

East Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (EVSELPA)

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

February 28, 2022

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Review CAC Minutes – November 15, 2021
- III. Governor’s 2022-23 State Budget Trailer Bill Language
 - Sections Impacting Special Education
- IV. State SELPA Association – Act to Remove Barriers to Inclusion in the General Education Classroom
 - Potential Legislation
 - Supporting Inclusive Practices – EV SELPA Ribbon of Inclusion
- V. East Valley SELPA Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Activities
 - Educator and Parent Events
- VI. State SELPA Legislative Sharing Day – Virtual Event
 - May 4, 2022, 9:00 – 11:00 am and potential afternoon meetings with legislators
- VII. East Valley SELPA CAC Meeting Dates 2021-2022
 - Next Meeting April 25, 2022

**EV SELPA CAC
Meeting Norms**

- 1. Listen actively to one another**
- 2. Work together - positively sharing our stories and resources**
- 3. Keep phones on vibrate**
- 4. Use commonly understood language – limit use of acronyms**
- 5. Be solution focused.**

Additional virtual norms

- 6. Stay on mute unless speaking**
- 7. Comment through the chat function.**

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

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Katie Castruita	Redlands Unified School District, Chairperson
Breanna Jueden-Pytel	Redlands Unified School District
Lynet Suon	Colton Joint Unified School District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Brooksby	East Valley SELPA
Susanne Ferguson	East Valley SELPA, Secretary
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 9:39 a.m. and shared the agenda on the screen. She welcomed everyone and asked attendees to introduce themselves. A new attendee, Jennifer Brooksby, joined the CAC meeting. Jennifer is the new Program Manager for Regional Services at the EV SELPA.

2.0 Review of Minutes – September 20, 2021, Meeting

Dr. Metheny screen-shared the minutes from the September 20, 2021, CAC meeting and asked for a motion to approve them. Ms. Castruita moved to approve, and Ms. Meland seconded the motion. The CAC approved the minutes by consensus.

3.0 Make Somebody's Life Better: There's Value in Everybody

- <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=aIAEkVIWs2M>

Next, Dr. Metheny shared a video about Ernie Johnson, a dad who adopted Michael with disabilities from Romania. He passed away 2 weeks ago. He influenced many lives. His parents did, too. It shows the value of parents coming together for the benefit of everyone. The CAC is to spread that everyone has value and ways we can support that.

4.0 EV SELPA Special Education Parent Navigators

Dr. Metheny shared about the EV SELPA plans for alternative dispute resolution (ADR) parent activities. The SELPA is developing trainings with consultant, David Dowling, that will assist parents supporting other parents. Ms. Jueden-Pytel asked if the trainings would be ongoing. Dr. Metheny shared the initial planning has just begun but that Mr. Dowling recommends 6-8 meetings per session with a number of sessions per year. Per Dr. Metheny,

these sessions would be 6-8 ongoing. The Committee engaged in conversation about how best to schedule and advertise these trainings. Ms. Jueden-Pytel suggested flyers at school sites and for school psychologists to share with parents as well as the use of social media. Ms. Jueden-Pytel also suggested the best time of day is early evening at the start of the week to accommodate working and to make recordings of the trainings for those who cannot attend. Dr. Homutoff suggested the trainings be offered both in-person and virtually. Ms. Castruita suggested a virtual open house video to showcase the trainings and the EV SELPA facility as well as a way to introduce CAC members. The video could be shared with district directors to post on their web pages. Attendees will receive a certificate. Ms. Castruita also suggested considering Saturday afternoons for the trainings.

5.0 SELPAs in California

- *SELPA Administrators of California Website - www.selpa.info*
- *Making It Happen! Podcast Series - [Episode 1 Now Available](#)*
 - *EV SELPA CAC Chair – ADR Podcast*

Next, Dr. Metheny screen shared the SELPA Info website. The website has just been revised. She shared the links to the resources that are available to everybody, parents included. She shared a link of special education funding link and the second episode of the podcast series, Making it Happen, featuring Cali Binks, superintendent of Yucaipa-Calimesa JUSD, Dr. Metheny, and Ms. Castruita. Dr. Metheny also shared about the 2022 ADR conference highlighted on the website. The focus this year is family engagement. EV SELPA is paying for parents to attend.

6.0 Special Education Finance in California

Dr. Metheny reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on special education finance and the role of SELPAs in advocating for increase money for special education. Dr. Metheny indicated she will send the slide presentation including a link to an article with a shout out to the EV SELPA for the ADR leadership work to Committee members.

Dr. Metheny if anyone had anything to add before closing the meeting. There were no further comments. Dr. Metheny extended her gratitude to Ms. Castruita for her leadership and willingness to support the work of the SELPA. 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:

February 28, 2022

April 25, 2022

8.0 Adjournment

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