

**DESERT MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA STEERING and FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*June 15, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.*

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

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**DESERT MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Allegiance STEAM Academy – Jacque Williams, Aveson School of Leaders – Kelly Jung via Web Ex, Ballington Academy – Doreen Mulz via Web Ex, Elite Academic Academy – Jen Edick, Adam Woodard both via Web Ex, Julia Lee Performing Arts Academy – Hannah Morales via Web Ex, Leonardo da Vinci Health Sciences Charter – Anne Laird via Web Ex, Pathways to College – Craig Merrill, and Virtual Prep-Lucerne – Malia Lovell via Web Ex.

**CAHELP, DMSELPA, & DMCC STAFF PRESENT:**

Jamie Adkins, Sam Barker, Pam Bender, Ivan Campos, Peggy Dunn, Marina Gallegos, Renee Garcia, Colette Garland, Derek Hale, Linda Llamas, Angela Mgbeke, Sheila Parisian, Karina Quezada, Linda Rodriguez, Veronica Rousseau, Deborah Sarkesian, and Adrienne Shepherd-Myles.

**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 1:07 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** a motion was made by Jacque Williams, seconded by Craig Merrill, to approve the June 15, 2023, Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote: 8:0:0 Ayes: Edick, Jung, Laird, Lovell, Merrill, Morales, Mulz, and Williams, 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** a motion was made by Craig Merrill, seconded by Jacque Williams, to approve the following Consent Item as presented. The motion carried on the following vote: 8:0:0

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Ayes: Edick, Jung, Laird, Lovell, Merrill, Morales, Mulz, and Williams, Nays: None, Abstentions: None.

5.1.1 Approve the May 18, 2023 Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

### **6.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS**

#### **6.1 Legislative Update**

Pam Bender presented a legislative update, highlighting the following Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB):

- AB 1340 School Accountability – would require pupil disability data be posted on the dashboard. Currently at the Senate Education Committee with concerns about student confidentiality, especially in small districts,
- SB 323 IEP Emergency Safety Procedures – include accommodations needed to support comprehensive safety plan in student IEPs. Held at Assembly desk with input provided by State SELPA Administrators on language to possibly not be included in IEP and a two-year bill,
- SB 445 IEP Translations – requires to be done within 30 days of meeting. Bill being watched for an amendment to lengthen the 30-day timeline,
- AB 611 Nonpublic School (NPS) Certification – requires LEA to notify parent within 14 days of a change in NPS certification status. Feedback was provided by State SELPA Administrators to the author’s office hoping for the information to pass through the SELPA instead of LEA,
- AB 438 Pupils with exceptional needs postsecondary goals and transition plans changing to age of 14 – moving to Senate and expected to continue forward,
- AB 723 Foster Youth in NPS School of Origin – currently with Senate having educational consultants interested,
- SB 483 Pupil Rights with Prone Restraint – bill will not move forward this year,
- AB 1466 Pupil Discipline in restraint and seclusion – would require restraint and seclusion data to be posted on LEA website for each student who was a participant in restraint or seclusion. It is in Senate,
- SB 88 Driver qualification for student transportation – there is a bigger impact than initially thought as it could include parents who receive reimbursement for providing transportation to their children. The bill is at Assembly with State SELPA giving input on how it will impact families and districts in settlement agreements,
- AB 447 Public postsecondary inclusive pilot program – for students with disabilities. It is moving forward to Senate with State SELPA Administrators submitting a letter of support,
- AB 248 Removes obsolete terminology including “mentally retarded” and retardation”. It

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is moving forward through Senate with a State SELPA Administrators letter of support,

- AB 381 Allows OT/PT as a services credential – bill will not move forward this year,
- SB 691 Dyslexia Update - currently held in suspense waiting to see if May Revise allows additional funding. There is opposition from California Teachers Association (CTA) because there is not enough information in the bill. It has been confirmed testing would start in 2025-26 with kindergarten student with a possibility of parents being able to opt out. There is talk on what the data will be used for, how intervention will be implemented and if it will be a component of special education assessment later.

### 6.2 Update to 2023-24 Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meetings

Pam Bender provided an update to the 2023-24 Desert Mountain Charter Steering and Finance Committee Meetings. She reported the start time for the meetings in 2023-24 has changed to 9:00 a.m. with no change to dates. Because this was requested by the committee members, Pam is expecting higher attendance at the meetings.

### 6.3 Desert Mountain Children’s Center Client Services Reports and Update

Linda Llamas presented the Desert Mountain Children’s Center Client Services monthly reports and updates. Linda asked to be contacted with any questions or if details on how to read the reports is needed. She confirmed if an LEA does not receive reports, either there are no students receiving services or the LEA contact person information needs to be updated. Linda said to email her if contact information needs to be confirmed.

