

Glenn County SELPA Governance

Committee Meeting

Capay, Glenn County Office of Education, Hamilton Unified, Lake, Orland Unified, Plaza, Princeton, Stony Creek, Willows Unified

Minutes of January 23, 2024 Meeting

Glenn County Office of Education – Willows Administration Office
311 S. Villa Ave. Willows, CA 95988

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jacki Campos	SELPA Director
Amber Calonico	Walden Academy
Patrick Conklin	Plaza Elementary School
Shane Humphries	Lake Elementary School District
Emmett Koerperich	Willows Unified School District
Victor Perry	Orland Unified School District
Jeremy Powell	Hamilton Unified School District
Tyler Rutledge	Capay Elementary School District

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Ochs (Princeton), Ryan Bentz (GCOE), Emily Pendell (SCJUSD)

DESIGNEES PRESENT: Nikol Baker (GCOE) for Ryan Bentz

OTHERS PRESENT: Jen Boone, Laura Romano, Arné Stanfield, Dusty Thompson, Debbie Costello, Molly Lex, Molly Fiorella

1. **Call to Order at 9:02 am by Nikol Baker (GCOE)**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call**
4. **Approve November 14, 2023 SELPA Meeting Minutes**
M: Plaza (PC), 2nd Capay (TR), **Vote:** Motion approved unanimously
5. **Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:** *None*
6. **Discussion/Action Items**
 - 6.1. **Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS):** Laura Romano, ERMHS coordinator - GCOE, provided the annual report on services provided through the ERMHS program. Laura provided general information about what comprises ERMHS Services and invited the committee to ask questions. Tier II Services are those provided at the school site(s), Tier III services are students that are placed and supported in the Osprey or Eagle programs. The data being tracked is progress toward student goals; there was marked progress toward academic and social-emotional goals. Laura informed the group that two assessments are conducted during the year: the Child Assessment of Needs and Services – in which, the higher the score, the more needs are present, and the Risk Resiliency assessment, in which a higher score is an indication of stronger supports. If there is ‘inability to assess’ that means that there may have not been enough time with that student or there were other factors which led to the student resisting assessment. Laura reported that Tier III services have been pretty stable, but the Tier II counts have been increasing. Overall, the progress has been consistent with prior years although Laura reported that the work has felt more difficult in recent years. Additionally, the increase in students has been a concern that is being monitored.
 - 6.2. **Regional Programs:** Jacki Campos (GCOE) reviewed a prior discussion regarding the implementation of a strategic plan for the Regional programs with updated recommendations for the 2024/25 year. Mill St moving to Capay has been successful and was the most recent update to the programs; Jacki was pleased to report that this has also resulted in fewer necessary closures. Plaza is still on track to be a Middle School program as the younger students are not being replaced as they age into higher grades and the enrolled numbers are dropping to a more reasonable number. Jacki noted that preschool numbers are pretty high, and clarified that these are not

speech students, but children needing some more specialized instruction. Furthermore, there are quite a few more coming in the next year. It was also noted that Adult Transition caseloads are increasing, and in line with prior planning, a second Adult Transition class needs to be developed. Aides and support staff were increased and approved in the model last year (for 2023-24) with only an Education Specialist position being needed to make another class viable. The increase would be approximately \$91,074 for the Education Specialist (salary plus health/wellness and statutory benefits).

7. Committee Reports

7.1. Fiscal Oversight Committee Meetings: Patrick Conklin (Plaza) reported that there was no prior meeting to review; the last fiscal meeting was reviewed at the November SELPA Governance meeting. Jacki noted that a special meeting has been scheduled for February 5, 2024 and next scheduled committee meeting is March 11, 2024. However due to a conflict with a conference, the March 11, 2024 meeting needs to be rescheduled. Patrick moved to change the meeting date by one week, to the 18th of March.

M: Plaza (PC), **2nd** Capay (TR), **Vote:** Motion approved unanimously to move the March 11th meeting to March 18th, 2024.

8. Information Items

8.1. Compliance and Improvement Monitoring: Jacki reviewed updates on the compliance process for the LEAs making up the Glenn County SELPA. A link to the complete presentation from CDE is available on the website for SELPA; the presentation has more comprehensive information with specific timelines and requirements. Jacki reviewed a summary of Ongoing Compliance Activities. Jacki is meeting with the districts to finalize plans for monitoring. Small LEAs will be selected randomly over the next few years for compliance reviews regardless of performance. Districts will receive their annual determination letters in March.

