

California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions
Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP JPA)
GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

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

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 ROLL CALL

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The general public is encouraged to participate in the deliberation of the CAHELP JPA Governance Council. Several opportunities are available during the meeting for the Council 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. Please complete and submit a “Registration Card to Address the Governance Council” to the Recording Secretary and adhere to the provisions described therein.

4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the May 10, 2024 CAHELP JPA Governance Council Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

5.0 PRESENTATIONS

5.1 2024-25 County Operated Special Education Projected Fee-For-Service Budget

SBCSS Internal Business Services will present the 2024-25 Proposed County Operated Special Education Fee-For-Service Budget.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 Desert Mountain SELPA Local Plan Section B: Governance and Administration (**ACTION**)

California Education Code requires that a Special Education Local Plan Section B: Governance and Administration be presented for public hearing prior to submission to the California Department of Education (CDE). The Local Plan describes how special education services are provided for eligible students who reside within a Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) region every three years. By June 30, 2024, all SELPAs are required to submit a Local Plan using CDE adopted templates. A final draft of the 2024-25 Desert Mountain SELPA Local Plan will be presented for public hearing.

6.1.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Desert Mountain SELPA Local Plan Section B: Governance and Administration be approved as presented.

6.2 Desert Mountain SELPA Annual Budget Plan (**ACTION**)

California Education Code requires that an Annual Budget Plan be approved by the CAHELP

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Governance Council as part of the Local Plan. The 2024-25 Annual Budget Plan describes the revenues and expenditures for special education for all local education agencies in the Desert Mountain SELPA.

6.2.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Desert Mountain SELPA 2024-25 Annual Budget Plan be approved as presented.

6.3 Desert Mountain SELPA Annual Service Plan (**ACTION**)

California Education Code requires that an Annual Service Plan be approved by the CAHELP JPA Governance Council as part of the Local Plan. The 2024-25 Annual Service Plan describes all special education services currently provided in the Desert Mountain SELPA broken down by type, location, and level of severity.

6.3.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Desert Mountain SELPA 2024-25 Annual Service Plan be approved as presented.

6.4 Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Local Plan Section B: Governance and Administration (**ACTION**)

California Education Code requires that a Special Education Local Plan Section B: Governance and Administration be presented for public hearing prior to submission to the California Department of Education (CDE). The Local Plan describes how special education services are provided for eligible students who reside within a Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) region every three years. By June 30, 2024, all SELPAs are required to submit a Local Plan using CDE adopted templates. A final draft of the 2024-25 Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Local Plan will be presented for public hearing.

6.4.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Local Plan Section B: Governance and Administration be approved as presented.

6.5 Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Annual Budget Plan (**ACTION**)

California Education Code requires that an Annual Budget Plan be approved by the CAHELP Governance Council as part of the Local Plan. The 2024-25 Annual Budget Plan describes the revenues and expenditures for special education for all local education agencies in the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA.

6.5.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA 2024-25 Annual Budget Plan be approved as presented.

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6.6 Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Annual Service Plan (**ACTION**)

California Education Code requires that an Annual Service Plan be approved by the CAHELP JPA Governance Council as part of the Local Plan. The 2024-25 Annual Service Plan describes all special education services currently provided in the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA broken down by type, location, and level of severity.

6.6.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA 2024-25 Annual Service Plan be approved as presented.

7.0 INFORMATION / ACTION

7.1 Appointment of Officers of the CAHELP JPA Governance Council – FY 2024-25 (**ACTION**)

Article IV of the CAHELP JPA Bylaws specifies that annually the Governance Council shall organize, elect officers including a chair and vice-chair(s) from its members, with the secretary designated pursuant to Article VI. The elected officers will assume their roles and responsibilities as of July 1 of the next fiscal year. Discussion will center on the selection of these two officers.

7.1.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the selection of the chairperson of the CAHELP JPA Governance Council be approved as presented.

7.1.2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the selection of the vice-chairperson of the CAHELP JPA Governance Council be approved as presented.

7.2 Nigro and Nigro 2022-2023 Audit Report

The annual audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund of the CAHELP JPA.

7.2.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2022-23 Audit Report for CAHELP JPA from Nigro and Nigro be approved as presented.