Linda then presented the research article on LGBTQIA+, their needs, and resources DMCC can provide. Linda offered the article can be shared with anyone who would benefit from the information.

### 6.4 Professional Learning Summary and Update

Renee Garcia presented the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA’s Professional Learning Summary. On behalf of Heidi Chavez, Renee thanked committee members for meeting with the program specialists to discuss trainings for 2023-24 school year.

### 6.5 Resolution Support Services Summary and Update

Sheila Parisian presented the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA’s Resolution Support Services Summary. There is one case filed on a parent to have a student assessed and three open cases as the summer approaches.

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### 6.6 Compliance Update

Peggy Dunn presented an update on compliance items from the California Department of Education (CDE). She said LEAs included in Cycle A of Cyclical Monitoring have submitted and are waiting for CDE confirmation. Peggy continued that IEP Data Collection is to be input by June 28, 2023 so Pam Bender can review and approve by the June 30, 2023 deadline. Peggy said for LEAs involved in Compliance and Improvement Monitoring (CIM) process, the first phase is due June 30, 2023 in StepWell. She added that LEAs in CIM Targeted 3 are to also submit a copy to her.

Colette Garland said completing for End of Year June Pupil Count is critical for transition to SEIS. She continued the first certification is July 28, 2023 with hopes of not needing the amendment window. Personal Data Reports are currently being processed for submission prior to the CDE deadline. Colette said there are a minimum number of IEPs due July 1, 2023 through August 30, 2023 which will be very helpful in the transition to SEIS. She reported the fillable forms will be available on the CAHELP website shortly if needed before the SEIS log in information is provided. DMSELPA will provide electronic copies of Goals and Baselines to be added in the initial CALPADS Affirm via email. Colette stated DMSELPA is working with current programmers and SBCSS IT to provide LEAs with the PDF attachments and history from Web IEP will be available by the end of July. The files are large so they will be housed on the SBCSS server. Colette concluded by sharing SEIS trainings continue virtually, in-person, and as on-sites with dates available in the Professional Learning Guide on the CAHELP website.

### 6.7 Prevention and Intervention Update

Deborah Sarkesian presented the Prevention and Intervention update. She reported on the number of trainings and coaching supports provided in the 2022-23 school year. Deborah noted the increase in coaching supports provided. She continued by sharing the regional PBIS Implementation and tiered fidelity inventory. Deborah encouraged LEAs that have been implementing PBIS to use the free assessment tools available to continue to assess, progress monitor, and plan for improvement, whether they are actively working with a PBIS coach or not. Deborah reported the PBIS Recognition window closed May 12, 2023 with 45 schools applying in the desert mountain region which is an increase from 29 schools last year.

## **7.0 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 7.1 Learning Recovery Support, Dispute Prevention and Resolution Funding Updates

Marina Gallegos provided Learning Recovery Support, Dispute Prevention and Resolution Funding Updates. There is funding remaining and must be encumbered by June 30, 2023 and expended by September 30, 2023. Marina said there is one LEA that will not be using their allotted funds. She stressed the importance of working with Heidi Chavez or Kathleen Peters to get

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approval of planned activities so reimbursement can move forward. Marina said claims must be submitted by mid-July.

### 7.2 Federal Grant Funding Update

Marina Gallegos presented the Federal Grant Funding Update. She said the reporting date for federal funds is June 30, 2023 for reporting period 2021-22. Marina stated Sam Barker has emailed the expenditure report to the LEAs for completion. If all funds have been claimed, the expenditure report does not need to be completed.

## 8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Monthly Occupational & Physical Therapy Services Reports

8.2 Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities

## 9.0 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS / REPORTS

None.

## 10.0 CEO COMMENTS

Pam Bender reported the CAHELP JPA Leadership Retreat took place June 6-7, 2023 with work being done on mission and value statements based on the results of the internal staff survey. She shared the next step will be a survey for member special education directors and superintendents/CEOs for external input as well.

Pam encouraged the committee members to use their vacation time and enjoy self-care and relaxation during the summer. Pam acknowledged it has been a long year with staffing shortages and the many compliance requirements. She reminded attendees to spend time with loved ones and enjoy their time.

## 11.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY THE PUBLIC

None.

## 12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Craig Merrill, seconded by Jacque Williams, to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m. The motion carried on the following vote: 8:0:0 Ayes: Edick, Jung, Laird, Lovell, Merrill, Morales, Mulz, and Williams, Nays: None, Abstentions: None.

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The next regular meeting of the Desert Mountain Charter SELPA Steering Committee will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 9:00 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.*