



SELPA Superintendents' Council Meeting Minutes - **UNADOPTED**

January 5, 2017

Conference Room B-2, EDCOE

In attendance: Ed Manansala, Robbie Montalbano, Kevin Monsma, David Toston, Eric Bonniksen, Annette Lane, Marcy Guthrie, Natalie Miller, David Swart, Matt Smith, Stephen Wehr, Pat Atkins, Margaret Enns, and guests: Robert Steponovich, SELPA Business Services Director; Tamara Clay, Director EDCOE SELPA; and Kathleen Hall, Recording Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 10:35 am by David M. Toston, Associate Superintendent, El Dorado County SELPA/Charter SELPA.

Item

1. Superintendent Swart moved to approve agenda as presented; second by Superintendent Miller; motion carries.
2. A Public Hearing was opened at 10:16 am and, with no comment, closed at 10:17 am.
3. Superintendent Bonniksen moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2016 SELPA Superintendents' Council meeting; second by Superintendent Murchison; motion carries.

Discussion Items

4. **Shared Risk Pool**

The overriding goal of the Shared Risk Pool is to provide protection against risk within our available resources. The SELPA team looked at different models throughout the state and found no norm. Associate Superintendent Toston reviewed the current funding model with two pools – Special Needs and NPS and reviewed their funding streams and use/access to the pools. He reviewed how CDE counts LCI beds on an annual basis and how the funding is tied to the number of LCI beds.

Associate Superintendent Toston reviewed the fiscal recommendations of the Shared Risk Pool document.

NPS Placement Recommendation: NPS placement costs, including education and transportation, may be eligible for reimbursement of up to 50% of educational costs from the Shared Risk Pool. Costs for related services, including ERMHS, are not eligible for pool reimbursement. SELPA involvement in NPS placements is key and one of the criteria for reimbursement. Pool Participation documents are currently in place but will be revised. It was requested that a guide on NPS Placements be created to help districts navigate the process of an NPS placement and SELPA agreed to provide such a guide.

Legal Costs Recommendations – legal costs will be reimbursed through the Shared Risk Pool at a 50% rate. Legal costs associated with the following are eligible for 50% reimbursement: OCR Complaints, Due Process Complaints, Compliance Complaints, other legal proceedings, and costs associated with Settlement Agreements. A discussion was held on fiscal responsibility for a student placed in a county operated regional program. Since regional programs cannot make a non-public placement, the fiscal responsibility stays with the district of residence / LEA. Regional programs are a shared cost, not just the responsibility of the County Office or other regional program providers (EDUHSD).

Special Circumstances Student Recommendations – the SELPA recommends allowing access to the Shared Risk Pool for partial reimbursement (50%) when costs exceed certain thresholds. This will be an evolving set of recommendations and the reimbursement percentages may be adjusted if necessary.

SELPA will finalize the document based on recommendations and discussion from this meeting and the final document will be presented at the March, 2017 SELPA Superintendents' Council Meeting.

- 5. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at upon motion by Superintendent Guthrie; second by Superintendent Bonniksen; motion carries.