



**DESERT/MOUNTAIN SELPA
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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
MEETING **MEETING MINUTES****

November 16, 2023

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: CAHELP JPA – Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Heidi Chavez, Program Manager Regional Services called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

1.1.1 Heidi greeted all those who were attending the virtual meeting.

ATTENDEES:

Diana Robertson-Ramos (Hesperia)

Karen Ware (Taylion HDA)

Nicole Yeager (Trona)

Suzanne Jennings (Victor Elem)

Stephanie Van Epps (Southern CA Flex)

Susan Bennis (AVUSD)

Vianca Padilla (SELPA)

Pam DeRenard (Snowline)

Martha Hernandez (Allegiance Steam)

Christina Leal

Anne Laird

Laura Welsh

Theresa Rangel

Jacquelyn Rodriguez

Marysol Hurtado

Linda Lapierre

2.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The general public is encouraged to participate in the deliberation of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Several opportunities are available during the meeting for the CAC to receive oral communication regarding the presentations of any items listed on the agenda. Please ask for recognition either before a presentation or after the presentation has been completed.

- General public present
 - The public did not participate in the meeting portion of CAC.

3.0 CONSENT ITEMS

It is recommended that the CAC consider approving several Agenda items as a Consent list. Consent items are routine in nature and can be enacted in one motion without further discussion. Consent items may be called up by any CAC Member at the meeting for clarification, discussion, or change.

3.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the following Consent Items be approved as presented:

- Action to Approve Minutes of Sept. 21, 2023
 - **MOVED BY** Anne Laird to approve the minutes of Sept. 21, 2023.
 - **SECOND BY** Karen Ware
 - Motion carried and was **approved** unanimously.
- Action to Approve Agenda for Nov. 16, 2023
 - **MOVED BY** Susan Bennis
 - **SECOND BY** Anne Laird
 - Motion carried and was **approved** unanimously.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Call for Nominations of CAC Chairperson

- Program Manager Heidi Chavez called for nominations. Although Heidi offered to help anyone who may be interested in the position, no nominations were brought forward. Heidi said that our current Vice Chairperson is working on her doctorate degree so is unable to take over at this time. Heidi offered to accept the position if nominated.

4.2 Motion to appoint Heidi Chavez as CAC Chairperson:

- **MOVED BY** Karen Ware
- **SECOND BY** Susan Bennis
- Motion carried and was **approved** unanimously.

5.0 REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

5.1 Information Items

5.1.1 Charter SELPA Updates

- Heidi reported that there are currently 2 member profiles that have been submitted: Balington San Bernardino and Options for Youth (applications have not yet been submitted).

5.1.2 Professional Learning Updates

- 5.1.2.1 OT/PT Training Being Offered to District Staff

There are Regional Trainings and Collaborative groups being held and can be found in the DM SELPA Professional Learning Guide on the CAHELP website.

5.1.3 IMTSS Symposium - February 21, 2023

- “Reconnecting the Dots: Empowering Students and Educators for Success”

This is a great professional development opportunity for educators. Educator ‘burnout’ is prevalent. Students attending college for education is at an all-time low across the state and country. We need to support educators and offer SEL not only to students but to staff. We need to help retain educators in the profession.

6.0 PRESENTATION

- 6.1 Presentation: #ActNow - Fentanyl Awareness Presenter: Jacquelyn Rodriguez, Public Affairs Officer, San Bernardino District Attorney’s Office

7.0 MATTER BROUGHT BY THE COMMUNITY

No matters were brought forward.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Desert/Mountain SELPA CAC will be held on **Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. CAC Representative Business Meeting and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Presentation Community Connections: Tapping into Resources** by Jessica Soto, JPA Community Outreach Lead Specialist. Virtual.

A motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. was made by Karen Ware and was seconded by Susan Bennis.

- Motion carried and **approved.**