OPEN SESSION

PRESENT
John Bowes, Superintendent, Davis Joint Unified School District
Andy Parsons, Assistant Superintendent, Washington Unified School District
Todd Cutler, Superintendent, Winters Joint Unified School District
Tom Pritchard, Superintendent, Woodland Joint Unified School District
Garth Lewis, Superintendent, Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE)
Elizabeth Engelken, Assistant Superintendent/Director, Yolo SELPA

ABSENT
Christina Goennier, Superintendent, Esparto Unified School District

VISITORS/STAFF
Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Admin. Services, YCOE

03-02-I CALL TO ORDER
Superintendent Lewis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Yolo County Office of Education, Community Room.

03-02-II CONSENT

2.1 Approval of March 2, 2020 Agenda
2.2 Approval of January 13, 2020 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent items.
(Pritchard, Cutler)

Discussion: None.

The motion carried unanimously. Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Luna, Cutler, Pritchard and Lewis.
Noes: None.
Absent: Bowes, Goennier.

Superintendent Bowes arrived at 8:32 a.m.

03-02-III RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/STAFF

Staff members were welcomed.
03-02-IV YOLO SELPA INFORMATION

4.1 Discuss Horizon Program Addition and Location

Ms. Engelken provided a chart of current students attending YCOE Horizon program classes. A bubble of students attend the two high school classes in the Davis and Woodland locations. The staffing ratios for these classes have exceeded guidelines for the past several months and information from PAC discussion indicates the need for program space to address student needs within the SELPA.

The program directors and CBOs have discussed concerns over the staffing ratios in these classes and have recommended opening a third location in the Washington Unified School District, as all current WUSD students in this program attend the Davis classroom. PAC has further discussed the benefit of a third classroom providing flexibility in placement, allowing students in the West Sacramento location of Yolo County opportunities for inclusion where appropriate.

Superintendents discussed the third classroom cost projection, shifting of resources and staff, and anticipated class sizes across the grade levels.

Ms. Engelken reviewed the updated estimates of the per pupil cost to open a third Horizon class. The estimates were based on the October 2, 2019 Pupil Count. She reminded members that per pupil costs can fluctuate depending on potential referrals, overall program numbers and students who may be able to return to a county program from an NPS setting.

Superintendents will discuss this proposal further with their program and business directors before the next Council meeting.

Ms. Engelken will provide grade levels and the percentage of time the current students spend in the Horizon classes. If there are questions, she encouraged Superintendents to contact her.

4.2 Discuss Preschool Inclusion Program in Winters

Ms. Engelken said an opportunity has been presented to add a preschool class in Winters which would expand the continuum of services to preschool children. The class would be operated by YCOE, and would offer opportunities for inclusion. The classroom would be located in the Early Education Center in Winters. Ms. Engelken is currently working with YCOE special education staff to develop an inclusive practices model, offering an option to preschool students requiring class-based services in the western most part of our SELPA.

This item will come forward at the next Council meeting for approval.

4.3 Discuss Local Plan Rewrite 2019-2020

Ms. Engelken discussed the current CDE requirement to rewrite the SELPA’s Local Plan. There is a statewide template which our SELPA is following to develop the Local Plan. The Annual Budget and Service Plans will be brought
forward for approval as part of this document and the SELPA policies will be considered attachments.

Superintendents reviewed the Local Plan Governance, Section B template. Ms. Engelken highlighted the portions applicable to the Administrative Unit’s responsibilities, the SELPA’s governing bodies, and the functions required of the SELPA.

4.4 Discuss Mental Health Funds Allocation Policy Revision

The Mental Health Funds Allocation Policy 3100.72, that was approved with recommended language at the last meeting, was presented. Ms. Engelken reviewed the approved suggestions: The residential pool will not exceed $300,000 per year and a paragraph regarding the planning of budget estimates around the mental health fund allocation.

03-02-V SELPA DIRECTOR REPORT

5.1 State SELPA Fiscal and Legislative Report

Ms. Engelken reviewed the Governor’s trailer bill and initial budget proposal. She discussed the new special education funding model which is based on a 3 year rolling average of ADA. On February 14th there was a recommendation to replace AB602 with a two prong model which is projected to bring our SELPA an increase of $2.9 million. In March the PAC/CBO Joint Advisory Committee will consider how these funds will impact our local model and what districts can anticipate in terms of fiscal increases.

Ms. Engelken said the legislation has a continued focus on NPS monitoring and restraint and seclusion practices. The legislation requires announced and unannounced visits to non-public schools. Our SELPA has already conducted several of these visits to our local non-public schools.

5.2 SELPA Activities

Ms. Engelken discussed the following upcoming SELPA events:

- “Intelligent Lives” March 26, 2020
- Legislative Sharing Day, April 29, 2020
- CAC Annual Awards, May 4, 2020

03-02-VI ADJOURNMENT

Superintendent Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

May 4, 2020, 8:30 AM
Yolo County Office of Education
Community Room, Suite 100
1280 Santa Anita Court, Woodland, CA 95776

Respectfully submitted by Vinceena Irgens, Administrative Assistant