7.3 Proposed 2024-25 CAHELP, Desert Mountain SELPA, Desert Mountain Charter SELPA, and Desert Mountain Children's Center Budgets (**ACTION**)

The annual CAHELP, DMSSELPA, DMCS and DMCC budgets for regional services administered by the SELPA office include the primary services provided through program specialists/regional services, X-pot, clinical counseling, SELPA regional services, and DMCC. In reviewing and approving the budgets, the Governance Council designates and supports the staff and operational expenses necessary to carry out the functions of the SELPAs as designated in the Local Plans.

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7.3.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Proposed 2024-25 CAHELP, Desert Mountain SELPA, Desert Mountain Charter SELPA, and Desert Mountain Children’s Center Budgets be approved as presented.

7.4 Proposed 2024-25 Desert Mountain SELPA and Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Fee-for-Service Rates (**ACTION**)

The CAHELP CEO will present the Proposed 2024-25 DMSELPA and DMCS Fee-for-Service Rates Service Rates.

7.4.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Proposed 2024-25 Desert Mountain SELPA and Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Fee-For-Service Rates be approved as presented.

7.5 Low Incidence Ending Balance (**ACTION**)

The CAHELP CEO will propose the Low Incidence Ending Balance be used to reimburse charter LEAs for low incidence costs incurred in 2023-24.

7.5.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Low Incidence Ending Balance be used to reimburse charter LEAs for low incidence costs incurred in 2023-24 be approved as presented.

7.6 One-year Pause of the Set-Aside Fund Contribution for Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Member LEAs (**ACTION**)

The CAHELP CEO will propose a one-year pause of the set-aside contribution for the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA members to maintain the balance of the fund.

7.6.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that a one-year pause of the set-aside fund contribution for the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA LEAs be approved as presented.

7.7 Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Applications for Membership FY 2024-25 (**ACTION**)

The Desert Mountain Charter SELPA has received two applications from Ballington Academy for the Arts and Sciences – San Bernardino and Options for Youth – Victorville for membership into the Charter SELPA for FY 2024-25. A discussion will occur regarding the potential applicants. A recommendation for membership will be offered from the CAHELP, JPA administrative team and the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA CEOs.

Ballington San Bernardino, a charter school, benefits from strong leadership by Superintendent Doreen Mulz and a committed principal who fosters personal relationships with students and families. The school has maintained a good standing within the Charter SELPA, focusing on the whole child and achieving lower rates of behavior issues compared to non-charter schools. Their SPED identification rate is below the statewide average, and they have a positive track record of

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implementing IEPs without complaints. Project-based learning, especially integrating arts and science, is a cornerstone, with an emphasis on inclusion for students with disabilities. Despite strengths, concerns include a lack of depth in some of their responses during the interview. They currently depend on San Bernardino City for special education services, limiting flexibility. They do have a plan for these services but may not know the costs associated with providing these services. Additionally, space constraints hinder growth on their campus. Despite challenges, leadership demonstrates a strong understanding of charter school operations and a commitment to student success. Their campus is located near Norton Science and Language Academy. They also have a sister Charter from El Centro that is a member of the DM Charter SELPA and is in good standing.

Options for Youth - Victorville has three campuses and provides an alternative educational choice for students who have struggled in traditional settings, focusing on holistic support for their academic and social-emotional needs. With a strong emphasis on the transition to college or career, they offer various instructional modalities, including virtual, small group, and independent study formats. The school prioritizes meeting the needs of students with disabilities, offering appointments and tutoring to support their Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). Options for Youth actively engages with the community and offers job experience opportunities for students. They have multiple campuses, offer meals and educational supplies, and prioritize enrollment and seat time for students with special needs. However, challenges include the independent study model's difficulty for students with disabilities, the potential high percentage of SPED students, and limitations in meeting the needs of more severe or profound students. Additionally, there are concerns about limited onsite PE for junior high students and disparities in in-person classes across campuses for junior high students. Overall, DMSELPA provides support to Options for Youth based on their dependent charter status with Victorville Union High School District. They also attend various trainings offered by DMSELPA.

7.7.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** Ballington Academy for the Arts and Sciences – San Bernardino application for membership be approved as presented.

