

**East Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (EVSELPA)  
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)  
September 19, 2022, Meeting, 9:30-11:30 am  
Held via Zoom**

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Getting to Know One Another
- III. Norms for Meeting
- IV. What is a SELPA?
  - East Valley 2022-2023 SELPA Brochure
- V. What is a CAC?
  - Serve in an advisory role to the SELPA administrator
- VI. Review of [Minutes – April 25, 2022, Meeting](#)
- VII. EV SELPA Member District Dispute Prevention/Resolution & Learning Recovery Plans
  - [Interim Updates](#)
  - ADR Parent Request Process – [eastvalleyselpa.org](http://eastvalleyselpa.org)
- VIII. SB 1113 – Supporting Inclusive Practices
- IX. EV SELPA Professional Development 2022-2023 - [eastvalleyselpa.org](http://eastvalleyselpa.org)
- X. Family Engagement Centers Expansion
- XI. East Valley SELPA CAC Meeting Dates 2022-2023
  - November 14, 2022 - Virtual
  - February 27, 2023
  - April 24, 2023

East Valley SELPA  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
April 25, 2022

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Paula Bailey	Rialto Unified School District
Katie Castruita	Redlands Unified School District
Breanna Jueden-Pytel	Redlands Unified School District
Lynet Suon	Colton Joint Unified School District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Brooksby	East Valley SELPA
Dr. Rick Homutoff	East Valley SELPA
Blanca Loria	IRC Family Resource Network
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 9:31 a.m. and shared the agenda on the screen. She welcomed everyone and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

*2.0 Review of Minutes – February 28, 2022, Meeting*

Dr. Metheny screen-shared the minutes from the February 28, 2022, CAC meeting and asked for a motion to approve them. Katie Castruita moved to approve, and Breanna Jueden-Pytel seconded the motion. The CAC approved the minutes by consensus.

*3.0 Learn About Proposed Legislation to Support Students with Disabilities & Their Families*

Next, Dr. Metheny shared portions three bills (SB 1113, AB 2121, and SB 291) that are being considered by the California legislature and how they will impact Special Education. SB 1113 proposes changes to Ed Code to support inclusive practices. Dr. Metheny explained that AB 2121 would create a special education resource lead for Dispute Prevention and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). Finally, Dr. Metheny outlined SB 291 that establishes an advisory council on Special Education comprised of 15 students with disabilities. Ms. Castruita asked about what types of disabilities would be considered for the council. Dr. Homutoff asked about the selection process. Questions surrounded the format of the council to which Dr. Metheny laid out the timeline for the legislature and how the SELPA would respond once the Trailer Bill is finalized. Discussion took place around the intent of SB 1113 as it relates to General Education teachers. Clarification was provided that the bill is specifically targeted to remove barriers to inclusion, not to force students with disabilities into general education settings without appropriate supports. Dr. Homutoff reviewed the changes to teacher credentialing that are supporting inclusion. Dr. Metheny

outlined the proposed changes to Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) funding. In respect to the Special Education Base Rate, Dr. Metheny explained funding changes outlined in the Governor's 2022-2023 budget.

#### *4.0 Conduct Review of EV SELPA 2022-2023 Annual Service Plan*

Dr. Metheny shared the East Valley SELPA Annual Service Plan for the coming school year. The plan includes all services provided to students within the member districts and county schools. There were no questions about this plan.

#### *5.0 Conduct Review of EV SELPA 2022-2023 Annual Budget Plan*

Next, Dr. Metheny reviewed the Annual Budget and explained each of the Funding Revenue Sources. Next, she outlined the Projected Budget Expenditures. Dr. Metheny explained the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Expenditures and its operating budget. Guidelines for Low Incidence Disabilities and its expenses were explained. There were no questions about this plan.

#### *6.0 Plan Parent Events/In-Services for 2022-2023*

Dr. Metheny discussed the Parent Liaison Training that is currently running and will be offered again in the fall. Ms. Brooksby shared the format of the class. A question was raised about whether or not parents can start mid-training. The SELPA advises that parents attend all 6 sessions as a cohort. Next, Dr. Metheny previewed the Virtual Parent & Educator event that will take place in September 2022. These programs are provided at no-cost. A suggestion was made to have the flyer sent to districts to be included in their on-line messaging systems. Additionally, Ms. Bailey suggested that Inland Regional Center be informed of this opportunity to share with the families transitioning from Part C to Part B. Ms. Bailey went on to ask about the training for Surrogate Parents. Dr. Homutoff share the date and time for the training as well as the format for the upcoming training. Dr. Metheny answered specific questions about how Surrogate Parents are assigned and stressed that a Surrogate cannot be employed by the district the child attends or the SELPA. Ms. Jeuden-Pytel asked if it Surrogates are assigned for one IEP or if the commitment is long-term. Dr. Metheny indicated that many times, these students are very transient, and it is difficult to determine the length of time one might be required to participate as a Surrogate Parent.

#### *7.0 Select EV SELPA CAC Offices for 2022-2024*

The group discussed the format of electing officers and the term each would serve. The roles of each position were described. By consensus, the following positions were established.

Chairperson – Katie Castruita  
Vice Chairperson – Paula Bailey  
Secretary – Jennifer Brooksby

#### *8.0 Review/Approve Proposed CAC Meeting Dates for 2022-2023*

The group discussed the following meeting dates and agreed to the meeting schedule. The team discussed the option of meeting in-person vs virtual. Virtual meetings will be determined each month. The team agrees that the September meeting will be virtual.

*September 18, 2022*  
*November 14, 2022*

*February 27, 2023*  
*April 24, 2023*

*9.0 Adjournment*

The virtual meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.