

California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions,
Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP, JPA)
DESERT MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA STEERING and FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 23, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.
Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley CA 92307

MINUTES

DESERT MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elite Academic Academy – Jen Edick, Adam Woodard both via Web Ex, Encore Jr/Sr High – Bernice Swingle, Julia Lee Performing Arts Academy – Hannah Morales via Web Ex, Pathways to College – James Connell, and Taylion High Desert – Karen Ware.

CAHELP, DMSELPA, & DMCC STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Adkins, Codi Andersen, Pam Bender, Ivan Campos, Heidi Chavez, Peggy Dunn, Marina Gallegos, Colette Garland, Derek Hale, Daisie Lambert, Lisa Nash, Sheila Parisian, Jennifer Rountree, Veronica Rousseau, Deborah Sarkesian, Adrienne Shepherd-Myles, Jessica Soto, and Jennifer Sutton.

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 1:10 p.m., at the Desert/Mountain Educational Service Center, Apple Valley.

2.0 ROLL CALL

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that approval of the March 23, 2023 Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Agenda failed due to lack of quorum.

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 approval of the following Consent Items be tabled until the April 20, 2023 meeting due to lack of quorum.

5.1.1 Approve the January 26, 2023 Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

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6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Legislative Update

Pam Bender provided a legislative update stating February 17, 2023 was the deadline for bills to be introduced to the state. Pam reviewed the following Assembly (AB) and Senate Bills (SB):

- SB 354 – reintroduced for special education inclusive practices that would allow students in special education to be completely involved with their peers in general education.
- AB 438 – asking for transition services goals to be in the child’s IEP at the age of 14 instead of the current age of 16.
- AB 447 – postsecondary education for students with severe disabilities, looking at inclusive college pilot programs for students with intellectual disability (ID) or developmental delay (DD).
- AB 222 – from Civil Rights Department, asking for Californians with Disabilities workgroup to make broad recommendations to achieve full inclusion of students with disabilities in integrated general education classrooms without restraint and seclusion.
- SB 483 – pupil rights to eliminate prone restraints.
- AB 1466 – requires all restraint and seclusion data to be posted on LEA websites.
- SB 509 – regarding mental health education, this bill includes the requirement to train employees on how to make referrals to special education.
- SB 445 – requires translation of the IEP, assessments and progress into the native language of the parent, or communication type within 30 days of the meeting.
- AB 611 – requires LEAs to notify parent within 14 days of a change in nonpublic school certification status.
- SB 691 – Dyslexia screening requirements, by June 2024 the State Board of Education to provide a list of dyslexia screening instruments and by 2024-25, all kinder through second grade students be screened within the first 90 days of school and new students be screened within first 30 days and within 45 days, school administration must notify parents of the results and provide resources on evidence-based literacy instruction, progress monitoring, and interventions within the general education program.

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- AB 87 – 504 Plan team meetings with the option of being recorded. Pam said 504 Plans are beginning to look more like special education with the use of the term Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) being included.
- AB 723 – nonpublic schools being the school of origin for foster youth.
- AB 497 – requires LEAs to provide braille instructional aides information on specific teacher credentialing programs.
- AB 248 – removes obsolete terminology including “mentally retarded persons” “Mentally retarded children” “retardation” regarding individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

6.2 Educationally Related Mental Health Service (ERMHS) Funding Update

Pam Bender provided an ERMHS Funding update. She said in previous years and currently, the ERMHS funding goes to the SELPA and then is distributed to the LEAs. Desert Mountain Children’s Center matches the funding with Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) contracts to assist with clinicians and supporting LEAs’ needs. Pam said as of 2023-24, the funding will go directly to LEAs. She continued that CAHELP JPA Governance Council is working toward a decision on how to move forward with the funding distribution.

6.3 Alternative Diploma Pathway Update

Pam Bender provided an Alternative Diploma Pathway update. The pathway is for students with severe disabilities to be able to receive a high school diploma. Pam said this pathway is for a very small number of students because it is for the moderate/severe population who are administered the California Alternative Assessment (CAA) in 11th grade and take state standardized classes. Pam continued that each LEA is to decide their pathway requirements but there can be issues when a student changes LEAs. Pam stated that receiving the high school diploma does not end the students right to Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) as they remain eligible through age 22. CDE is expected to provide more direction to LEA but Pam encouraged the work to continue while waiting.

6.4 Desert Mountain Children’s Center Client Services Reports and Update

Daisie Lambert presented the Desert Mountain Children’s Center Client Services monthly reports and update. She said the point of contact for LEAs receiving DMCC services were emailed the referral report and client services report via encrypted email. Daisie asked for questions about those reports be directed to Linda Llamas. She continued that a mental health resource article was included in the materials regarding how the pandemic has affected young girls and women. Daisie said the article can be shared with anyone that would benefit from the information.

