged to participate in the deliberation of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Several opportunities are available during the meeting for the CAC to receive oral communication regarding the presentations of any items listed on the agenda. Please ask for recognition either before a presentation or after the presentation has been completed.

- General public present
 - The public did not participate in the meeting portion of CAC.

3.0 CONSENT ITEMS

It is recommended that the CAC 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 CAC Member at the meeting for clarification, discussion, or change.

3.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the following Consent Items be approved as presented:

- Action to Approve Minutes of Nov. 16, 2023
 - **MOVED BY** Stephanie Van Epps
 - **SECOND BY** Kaylene Malcolm
 - Motion carried and was **approved** unanimously.
- Action to Approve Agenda for Feb. 22, 2024
 - **MOVED BY** Stephanie Van Epps
 - **SECOND BY** Andre Humphrey
 - Motion carried and was **approved** unanimously.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 There were no action items

5.0 PRESENTATION

5.1 Information overview by Pamela Bender, Chief Executive Officer, of the Local Plan for Desert/Mountain SELPA and Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA. The Budget Plan and the Service Plan are reviewed yearly; Section B, 'Policies and Procedures' and the SPED Plan are reviewed every 3 years. There are several layers of governance over the Local Plan.

6.0 REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

6.1 Information Items

6.1.1 Topics or Changes of Parent Survey

6.1.1.1 Questions/Results of the Parent Survey, which is sent out every Spring:

- How would you like to attend CAC meetings in the future? **Virtual**
- What time works best for you and your family? **4:30pm**
- Would it be helpful to offer CAC meetings at different school district offices? **N/A**

- What topics would you like to see presented at CAC? **See Attachment #1 (Family Survey Categories) and following discussion/suggestions.**

Rosy Burton commented that many families are not aware of the supports available to families (i.e. Inland Regional Center), and believes parent support groups are needed. Karen Ware suggested transitional planning for kids who are graduating as a potential topic. Diana Ramos would like to see more evidence-based programs offered to families. Heather Smith mentioned ‘free and easy to implement at home’ resources for language and literacy development would be helpful.

Deanna Bishop talked about the “Dream Big - Children’s Center” and the successes they are experiencing with children on the autism spectrum.

7.0 PRESENTATION

7.1 Presentation: Resources in the Community: How to Access Them.

Presenters: Jessica Soto (JPA Community Outreach Lead Specialist, Yazmin Medina, Vianca Padilla, Heather Salgado, Yolanda Roman, Ana Perez and Marysol Hurtado.

8.0 MATTER BROUGHT BY THE COMMUNITY

No matters were brought forward.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Desert/Mountain SELPA CAC will be held on **Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. CAC Representative Business Meeting and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Presentation IEP Meetings 101: Understanding the IEP Process** by Karina Quezada, Educational Psychologist. Virtual.

A motion to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. was made by Karen Ware and was seconded by Stephanie Van Epps.

- Motion carried and **approved.**