

From Home to School to Community

Southwest Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 9-21-11
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Southwest SELPA Auditorium
320 Knob Hill Avenue
Redondo Beach, CA 90277**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Rosalinda Garcia

Opening remarks by Chair, Rosalinda Garcia

Present:

II. Business Portion of the Meeting

Rosalinda Garcia

Approval of Agenda/Minutes (May, 2011) – additions/changes – Agenda and minutes were approved.

Business: The CAC past chair and current chair met in July to discuss this year's CAC. Concerns were addressed about parent involvement. Help is needed in getting the word out. Networking is important. A parents needs survey will be developed and handed out at the first CAC meeting to find out what parents are interested in learning from the CAC meetings.

III. Director's Report

Mary P. Ring

Introduction of Mary P. Ring, new SELPA Director. Mary has been on the job since July 1, 2011. She has 25 years in the SELPA in numerous roles; school psychologist, coordinator, director and a parent of a special needs student. Review of CAC goals and purpose was discussed. The CAC met in July and identified the needs for more parent input and attendance.

Current SELPA information was shared. The SELPA is serving 12, 200 families. 50% of students served received 80% of their services in the general education classroom.

- Early Start Services (0-5) – 1000 students served.
- Adult Transition (18-22) – 575 students served.

Overall SELPA is providing special education services to 13% of the student population.

- Compliance:
 - Successful search and serve
 - High compliance
 - High parent satisfaction

- Concerns:
 - Budget – funding has been significantly impacting our programs.
 - General Education stability is at-risk and it will effect us.

- Mental Health:

The Shift in services was reported. AB3632 is no longer in effect. Major changes will be occurring statewide. Services currently in your child's IEP are protected. The SELPA is working closely with Director's and Superintendent's, Regional, and State workgroups to develop programs and local options and new service options for students.

IV. Public Input

V. Program: Meet your Southwest SELPA Staff. Introductions by SW SELPA Staff and Services offered were given.

Attendees: Jennifer Fisher, Christy Cole, Rosalinda Garcia, Michael Pierini, Ruth Grau, Warren Grau, Linda Gutierrez, Marc Purchin, Dr. Marsha, Dyanelle Sanford, Beth Lippes Inabinet, Vivian Williams, Vicki Warner, Marta Avila, Robert Dell Oro, Judee Coleman, Peter Johnson, Kerri Knight-Teague, Jason Checca, Mark Scott, Liz Leandres, Sydney Quon.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Christy Cole, Parent Support Coordinator