

East Valley SELPA
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2019

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Paula Bailey	Rialto Unified School District, Vice Chairperson
Katie Castruita	Redlands Unified School District, Chairperson
Dr. Patty Metheny	East Valley SELPA
Mirta Selbert Ramos	Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Courtney Beatty	East Valley SELPA
Susanne Ferguson	East Valley SELPA, Secretary
Heather Cross	SBCSS
Karla Kellems	Rim of the World
Rick Homutoff	East Valley SELPA

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: SELPA Administrator Dr. Patty Metheny, at the East Valley SELPA Office, 670 E. Carnegie Drive, San Bernardino, California, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2.0 DISCUSSION

2.1 Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Metheny welcomed everyone. Those present introduced themselves. The agenda was distributed. Ms. Cross, a parent whose child received services from San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS), introduced herself. She shared about her late son's educational experience. He passed away at the age of 23 in January of 2018. Ms. Cross expressed gratitude for the education and care he received throughout his school years. Karla Kellems, a parent of a 6-year-old boy with autism in Rim of the World Unified, attended the CAC meeting to learn more about the EV SELPA and resources.

2.2 Review of Minutes – February 25, 2019

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the February 25, 2019 meeting. Ms. Castruita moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Selbert Ramos seconded the motion. Ms. Castruita shared about her experience with the Optimist Games, which is hosted by the Optimist Club of Redlands. The Games include athletic events for students with special needs from the Redlands Unified School District. Dr. Homutoff notified the CAC about a Facebook video of the games which can be seen on the Redlands Unified School District web page. The CAC committee briefly reviewed the remaining resources detailed in the minutes document.

2.3 Review EV SELPA CAC Bylaws

Dr. Metheny distributed a copy of the bylaws. They were approved by the Steering Committee in December 2017. She reviewed all sections and the bylaws were once again approved. A discussion ensued about the EV SELPA Local Plan. California Ed Code has changed pertaining to the format of the Local Plan, but the details are not yet known. Dr. Metheny will email everyone when the details are finalized. The CAC discussed the EV SELPA website. The website has not been developed further lately, but this could change. The topic of parent trainings was discussed, and parent representatives shared how the trainings are disseminated in their districts. Dr. Metheny reviewed how representatives are appointed as well as who can join the CAC. Ms. Kellems asked if the CAC included representatives from charters. It currently does not, but charters are welcome. Ms. Bailey joined the meeting at 10:01 a.m. and introduced herself. Ms. Kellems suggested allowing CAC representatives or others to participate through a webinar or other app. Dr. Homutoff noted that representatives can participate by phone.

2.4 EV SELPA CAC Officers for 2019-2020

The CAC agreed to have all current CAC members continue in their current assignments and duties. The EV SELPA CAC officers for the 2019-2020 school year are:

Paula Bailey	Rialto Unified School District, Vice Chairperson
Katie Castruita	Redlands Unified School District, Chairperson
Susanne Ferguson	East Valley SELPA, Secretary
Dr. Patty Metheny	East Valley SELPA Are you an officer?
Mirta Selbert Ramos	Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District

2.5 Plan Parent In-Services for 2019-2020

Dr. Metheny asked the CAC to break into groups of three. She distributed the updated Transition Partnership Project Student/Parent Resource Guide to assist in the planning of parent trainings. The group reviewed the guide and discussed the following areas:

The What

Transition

Mental health and counseling

Student communication skills (AAC)

IEP knowledge

ABA/behavior

The How

The CAC discussed how to increase attendance at parent trainings. Parents do not typically explore the EV SELPA website. Can a QR code be added to the flyers or in the Guide itself? Can the EV SELPA website be linked to district websites? Ms. Kellems suggested providing childcare at parent trainings. Other suggestions included the

provision of food, prizes, transportation, mileage reimbursement, and certificates for attendance. In addition, a parent survey can be distributed to gain valuable parent input in an anonymous manner. Ms. Kellems suggested the need for a resource guide for school-aged kids, K-12. Ms. Cross brought up the topic of sex education and emergency management as potential areas for trainings.

The When

The CAC discussed the possibility of surveying parents about their preferences with respect to the scheduled times of trainings. Parent trainings could be held in a pattern, i.e., the second Tuesday of every month. Alternatively, a training with the same topic could be scheduled as a day training one month and as an evening training the following month.

The Where

The CAC discussed the possibility of holding the trainings at the EV SELPA or at district sites. The development of online webinars was also explored. Ms. Kellems suggested videotaping all the trainings, so parents can view them if they can't attend in person. The trainings can be kept in a catalog for parents to view and select from. The format might be produced as "voice over" of slides without showing the presenters. Parents would appreciate a certificate after completing the trainings. Students from the Regional Occupational Program (ROP) can be contacted to provide technical and production assistance.

2.6 Review Proposed CAC Meeting Dates for 2019-2020

Dr. Metheny distributed a list of proposed meeting dates. The committee approved the dates. The 2019-2020 CAC meetings are scheduled for:

September 23, 2019

December 18, 2019

February 24, 2020

April 20, 2020

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2019, in the Dorothy Inghram Learning Center (DILC), 670 E. Carnegie Drive, San Bernardino, CA. 92408. Mrs. Ferguson mentioned the 2019 Autism Hero Walk in San Bernardino and shared the resources she collected at the event. These resources will be scanned and emailed to CAC attendees. Some additional parent training topics were brought up prior to the adjournment of the CAC meeting, including immigration issues related to education, social skills training, and conservatorship.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.