

TEHAMA COUNTY SELPA
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
REGULAR MEETING
SELPA Conference Room
900 Palm Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
12:30 PM TO 1:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Lora Weightman, Teresa Moyer, Teresa Manning, Dan Steigman, Lillian Smith, Mark Pfaff

1. Call to Order

Veronica Coates, SELPA Director, called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

This section is generally approved collectively; however, any item in this section may be considered individually upon request. All items in this section request council approval.

- 2.1. Adoption of Agenda
- 2.2. Approval of April 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Lora Weightman motioned to adopt the agenda and approve the April 26, 2018 meeting minutes. Teresa Moyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote in favor: Lora Weightman, Teresa Moyer, Teresa Manning, Dan Steigman, Lillian Smith

0 opposed/0 abstained:

3. Public Input

There was no public input.

4. CAPTAIN: California Autism Professional Training and Information Network Update

Veronica Coates indicated that the SELPA has nominated Aubrie Fulk and Jamie Manning to serve within the CAPTAIN network.

Mark Pfaff, SELPA Administrator, provided updated information on the Statewide CAPTAIN Network and evidence based practices for students on the Autism Spectrum.

A PowerPoint presentation on CAPTAIN (California Autism Professional Training and Network) and evidence based practices for students on the Autism Spectrum was provided. Mark shared that more than 90 percent of California SELPAs participate in CAPTAIN which is a network of trainers that provide evidenced based practices to schools and parents.

Mark reviewed AFIRM (Autism Focused Intervention Resources & Modules) learning modules. Mark indicated that the Learn.the.Signs.Act.Early is an initiative that helps with assessing needs by tracking milestones and applying early interventions. Mark shared the website and milestone tracker app information with the CAC members. The app is free with access to materials which can be customized for any organization. The website also has PowerPoint presentations that can be customized. The CAPTAIN website has a link to the AFIRM website which provides resources and explains evidence based practices. Mark walked the CAC members through how to access these resources.

Mark shared he has provided some of these trainings to preschool teachers, other educators in our county, and Tehama County Health Department. It was suggested by a CAC member that the evidenced based chart would be a good resource for providers and school staff to bring to IEPs to reference. Mark also reiterated that parents can access these training opportunities online as well. Parents are desiring more knowledge on evidence based practices and how to relay this information during the IEP team, as well as how to look up these practices that may be beneficial in the home environment as well. Mark and the CAC discussed future goals for educational providers to participate in ASIST modules. The SELPA has CAPTAIN trainers that are available to present to districts or parent groups. The Academic Development Institute (ADI) website has a parent guide which contains an overview, step by step guide and implementation checklist as a resource as well. Mark stated the importance of going through the modules with a coach or trainer for fidelity implementation. Mark stated that PENT is a similar network for behavior and we can bring back more information to the CAC on PENT's network and resources.

5. Local Plan Update

The SELPA Local Plan was approved by all LEA/District Boards as of October 31, 2018 and submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) on November 1, 2018. The CDE approval process updates will be provided as they are acquired.

6. CAC New Term Limits

The CAC term limits end in January 2019 and current members are welcome to continue attending the CAC, even if their districts do not approve them via their school boards. All members indicated they would like to continue with the exception of Dan Steigman. Teresa Manning indicated she will be representing Richfield District as her student will be attending school there, and she will no longer be representing Corning Union Elementary District. Currently the CAC has representatives from Antelope, Evergreen, Corning Union High School and Corning Union Elementary districts. Veronica will recruit from Corning Union Elementary and other smaller districts.

7. SELPA Director's Report

Changes in special education law were reviewed and discussed. There is a new mandate that includes special education students in districts LCAP. The eligibility and services for educational based physical therapy has changed and no longer requires a doctor prescription.

Veronica relayed that Governor Elect Newsom has placed inclusive preschools as a high priority and is committed to special education. The Governor's budget comes out on January 10, 2019.

Veronica provided information related to trends of students eligible with disabilities and discussed some trends. Autism and Other Health Impairment are two of our fastest growing disabilities, mirroring much of the state. There is also an increase in seventh and eighth grade classes impacting the high schools as students matriculate.

There is an increase in disputes and litigation in our area. The need for training in the area of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Best practices in assessments/IEP development were discussed as needs that could potentially prevent disputes. There was discussion on experiences of disputes from a parent perspective.

A Doodle poll will be sent to CAC members to schedule the next meeting where any new CAC Members nominated and approved by LEAs/Districts will be introduced.

8. Adjournment

Veronica Coates adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.