



Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Location: Please click the link to register for this meeting

Meeting URL: <https://edcoe.zoom.us/j/86272769243?pwd=TFZzUFZQamtxNHNzdzdvdRDRnOE5wdz09>

Attendees:

Adela	Hilda	Robin Ryan
April Key-Lee	Jennifer Noah	Sarah
Crystal Bennett	Jim Vue	Selina Zhan
Devin Zitin	Jon Gundry	Shalene Wright
Demi Cooks	Julia Li	Stacey Perez
Emily Caudle	Laura Soto	Zubida Bakheit
Erika	Lauren Reynolds	Chris Edington
Evan Henry	Lucy Halliwell, Byron	Margaret Johnston
Herbert W. Cooley		

Charter SELPA Attendees:

Amy Ferguson, Administrative Assistant	Laura Newell, Program Assistant
Bradley Larsen, Program Specialist	Matt Wintheiser, Program Specialist
Kelly Hewitt, Program Coordinator	Meredith Akers, Program Specialist

1. Opening Items

1.1 Introductions/Welcome

Matt Wintheiser, Program Specialist for the Charter SELPA introduced himself and the ADR workgroup. Attendees added their names and LEA affiliation to the chat.

1.2 Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was shared in the Zoom chat. A quorum was not established; therefore, there was no motion to approve the agenda.

1.4 Public Comment

Public Comment started at 4:13 PM; no public comments were made.

2. Consent Items

2.1 Approval of prior meeting minutes (October 17, 2023)

2.2 The prior meeting minutes were shared in the Zoom chat. A quorum was not established for approval of prior meeting minutes.

3. Information Items

3.1 SELPA Updates

- Introduction of new ADR Workgroup Member: Program Specialist Bradley Larsen gave a brief overview of his career and excitement for being a part of the Charter SELPA, AD Workgroup, and CAC.
- El Dorado Charter SELPA Local Plan – Governance Section B: an overview shared of the Local Plan and the three-year Section B cycle.
- SELPA Priorities and Professional Learning
Mental Health/Behavior Workgroup has re-designed verbal de-escalation training, rolling out additional tiered behavior training, is collaborating with the Family Resource Centers Network on new ways to support students and families, and has created a crisis prevention newsletter for school staff.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Workgroup is developing relationships with Family Empowerment Centers (FECs) across California to help connect schools and parents to the valuable support of regional FECs.

Compliance/Monitoring Workgroup is developing internal support structures for Program Specialists to support our LEAs with creating well-crafted plans to support students with significant disabilities.

Program Quality Workgroup is adding an Education Specialist Academy in the spring and is creating an Extensive Support Needs Resource Guide as a resource for students with significant disabilities.

It was announced that there have been over 10,000 registered attendees since July 2023 for Professional Learning Offerings through the Charter SELPA.

- Micro Learnings with Attorney Heather Edwards: This resource was shared again as a link in the chat.
- Bright Spots in Education Podcast: shared content from the last episode and how to access via Charter SELPA website, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts.
- Family Empowerment Centers (FEC): Guest Speakers April Key-Lee with Family Resource Navigators and Robin Ryan with Seeds of Partnership. Meredith Akers highlighted the partnership with Family Empowerment Centers and the resources and training available for families with children with special needs to better understand their child's educational and developmental needs.

Robin shared an overview of how Family Empowerment Centers were established and what they offer to families. She also shared the role Seeds of Partnership, a project funded by CDE, has in various initiatives and providing statewide training and technical assistance for the Family Empowerment Centers and the Family Empowerment Disability Council.

Their website, www.seedsofpartnership.org, has a tool to find FECs by county.

April shared an overview of Family Resource Navigators, which supports families of

children with developmental delays, disabilities, and complex medical needs within Alameda County. They are family-driven, multilingual, and multicultural, are extensively trained, and have experiential knowledge of systems for families or as a person with a disability. They assist with helping families get connected to needed services while partnering and coaching them along the way.

Family Resource Navigator's Family Resource Center created a Padlet as a digital resource of vetted information for families of children with disabilities. Their website, www.familyresourcenavigators.org was also shared.

Crystal Bennet asked if they help with Military Families.

This is not specific to the military, but if a family needs support, the FRN can help connect them with partners. Support will be different depending on the FEC you are working with, and it was suggested to reach out to your local FEC to find out what support they may have.

Lucy Halliwell asked for a link or QR code and Matt Wintheiser offered to share the link directly.

3.2 Updates from Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

Student Success Stories

Zabida Bakheit encouraged everyone to share in this collaborative space and thanked whoever was brave enough to share.

There were no student success stories shared.

3.3 Parent Resources and Opportunities

- Charter SELPA website update

The Parent Resource Page has been updated, all broken links have been fixed and this is where all CAC information can be found.

- Legislative Sharing Day

Kelly requested that any parent interested in attending contact her directly.

- Inspiration to Action Symposium

February 9, 2024, in San Diego.

- CAC Membership Information

It was shared that Emily Caudle was in attendance as our board-approved CAC member. If you are interested in becoming a board-approved SELPA CAC representative, please inquire directly with your school.

3.4 Future Meeting Date

- April 23, 2024

4. Closing Items

4.1 Call for future agenda items

No future agenda items were shared.

4.2 SELPA Contacts

The ADR Workgroup contact list was shared.

4.3 Questions

No questions were asked.

4.4 Adjournment

A quorum was not established; therefore, there was no motion to adjourn. The meeting closed at 5:00 p.m.

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