

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

March 2, 2017

Conference Room B-2, EDCOE

In attendance: Ed Manansala, Robbie Montalbano, Kevin Monsma, David Toston, Eric Bonniksen, Annette Lane, Marcy Guthrie, Natalie Miller, Joe Murchison, David Swart, Matt Smith, Stephen Wehr, Pat Atkins, Jeremy Meyers, David Roth, Grant Coffin, and guests: Robert Steponovich, SELPA Business Services Director; Tamara Clay, Director EDCOE SELPA; Amy Andersen, EDCOE Special Services and Kathleen Hall, Recording Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 11:34 a.m. by David M. Toston, Associate Superintendent, El Dorado County SELPA/ Charter SELPA.

Item

1. Superintendent Wehr moved to approve the agenda as presented; second by Superintendent Guthrie; motion carries.
2. A Public Hearing was opened at 11:34 a.m. and, with no comment, closed at 11:35 a.m.

Action Items

3. Superintendent Smith moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017 SELPA Superintendents' Council meeting, with the addition of Joe Murchison as an attendee; second by Superintendent Coffin; motion carries.

4. Support of Special Education Funding Legislation

- a. **AB 312*** sponsored by Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education. This legislation has been introduced in response to a recent PPIC report which suggests funding districts directly with special education funds in conjunction with LCFF, rather than through the SELPA. Statewide SELPA organization has held a very strong position in opposition to the PPIC Report and is involved in ongoing conversations. AB 312 supports increased funding for special education, equalized funding among SELPAs, and opposes the dismantling of existing special education regional governance structure. Associate Superintendent Toston asked the superintendents to send in a letter of support of AB 312 – talking points and a letter template was included in the packet.

Associate Superintendent Toston asked for a motion to support AB 312. Superintendent Meyers made a motion of support and Superintendent Murchison seconds the motion; motion carries.

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Associate Superintendent Toston shared that there is a stakeholder meeting March 3 hosted by the Department of Finance, who is holding a series of stakeholder meetings to solicit input on how to improve alignment with special education funding.

- b. **AB 1449** – Associate Superintendent Toston also spoke of AB 1449 and wanted superintendents to be aware of this funding legislation. This bill would require LCFF funding to include an additional grant add-on to special education funding based on pupil count/CalPads.

Discussion Items

5. Allocation Plan Review*

To refresh everyone's recollection and give context to the Allocation Plan discussion, Associate Superintendent Toston shared and reviewed a document entitled 'Approved Allocation Plan Amendments for 2016-17 (Updated)', previously shared, which summarizes the Allocation Plan amendments for 2016-17. The summary included details on fiscal decisions regarding:

- Low Incidence
- Behavior Analyst Supports
- OT/PT Services
- NPA Pool
- OI Itinerate Services

Included in the packet is the Table of Contents and draft Executive Summary for the revised Allocation Plan. The first draft of the revised Allocation Plan document will be presented in April.

6. Shared Risk Pool*

At the January SELPA Superintendents' Council meeting we discussed consolidation of the two separate risk pools – Non-Public School (NPS) and Special Needs – into one Shared Risk Pool. Since that meeting, SELPA leadership has solicited input and had conversations with district CFO's and Special Education Directors. One change to the document was noted to the paragraph dealing with Transportation – the language that limited the amount of reimbursement has been stricken. SELPA leadership received direction from the Superintendents for up to 50% percentage reimbursement of NPS placement costs. The final document will be brought back in April for adoption, will be included in the Local Plan revision, and will take effect next year.

7. Behaviorist Funding Changes

We are in the process of transitioning to a new shared cost model this year. In response to receiving clarity on audit guidelines on mental health, we will bring back a final revised recommendation document in April to delay implementation of the shared cost model into 2017-18 and 2018-19. A revised recommendation for a cost sharing model will be presented at a future SELPA Superintendents' Council meeting in 2017-18. January 2017 cost transfers from the districts will be transferred back to districts.

8. Growth Committee*

The Growth Committee report, per Allocation Plan process, is annually presented to Superintendents to assist in reviewing regional programs. The Growth Committee met in the fall to review regional programs and are recommending no changes or additions for next year. One of the proposed recommendations for the Allocation Plan revision process is to change the name of the committee from the Growth Committee to the Program Review Committee.

9. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at upon motion by Superintendent Bonnicksen; second by Superintendent Swart; motion carries.

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