

**East Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (EVSELPA)
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
September 23, 2024, 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 2024-2025 SELPA Brochure
- V. What is a CAC?
 - Serve in an advisory role to the SELPA administrator
- VI. EV SELPA Inclusive Practices
 - What are the Cultural Beliefs of the EV SELPA?
- VII. Review of Minutes – April 22, 2024 Meeting
- VIII. EV SELPA Parent Education Events 2024-2025
- IX. EV SELPA Parent Resource Fair – October 18, 2024
- X. EV SELPA IDEA 50th Anniversary Gala Event – June 6, 2025
- XI. East Valley SELPA CAC Meeting Dates 2024-2025
 - November 18, 2024 – Virtual or in-person?
 - February 24, 2025
 - April 21, 2025

East Valley SELPA
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2024

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Castruita	Redlands Unified School District
Paula Bailey	Rialto Unified School District
Arrissia Owen Turner	Redlands Unified School District
Breanna Jueden-Pytel	San Bernardino County Head Start
	Redlands Unified School District
Melissa Jorgensen	Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District
Anna Klapproth	Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District
Angela Taber	Colton Joint Unified School District
Cynthia Phelps	Colton Joint Unified School District
Julie Lopez	Rialto Unified School District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Patty Metheny	East Valley SELPA
Dr. Rick Homutoff	East Valley SELPA
Jennifer Brooksby	East Valley SELPA
Colleen Meland	East Valley SELPA
Helen Junker	East Valley SELPA
Brenda Salas	Rialto Unified School District
Lupe Carlos	Rialto Unified School District
Romina Meza	San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools

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 9:30 a.m. and shared the agenda on the screen. She welcomed everyone and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2.0 Review CAC Minutes – February 26, 2024

Dr. Metheny shared the minutes from the February 26, 2024 East Valley SELPA CAC meeting. Katie Castruita made a motion to approve the minutes. Paula Bailey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by consensus.

3.0 Review Highlights from the 2024 EV SELPA Career Day

Ms. Helen Junker, EV SELPA Transitional Project Assistant, shared highlights from the 2024 EV SELPA Career Day that was held on April 16, 2024 at the East Valley SELPA. She outlined the purpose of the event and shared the key elements from how the event was organized throughout the day. Students had the opportunity to meet with 40+ local exhibitors on future employment opportunities. Student workshops taught students about

various industries, mindfulness, money management, online safety, self-advocacy, soft skills necessary in the real world, and personal hygiene. Cynthia Phelps expressed excitement for her children to have the opportunity to experience this in the future. Paula Baily was able to explore the event for a few minutes and complimented the SELPA on the organization of the event. Arrissia Owen-Turner asked about what age students would be eligible for this type of event. Dr. Metheny clarified the difference between transition planning that is a part of the regular IEP and participation in the Transitional Partnership Program (TPP). Colleen Meland, EV SELPA Program Specialist shared information on the parent meeting she hosts related to transitional programming.

4.0 Conduct Review of the EV SELPA 2024-2025 Annual Service Plan

Dr. Metheny reviewed the EV SELPA Annual Service Plan. Julie Lopez asked about Parent Counseling. Dr. Metheny clarified that this service is provided based on student assessed need.

5.0 Conduct Review of EV SELPA 2024-2025 Annual Budget Plan

Dr. Metheny reviewed the EV SELPA Annual Budget Plan. Arrissia Owen-Turner asked for clarification around Mental Health monies and why it goes directly to the districts. Dr. Metheny explained the governor's budget proposal that directs this money to the LEA. Anna Klapproth asked if there is a report on how districts choose to spend this money. Dr. Metheny stated that Federal Mental Health dollars are reported on 27-month grant reporting cycles. Arrissia Owen-Turner asked about the funding formula for AB 602 funds. Dr. Metheny provided a historical perspective surrounding Special Education funding. Paula Bailey asked about Medi-Cal money. Dr. Metheny explained the difference between State & Federal Special Education dollars and Medi-Cal funding allocations.

6.0 Propose Parent Events/In-Services for 2024-2025

Dr. Metheny guided the CAC through a discussion surrounding desired Parent Events and Trainings for the 2024-2025 school year. The EV SELPA Parent Resource Fair is scheduled for October 18, 2024. Parent trainings for Adult Transition were proposed. Based on the February CAC minutes a Facilitated IEP Stakeholder training was proposed. Parents expressed interest in this training being virtual and wished to explore the option of having it held in Summer or early Fall. Parents requested a virtual training on the new electronic IEP system, SEIS, and how the forms would look in early Fall. An additional request was made for a virtual training around transition planning that would begin at the middle school level during the Spring. A request was made for a virtual training around the transition from preschool to TK/K in the winter months. A suggestion was made for questions to be emailed ahead of time so that parents can have questions answered in a way that is not specific to any one child. A request was made for ongoing virtual training around communicating with school teams and how to address issues that may arise. Inclusion was suggested as an additional virtual training.

7.0 Review EV SELPA CAC Bylaws

Dr. Metheny reviewed the current EV SELPA CAC Bylaws and guided a discussion about their format, purpose, and the process for updating them.

8.0 Select EV SELPA CAC Officers for 2024-2025

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 – Breanna Jueden-Pytel

Vice Chairperson – Arrissia Owen-Turner

Secretary – Jennifer Brooksby

9.0 Review/Approve Proposed CAC Meetings for 2024-2025

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 23, 2023

November 18, 2023

February 24, 2024

April 21, 2024

10.0 Adjournment

The virtual meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.