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6.5 Professional Learning Summary and Update

Heidi Chavez presented the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA's Professional Learning Summary. She noted the next Directors' Training is scheduled for April 21, 2023 and will be in person with Attorney Jack Clarke presenting *Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH) Legal Updates*. Heidi continued that with the March 8, 2023 IMTSS Symposium concluding, planning has begun for next year's IMTSS Symposium which is scheduled for February 21, 2024. She asked for topic ideas to be emailed to her. Heidi reported there will be a follow up training to the 2023 IMTSS Symposium on May 17, 2023 regarding LGBTQIA+ Language, Sensitivity, and Legislation. Heidi then shared the next Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2023 with in-person attendance. The presentation portion is titled *Positive Behavior Supports in the Home*. Heidi concluded that her team will be scheduling their annual training needs conversations with special education directors in preparation for next year's trainings.

6.6 Resolution Support Services Summary and Update

Sheila Parisian reported there are currently five cases in the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA with one of them being against the parent. She shared there has been a great deal of feedback from attorney groups in the area of transition. It was stressed to make good notes and have the transition assessments as part of the multi-disciplinary team report.

Heidi Chavez shared SELPA Administrators of California is hosting a virtual mini conference, *Hot Legal Topics of 2023* on April 18, 2023 from 8:30am-3:15pm. The registration cost is \$75.00 with a 2.25% service fee.

6.7 Compliance Update

Peggy Dunn presented an update on compliance items from the California Department of Education (CDE). She said Annual Determination Letters were distributed earlier in the week to the two affected LEAs that are in targeted monitoring. Peggy advised there is a webinar those two LEAs are to attend that is hosted by CDE. Peggy continued that cyclical monitoring for Small LEAs is continuing with student record review, pending details from CDE as to the due date. Peggy said the IEP Implementation Data Collection is CDE's attempt to identify systemic issues with LEAs not providing services in accordance with IEPs. She has emailed a PowerPoint and FAQ sheet to member LEAs to provide a refresher on the process. Peggy reported there are a total of 81 overdue IEPs in DMCS as of February 28, 2023. She then concluded that in the process of transitioning from Web IEP to SEIS, there will be several training opportunities available to ensure success.

Colette Garland thanked the LEAs for completing Fall 1 Submission. She said in moving forward with the transition to SEIS, LEAs should be reviewing the IEPs that are due July 1-August 30,

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2023 and having them completed before June 30, 2023 while Web IEP is still active. Colette continued another option is completing fillable SEIS forms while the transition is completed. She stressed the preference is to complete the IEPs in Web IEP by June 30, 2023. Colette said there will be SEIS rollout information at April Steering meeting.

6.8 Prevention and Intervention Update

Deborah Sarkesian presented the Prevention and intervention Update. She shared the California Integrated Supports Project (CA-ISP) is based on the California MTSS Framework grant with an upcoming opportunity to enrich the LEA efforts. Deborah asked to be contacted if interested. She reported on an upcoming training *Understanding and Supporting Students with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)*. The training is being offered on April 20, 2023 1:00pm-4:30pm with no cost to DMSELPA or DMCS members.

7.0 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Fall 2022 Pupil Count – Final

Marina Gallegos presented the Fall 2022 Pupil Count – Final. She said there is a 10% increase over prior year and the pupil count is used to allocate the federal local assistance dollars and for excess cost calculation.

7.2 2021-22 Federal Grant Funding Status

Marina Gallegos provided the 2021-22 Federal Grant Funding Status. She said some supplemental federal local assistance funding is remaining for 2021-22. Marina said the funds can be used in the same way as 3310 federal local assistance. She continued the next reporting period is for January 1-June 30, 2023. Marina concluded federal dollars are a reimbursement so an LEA must incur the expense before accessing the revenue.

7.3 Learning Recovery Support, Dispute Prevention and Resolution Funds Update

Marina Gallegos provided Learning Recovery Support, Dispute Prevention and Resolution Update. She reminded the committee members this is one time state funding meant to litigate losses related to COVID-19 pandemic. The funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2023 and expended by September 30, 2023. Marina is aware of the concern with Maintenance of Effort (MOE) so she emailed a calculator for LEAs to see if they will pass one of the four MOE tests.

7.4 Special Education Revenue Distribution Certified on February 17, 2023

Marina Gallegos presented the Special Education Revenue Distribution Certified February 17,

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2023. She reminded the committee that each fiscal year is certified six times and reviewed the comparisons between 2020-21 through current 2022-23.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Monthly Occupational & Physical Therapy Services Reports

Codi Anderson shared the OT/PT department has started using a new electronic documentation system that has slightly changed the way billing is done. This will cause the billing report to look different than previous months as services are still being accounted for internally, ensuring students are receiving their services.

8.2 Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities

9.0 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS / REPORTS

None.

10.0 CEO COMMENTS

Pam Bender wished everyone a restful and relaxing spring break as they prepare for testing and compliance activities that will take place during the last portion of the school year.

11.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY THE PUBLIC

None.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering Committee will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 1:00 p.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.