

SUPERINTENDENT'S SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY COUNCIL
Annex Board Room – HCOE
November 17, 2016 9:00 AM

Voting Members Present: Karla Darnall Brooke Davis Garry Eagles Richard Graey
Chris Hartley Craig Kimball Michael Quinlan Jan Schmidt
Catherine Scott Glen Senestraro Barbara Short Laurie Alexander (proxy)

Voting Members Absent: Steve Godla Fred Van Fleck

Non-Voting Members Present: Mindy Fattig Tess Ives Leslie Yale

Guests Present: Lynette Kerr Jeff Napier Holly Sage Melanie Susavilla
Leslie Yale

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chris Hartley.

2.0 ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA

None

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Richard Graey and seconded by Michael Quinlan to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried with all in favor.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Holly asked that her name be removed from the minutes and be unnamed in future minutes. Chris asked that the SELPA office look into the rules regarding a public forum minutes and will report the outcome at the January meeting.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 BSA Substitute Request

Mindy reviewed the qualification of the highly trained BSAs and explained the need for a substitute BSA to cover staff absences and emergencies that may arise. The approximate yearly cost would be \$60,000 and Mindy proposed a shared cost between the BLC/TLCs and user LEAs across the board on an hourly rate. The council agreed to move forward with the BSA Substitute position immediately and to hold further discussions on funding in January.

A motion was made by Glen Senestraro to move forward with hiring a Substitute BSA and to bring back funding discussion at the January Policy Council meeting. Jan Schmidt seconded the motion and it carried with all in favor.

6.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Review List of Outside Agency Special Education Fiscal Review Candidates

The members discussed the information provided from two agencies; FCMAT and an independent contractor and agreed that the timing to do a review might need to be postponed due to speculation that the PPIC might make a recommendation to the Governor to do away with or restructure the SELPAs. The announcement is scheduled for November 29th. Mindy will report back in January on the Governors actions. The members expressed concerns that if the services of SELPA were decentralized, who would do the checks and balances and Garry added that the SELPA structure is important to maintain. Until more information is received from the Governor the members proposed that SELPA provide a comprehensive self-review and report regarding district and county support and services.

Garry is still willing to fund an outside review but feels a good start is finding out what our SELPA requires first and then have the policy council decide on the areas that might need further outside review. Glen agreed and asked that a self-review be done at this time involving all the districts in a query sent out by Mindy. Chris said that he feels that most agree that a self-study is a better way to start and then if we need to go back to an outside review we'd have ground work and the idea of what we'd want reviewed. The members agreed to postpone the outside review and move forward with a self-review beginning with Mindy, the SELPA office and information from the LEAs. She will bring back a comprehensive report of all SELPA responsibilities to the January meeting. The members would like to see a district questionnaire sheet sent out and SELPA and the County provide information in the following

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Regional Services including staff FTE, list SELPA Staff and responsibilities, list County support including fiscal, programmatic and services.

6.2 AB602 Report

Mindy reported that the AB602 report had relatively few change from the previous year and preliminary count last spring. She explained that the process had changed this year with the SELPA office pulling the information directly from SEIS and the IEPs and then asking the districts to edit or approve the allocations. This process will hopefully give the districts and SELPA a more accurate streamlined process of accountability identifying the most severe students and having the funds more closely follow that students services.

6.3 Director's Report

Mindy reviewed current events at the state level including; Due Process filings, MOE changes to the LEA, Current reports due, Mental Health Audits, State Committees that Mindy is involved with, DINCS/PIR and shared information on the upcoming PPIC webcast date and log in information.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS

None

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catherine was contacted regarding an investigation of the DHHS in Southern Humboldt and offered contact information if others wished to be involved in the investigation. Mindy met with DHHS and the county and is encouraged by the new attempt for collaboration. Mindy will be meeting every other month with the deputies (Child Welfare Service and Mental Health). Chris said any collaboration to increase their level of understanding of the school system's responsibilities and scope is important. Mindy is also meeting with DN director of DHHS. Michael asked if regionally they should do the same. Glen said he is working on that setting up regional groups and can provide information to anyone interested.

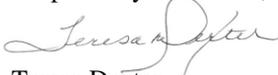
9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.1 January 26th Meeting – Working Meeting on Survey & Policies
- 9.2 Proposed Chargeback District run PALS program
- 9.3 BSA Substitute Funding
- 9.4 Review LEA responses of Survey

10:0 ADJOURNMENT

The council meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,



Teresa Dexter
SELPA Secretary