The Glenn County SELPA Governance Committee held a regular meeting on the above date at the GCOE Willows Admin Building, 311 S. Villa Avenue, Willows, CA  95988

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**
- Jacki Campos, SELPA Director
- Jim Scribner, Capay Joint USD
- Nikol Baker, Lake School District
- Ken Geisick, Orland USD
- Patrick Conklin, Plaza School District
- Mort Geivett, Willows USD
- Charles Tracy, Hamilton Unified SD
- Tracey Quarne, County Superintendent
- Korey Williams, Princeton Joint USD
- Kevin Triance, Stony Creek Joint USD

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**DESIGNEES PRESENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**
- Ronnie Stenquist, Judy Holzapfel, Kerri Hubbard, Dusty Thompson, Jen Cox, Jack Lucas, Linda Riggle, Lisa Morgan, Judy Corum, Laura Romano, Tom Cox, Bill Gillespie

1.0 **Call to Order:** The regular SELPA meeting was called to order at 8:35
2.0 **Pledge of Allegiance**
3.0 **Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call**
4.0 **Approve June 11, 2018 SELPA Meeting Minutes:** Jim Scribner (Capay) motioned to approve the minutes. Charles Tracy (HUSD) second. All ayes. Minutes approved as submitted.
5.0 **Discussion/Action Items**

5.1 ERMHS Annual Report: Laura Romano, ERMHS Coordinator, presented the ERMHS Report from 2017-2018.

5.2 Fiscal Analyst Draft Report: Jack Lucas presented the Fiscal Analyst Draft. In the last 3-4 years special ed statewide has grown. Glenn County SELPA expenditures have not increased in line with other SELPA expenditures statewide. Other SELPA’s statewide average an increase of 37.58% in the last 7 years totaling 60-70% in local contribution, while Glenn County has been at less than 50%, averaging at 47%. In the last 7 years local contribution has increased by $425,473. Throughout the state local contributions have become the primary source of funding rather than state entitlement. Jack Lucas stated that it appears Glenn County SELPA has done a lot of work around controlling costs. Jack Lucas shared that special education can only been getting small COLA increases, and other funding increases have all gone to general education. According to his analysis Jack does not forecast any additional funding and we should plan on the state funding the SELPA on a deficit model.

Federal excess cost is based on districts viewing every student as a student of general education first and as special education student second. Special education is currently funded through state, federal, and local contributions. Jack Lucas reviewed the philosophy of the current fiscal allocation model and the idea of economy of scale with Glenn being such a small SELPA. One of the responsibilities of the SELPA is to ensure a continuum of services for all students in the SELPA and working together is the only way to achieve this. The current allocation model is complicated, but it is also flexible and Jack said it was a valid method. Jack Lucas further explained how the allocation model works.

In regards to OUSD, Jack Lucas discussed that the SELPA as a whole needs to evaluate what would happen if OUSD were to “takeback” services, what that would mean for Orland and what it would mean for the rest of the SELPA. The draft report shows a preliminary mockup of what this may look for the programs with numbers of students only. The report did not take into account the types of students, the specific needs or services of the
students. Jack noted that our regional classrooms are operating at a much higher student to teacher ratio than other SELPAs. Jack also reported that if a district tries to leave a SELPA and it would be catastrophic to the other districts, the State Board of Education block that action.

Jack Lucas recommends Glenn SELPA use program consideration as the most important force behind driving change, not the costs. Approaching changes from this perspective ensures we are providing a continuum of services. Jack cautioned that we must remember our role as Glenn SELPA and providing services to students as our primary goal. Cost control is important, but cannot take precedent over high quality, legally defensible programs. OUSD, Ken Geisick, reminded the team of the Special Education Task Force Report recommending that districts should run their own mild/moderate programs. Jack Lucas confirmed that it is not very common to see districts contract mild/moderate services to another provider in his experience. Jack Lucas stated that the advantages of having one provider of services is the continuity of services and overall quality control of programs. When each district runs a program, they can become very “person dependent” and if that key person leaves the program can fall apart.

Jack Lucas reviewed the AU and the SELPA Office costs and recommends these costs are separated from the program budget. He recommends Glenn SELPA either divide up the costs separately from programming costs, or take those costs off the top and then dealing with revenue and program cost. Currently the cost is made up of 3 components; Program, AU, and SELPA office.

5.3 Regional Programs Reporting: SELPA director, Jacki Campos opened a discussion about reporting discipline, attendance, and registering students at their school of attendance in regional programs. The group agreed that regional students needed to be registered in the district of attendance, that regional programs would report their own attendance and discipline.

5.4 GE & Nursing: The discussion continued regarding the SELPA’s request to have the County Superintendent, Tracey Quarne, fund the general education portion of the School Nurses position. Approximately 25% is spent doing General Ed activities. Tracey Quarne will approach districts about this cost.

6.0 Committee Reports: None

7.0 Information Items

7.1 YTD QCC Printout: The year to date comparative budget was distributed.

7.2 OUSD Fiscal Report: The report was distributed. No major changes. After discussion with Jack Lucas OUSD realized that not including indirect cost in the expense of special education does not truly reflect the cost to run the program.

7.3 State SELPA Report: Jacki Campos provided the State SELPA report.

7.4 Staff/Program Updates & Changes

7.4.1 GCOE: An agreement was reached to hire a PT from Tehama County. We also hired OT through a staffing agency.

7.4.2 OUSD: No updates

7.5 Communications

8.0 Public and Committee Comments on Non-Agenda Items

9.0 Adjournment: 10:40