7.7.2 **BE IT RESOLVED** Options for Youth – Victor Valley Charter application for membership be approved as presented.

8.0 CONSENT ITEMS

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

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

8.1.1 March 1, 2024 CAHELP JPA Governance Council Meeting Minutes.

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- 8.1.2 March 29, 2024 CAHELP JPA Governance Council Meeting Minutes.
- 8.1.3 2024-25 CAHELP JPA Governance Council Schedule of Meetings.
- 8.1.4 Approve the 2024-25 Council for Exceptional Children membership for Heidi Chavez in the amount of \$195.00.
- 8.1.5 Approve the 2024-25 California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT) membership for Linda Llamas in the amount of \$300.00.
- 8.1.6 Approve the 2024-25 SANDABS Memberships for the Desert Mountain SELPA and the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for each SELPA.
- 8.1.7 Approve the 2024-25 Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education (CAFSE) Letters of Agreement for Special Services for the Desert Mountain SELPA and the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA in an amount not to exceed \$1500.00 for each SELPA.
- 8.1.8 Approve the 2024-25 SELPA Administrators of California Organizational Memberships for the Desert Mountain SELPA and the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA in an amount not to exceed \$1660.00 for each SELPA.
- 8.1.9 Approve the Declaration of Low Incidence Equipment as Salvage or Surplus.

The Desert Mountain SELPA is seeking approval from the CAHELP JPA Governance Council for the release to surplus or salvage of unassigned and/or obsolete low incidence equipment currently in storage. All of the low incidence equipment identified on the inventory report has been reviewed and determined to be unassigned and/or obsolete.

9.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS

9.1 Legislative Update

Pam Bender will provide a legislative update.

9.2 Compliance Update

Pam Bender will provide an update on compliance issues from the California Department of Education including IEP Implementation and Monitoring, Compliance and Improvement Monitoring (CIM) and levels of intervention.

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9.3 Care Solace Rates

Pam Bender will provide the offered 2024-25 Care Solace rates for review.

9.4 SELPA Funding Cap

Pam Bender will provide information on the SELPA Funding Cap. **With the new CDE funding requirement that is expected for only one year, it reads, "For 2023-24 FY, each SELPA shall at a minimum, allocate SPED funding to all members equal to the total sum of base grant funding in 2022-23 multiplied by the sum of 1 + the inflation factor (8.22%) for 2023-24 and then multiplied by the sum of 1 + the percent change in funded ADA of its member agencies." The intent is to ensure LEAs are funded at the same base rate as last year and if, after this calculation, there is a shortfall per LEA the reason could be a result of the funding model and will be confirmed when P-2 is certified at the end of June 2024.**

9.5 Local Plan and California Education Code

Pam Bender will provide an update on the Local Plan and California Education Code.

9.6 Alternate Pathway Diploma

Pam Bender to review recent Alternate Pathway Diploma sub-committee plans.

9.7 Credentials Bridge Authorization

Pam Bender will share the SELPA plan for assisting member LEAs.

9.8 SEIS Transitional Update

Pam Bender will share an update for Web IEP data storage.

9.9 CALPADS Support

Pam Bender to share the support provided to LEAs and their Special Education Directors, MIS staff, and CALPADS staff preparing for P2 certification.

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Professional Learning Summaries

10.2 Resolution Support Services Summaries

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11.0 CLOSED SESSION

11.1 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Transfer/Resignation

11.2 Chief Executive Officer Evaluation

12.0 GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS / REPORTS

13.0 CEO COMMENTS

14.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY GENERAL PUBLIC

This is the time during the agenda when the CAHELP JPA Governance Council is again prepared to receive the comments of the public regarding items on this agenda or any school related special education issue.

When coming to the podium, speakers are requested to give their name and limit their remarks to five minutes.

Persons wishing to make complaints against CAHELP JPA Governance Council personnel must have filed an appropriate complaint form prior to the meeting.

When the CAHELP JPA Governance Council goes into Closed Session, there will be no further opportunity for the general public to address the Council on items under consideration.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the CAHELP JPA Governance Council will be held on Friday, October 25, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., at the Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, Aster/Cactus Room, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for disabilities are requested to contact Jamie Adkins at (760) 955-3555, at least seven days prior to the date of this meeting.