

California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions,
Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP, JPA)
DESERT MOUNTAIN SELPA STEERING and FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 16, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.
Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley CA 92307

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DESERT MOUNTAIN SELPA (DMSELPA) STEERING AND FINANCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Academy for Academic Excellence – Marcelo Congo, Apple Valley USD – Priscilla Avila and David Wheeler, Barstow USD – Heather Reid via Web Ex, Desert/Mountain Operations (SBCSS) – Stephanie Hedberg, Excelsior Charter Schools – Amber Englehart, Health Sciences High School and Middle College – Bryan Dale via Web Ex, Lucerne Valley SD – Vici Miller, Snowline JUSD – Pam De Renard, Trona JUSD – Nicole Yeager via Web Ex, and Victor Elementary SD – Tanya Benitez.

CAHELP, DMSELPA, & DMCC STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Adkins, Sam Barker, Pam Bender, Ivan Campos, Peggy Dunn, Renee Garcia, Colette Garland, Jennifer Harms, Linda Llamas, Lisa Nash, Sheila Parisian, Karina Quezada, Linda Rodriguez, Jennifer Rountree, Veronica Rousseau, Deborah Sarkesian, Adrienne Shepherd-Myles, and Jessica Soto.

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 SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pam Bender, at 9:11 a.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 the adoption of the June 16, 2023 Desert Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Agenda failed due to lack of quorum.

5.0 CONSENT ITEMS

It is recommended that the 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 the approval of the following Consent Item be tabled until the August 18, 2023 meeting due to lack of quorum.

5.1.1 Approve the May 19, 2023 Desert Mountain 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 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 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

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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 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP)

Pam Bender provided Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) information. Districts are required to offer ELOP for students whether it is before or after school and the districts receive funding for the program. Pam said that Desert Mountain Operations (DMOPS) does not receive funding as they are not a district. She has consulted with other multi-district SELPAs and found they are each handling it differently. Pam will discuss with the possibilities of working with DMOPS with CAHELP JPA Governance. The decisions must also be on a case-by-case basis as well.

Pam confirmed ELOP is a voluntary general education program that every student has access to and is not written in the IEP. Transportation costs and toileting needs could also be a factor in a student attending.

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. She presented the monthly mental health trends article on LGTBQIA+ resources.

6.4 Professional Learning Summary and Update

Renee Garcia presented DMSELPA's Professional Learning Summary and update. 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 DMSELPA's Resolution Support Services Summary and update. The number of cases is lower than last year with three filings on parents.

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

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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 4 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. Colette will be submitting the results from the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) on behalf of the LEAs. She referred to the memo dated May 27, 2023 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 Nonpublic School/Nonpublic Agency Update

Peggy Dunn provided a nonpublic school/nonpublic agency update. Peggy reported the master contracts are being finalized for nonpublic schools and nonpublic agencies. She asked to be contacted with questions.

6.8 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.

6.9 DMSELPA Autism Implementation Team (SAIT) Annual Update

Jennifer Rountree presented DMSELPA Autism Implementation Team (SAIT) Annual Update. She shared SAIT has been building internal capacity over the past two years to provide tiered autism supports at the district level. Having an autism program on each site allows students to travel on campus and remain in inclusive settings while receiving supports. The team is also

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continuing to increase their capacity to provide Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS).

7.0 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Learning Recovery Support, Dispute Prevention and Resolution Funds Update

Samuel Barker provided Learning Recovery Support, Dispute Prevention and Resolution Update. He stated again the deadline to encumber funds is June 30, 2023 and the deadline to expend the funds is September 30, 2023. Samuel asked for all claims to be submitted as soon as possible.

7.2 Federal Grant Funding Update

Samuel Barker presented the Federal Grant Funding Update. There are multiple deadlines coinciding for federal funds reporting. Samuel said email reminders were sent within a few days with the dates. Samuel asked for him or Marina Gallegos to be contacted with any questions.

Pam Bender said that Marina Gallegos does email fiscal items to the respective chief business officers or to the special education accountants.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Monthly Audiological Services Reports

8.2 Monthly Occupational & Physical Therapy Services Reports

8.3 Monthly Nonpublic School Placement Report

8.4 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 an internal staff survey. She shared the next step will be a survey for DMSELPA member special education directors and superintendents/CEOs for external input as well.

Pam applauded the committee members for doing a great job in processing the changing compliance requirements and the pressing due dates. She added that Colette Garland has done an awesome job in

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preparing and training SEIS. There may be a few glitches with the rollover to SEIS but Colette, Terri Nelson, and program specialists will be available to assist in any way possible.

Pam encouraged the committee members to use their vacation time and enjoy self-care and relaxation during the summer. She reminded attendees to spend time with loved ones and enjoy their time.

Pam announced the June 16, 2023 meeting is the last for Program Manager Adrienne Shepherd-Myles as she is retiring effective July 3, 2023.

11.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY THE PUBLIC

None.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, Pam Bender ended the at 10:05 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Desert Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee will be held on Friday, August 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, Aster/Cactus Room, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

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