

East Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (EV SELPA)

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Annual Meeting

April 25, 2022 (via Zoom)

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Review/Approve February 28, 2022 Minutes
- III. Learn About Proposed Legislation to Support Students with Disabilities & Their Families
 - SB 1113 (Ochoa-Bogh): Remove Barriers to Inclusion in the General Education Classroom
 - AB 2121 (E. Garcia): School Accountability-California Collaborative for Educational Excellence: Special Education Resource Leads
 - SB 291 (Stern): Advisory Commission on Special Education: Pupil Advisory Council
- IV. Conduct Review of EV SELPA 2022-2023 Annual Service Plan
- V. Conduct Review of EV SELPA 2022-2023 Annual Budget Plan
- VI. Plan Parent Events/In-Services for 2022-2023
- VII. Select EV SELPA CAC Offices for 2022-2024
 - Chairperson
 - Vice Chairperson
 - Secretary
- VIII. Review/Approve Proposed CAC Meeting Dates for 2022-2023

East Valley SELPA
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2021

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Breanna Jueden-Pytel	Redlands Unified School District
Cathy Soto	Colton Joint Unified School District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Brooksby	East Valley SELPA
Dr. Rick Homutoff	East Valley SELPA
Colleen Meland	East Valley SELPA
Dr. Patty Metheny	East Valley SELPA

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

Chief Administrative Officer, Dr. Patty Metheny, of the East Valley SELPA Office, 670 E. Carnegie Drive, San Bernardino, California, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and shared the agenda on the screen. She welcomed everyone and asked attendees to introduce themselves. A new attendee, Cathy Soto, joined the CAC meeting. Cathy is a parent of two students with disabilities in the Colton Joint Unified School District.

2.0 Review of Minutes – November 15, 2021, Meeting

Dr. Metheny screen-shared the minutes from the November 15, 2021, CAC meeting and asked for a motion to approve them. Dr Homutoff moved to approve, and Ms. Meland seconded the motion. The CAC approved the minutes by consensus.

3.0 Governor’s 2022-23 State Budget Trailer Bill Language

Next, Dr. Metheny shared portions of the Governor’s proposed 2022-23 state budget as they pertained to special education. The proposed budget will be impacted by the decline in enrollment experienced SELPA-wide. Cathy Soto expressed concerned with the new funding methodology. Funding for Mental Health Services will go directly to LEAs. A Special Education Addendum will be added to the Local Control Accountability Plan. State Preschool Programs will be reserving 10% of their spaces for Students with Disabilities (SWDs). Cathy Soto and Breanna Jueden-Pytel expressed concern that there are not enough preschool opportunities.

4.0 State SELPA Association – Act to Remove Barriers to Inclusion in the General Education Classroom

Dr. Metheny shared about the EV SELPA plans for supporting inclusive practices. A local senator is helping to author a bill that will promote inclusion. Cathy Soto expressed the need for collaboration between special education and general education teachers. It is

recommended that the credentialing requirements will be expanded to cover special education for general education and administrator credentials. Model sites, skills in inclusive practices should be identified. Removing Ed Code references to RSP and SDC will decrease confusion about how special education services are provided. EV-SELPA is a SIP Grant recipient and is engaged in work to build capacity surrounding inclusion. A United in Inclusion Ribbon will eventually be awarded to schools who demonstrate model inclusive practices. Trainings will be conducted throughout the 2022-23 school year to Align Inclusive Practices, parents can be included.

5.0 EV-SELPA Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Activities

Next, Dr. Metheny outlined significant parent centered ADR events. The Parent Liaison training is set for April and August. Cathy Soto asked that Spanish translation be made available. Breanna Jeuden-Pytel asked how families are being notified and a discussion took place about how to best advertise these activities. Jennifer Brooksby will send her the flyer and video link. The group problem solved how to best share these events. In addition to this, there were be an ADR Virtual Conference September 16th and 17th, 2022, free of charge.

6.0 Legislative Sharing Day 2022

Dr. Metheny discussed the Virtual Legislative Sharing Day on May 4, 2022 at 9am. Heathere Calomese, State Director of Special Education and Senator Rosalicie Ochoa-Bogh will be speakers. Parents are invited to participate and share their stories with legislators. Parents should email Dr Metheny if they are interested in attending virtually.

Dr. Metheny if anyone had anything to add before closing the meeting. There were no further comments. Dr. Metheny extended her gratitude those for attending and is hopeful our attendance can increase. PM will send the slide presentation to CAC members.

7.0 East Valley SELPA CAC Meeting Dates 2021-2022

The remaining future CAC meetings for the 2021-2022 school year are:

April 25, 2022

8.0 Adjournment

The virtual meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.