8.2. CDE Updates: Jacki went over a CDE presentation highlighting updates for new directors by Rachel Heenan, Ed.D. - the Director of CDE's Special Education Division. The new Director worked with Special Education programs in Long Beach and has several years of experience with those programs which is a welcome development. Jacki noted the CDE presentation regarding the current updates goes into more depth and is also linked on the website, but wanted to point out that Rachel confirmed that Special Ed programs will be required to implement the DRDP in the coming school year so districts will want to prepare to work with Special Education staff to complete those in the new school year.

8.3. Medical Therapy Units: Jacki reviewed updates to the program as partnered with California Children's Services (CCS). Glenn County CCS let Jacki know they do not have staff and they are planning on contracting with Butte County to provide services in Butte. Butte has agreed to host the CCS MTU program. Jacki noted that we have a lot of equipment for Medical Therapy Unit that Butte has already indicated they do not need, it will go into storage until there is a need and/or these services move back to Glenn. Patrick asked how many students this would affect and Jacki indicated that about 40 kids would need to go to Butte County – either Chico or Oroville. The Orland Unified building that had been used for Medical Therapy Unit will no longer be needed. The only cost to SELPA is for specialty equipment and facility space/rent, CCS provides the necessary staff. Under the new arrangement, Glenn SELPA would still be responsible for providing the necessary equipment at the new site(s) if needed. Victor Perry (OUSD) asked how that was determined and Jacki clarified that any equipment must be prescribed by a medical professional. Jen Boone (OUSD) asked if Butte hosts for other counties, and whether there would be a release of liability in the MOU for Glenn. Jacki confirmed that Butte does not host for any other counties and that a proposal was made to keep the services within Glenn County but it was not accepted. Debby Costello (WUSD) asked if there has been any review of state regulation as to whether this would be acceptable with the responsible state agency overseeing this program. Mr. Perry indicated that it would be in the best interest of the SELPA to have that confirmation in writing so there are no unexpected bills/fines in the future. Jacki noted that the agreement that is coming will spell out the terms with authorization from DHCS. Molly Fiorella (OUSD) asked about students requiring OT/PT services typically provided by Medical Therapy Unit, and how to connect them with those services, including transportation, and Jacki noted that would require more discussion.

8.4. Fiscal Report

8.4.1. GCOE Fiscal Report - Arné Stanfield (GCOE) spoke to the current report and spending that has been seen at this point in the year. As a whole, the programs are under budget with adjustments having been made at first interim.

8.4.2. OUSD Fiscal Report – Jen Boone (OUSD) covered the Orland Unified Fiscal report as it pertains to

Special Education services and funding. Jen noted that there is currently a negative account balance in the services budget (obj 5xxx) due to the use of Tele-Psych services that will be adjusted at second interim.

8.5. Staff/Program Updates & Changes

8.5.1.GCOE – Jacki informed the committee that three more aides have been hired and a new clinician that will start at the beginning of March working with Orland Unified and Plaza (M/M); the clinician is also bilingual (Spanish). GCOE still does not have a Preschool and Osprey teacher. The current Preschool teacher is currently supporting 25 three to four year olds which is not tenable long-term and Osprey is maintaining with rotating subs. There are currently five students at Osprey.

8.5.2.OUSD – Molly Fiorella (OUSD) reported that they need Psychologists but fully staffed with Aides and are working on getting applicants for next year.

9. Communications: *None*

10. Public and Committee Comments on Non-Agenda Items: Victor Perry spoke about a meeting with GCOE to better understand the Allocation model. Victor suggested that the Fiscal Committee look at the categories in the model and/or positions in goal/function to make sure there wasn't a way to save money (e.g. analyzing transportation to see if routing software could provide a cost savings, etc.). The suggestion was to look at one or two per year. Patrick agreed, but asked for clarification on what data should be studied specifically to provide the necessary guidance. Victor indicated it would just be useful for those areas to be reviewed periodically, using the transportation example, continuing to look at the cost and make sure there wasn't a better way to use the resources available. Debby Costello noted that the addition of Wi-Fi on buses was included with e-rate this year and could be bundled with a routing software purchase potentially for additional savings. Jeremy Powell (HUSD) indicated that HUSD is no longer required to provide differentiated assistance and wanted to thank Jacki Campos and the Special Education team.

11. Adjournment at 9:59 am

***** Next Meeting Date February 27, 2024 Orland, CA - 9:00am. *****