

East Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (EVSELPA)

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

April 24, 2023 (via Zoom)

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Review CAC Minutes – February 27, 2023
- III. Learn About Proposed Legislation to Support Students with Disabilities & Their Families
- IV. Conduct Final Review of Revisions to the EV SELPA Local Plan
- V. Conduct Review of EV SELPA 2023-2024 Annual Service Plan
- VI. Conduct Review of EV SELPA 2023-2024 Annual Budget Plan
- VII. Discuss Parent Event/In-Service Priorities for 2023-2024
- VIII. Parent Certification Course 2023-2024
 - Wednesdays at 9:30am
 - September 13 – October 18
- IX. Review EV SELPA CAC Offices for 2023-2024
 - Chairperson – Katie Castruita
 - Vice Chairperson – Paula Bailey
 - Secretary – Jennifer Brooksby
- X. Review/Approve Proposed CAC Meeting Dates for 2023-2024

**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
February 27, 2023

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

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| Katie Castruita | Redlands Unified School District |
| Karla Kellems | Rim of the World Unified School District |
| Breanna Jueden-Pytel | Redlands Unified School District |
| Julie Lopez | Rialto Unified School District |
| Jenny Pulliam | Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District |
| Melissa Sparks Jorgensen | Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District |

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| 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

Dr. Metheny guided the group through introductions.

2.0 Review CAC Minutes

Dr. Metheny shared the minutes from the November 14, 2022 East Valley SELPA CAC meeting. Katie Castruita made a motion to approve the minutes. Breanna Jueden-Pytel seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Review Revisions to the EV SELPA Local Plan

Dr. Metheny reviewed the EV SELPA Local Plan and the two proposed changes. One change relates to how charter schools can become a part of the EV SELPA. The second change outlines the responsibility of Superintendents to notify their governing boards of EV SELPA Local Plans, policies, agreements and procedures approved by the EV SELPA Board of Directors. Discussion took place surrounding how Superintendents might carry out this responsibility. Dr. Metheny walked the group through the timeline surrounding the Local Plan revision process for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. The EV SELPA CAC will review the EV SELPA Local Plan, Sections B, D & E at the April CAC meeting.

4.0 EV SELPA Ribbon of Inclusion: What does the word inclusion mean to you?

Dr. Metheny shared the EV SELPA Supporting Inclusive Practices grant explaining the role the grant plays in instruction and how the funding works. The SELPA has engaged extensively in book studies and training to pave the way for change related to students with disabilities. Currently, the SELPA is working with Katie Novak and Shelley Moore, two international disability experts, to provide professional development to rework the idea of goals that are based on student needs. These experts will be at the SELPA on May 10th for

an in-person training. All CAC members are invited to attend. The registration flyer will be emailed to the CAC following the meeting. Dr. Metheny went on to share the Ribbon of Inclusion vision. When asked what the word inclusion means, Karla Kellems shared that inclusion makes her think of mainstreaming and allowing all students to be present regardless of disability. Discussion took place regarding what it might look like at a school site. Jenny Pulliam shared that inclusion should mean that the opportunity is available to participate but inclusion is not forced on the individual. Breanna Jueden-Pytel shared that inclusion should foster a sense of membership and that students with disabilities belong in the classroom. She outlined the services available to families through Head Start and what it can look like for students with disabilities. Melissa Sparks-Jorgensen expressed the idea that students should be included based on their interests and expertise. Jenny Pulliam has observed struggles in district related to the term inclusion but hopes that this will improve. There was a general sentiment that inclusion needs to be well planned and supported by extensive training.

5.0 New CA Dept of Education Compliance Requirement

Dr. Metheny share the new CDE requirement of IEP Implementation, the timeline for the initiative, and what that looks like for school districts. Katie Castruita asked about the oversight from CDE and how districts will be required to demonstrate compliance. Jenny Pulliam questioned how parents can be involved in verifying services are delivered. Melissa Sparks-Jorgensen asked whether or not this module would be utilized to determine if a student would no longer be eligible for a service when a student doesn't make progress or has excessive absences.

6.0 State SELPA Legislative Sharing Day – In Sacramento

Dr. Metheny the State SELPA Legislative Sharing Day on May 3, 2023. Katie Castruita offered to participate. Karla Kellems offered to participate. Julie Lopez offered to participate. Melissa Sparks-Jorgensen offered to participate. Katie Castruita shared news of the Special Education Parent Training. The flyer was provided with a link for registration.

7.0 EV SELPA CAC Meeting Dates 2022-2023

Next meeting will be scheduled for April 24, 2023 from 9:30am – 11:30am. There was discussion around the format of the meetings. The group decided to hold the next meeting virtually.

8.0 Adjournment

The virtual meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.