

**North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area
Superintendent Cabinet
Minutes of Meeting August 25, 2023**

Location/Time: NOC SELPA Office/ 9:30 a.m.

In Attendance:

Dr. Robert Pletka, Superintendent, Fullerton School District, and Chairperson of the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet
Dr. Julienne Lee, Superintendent, Buena Park School District
Dr. Steve McLaughlin, Superintendent, Fullerton Joint Union High School District
Dr. Mario Carlos, Superintendent, La Habra City School District
Mr. Jim Coombs, Superintendent, Lowell Joint School District
Dr. Ramon Miramontes, Deputy Superintendent, Orange County Department of Education
Mrs. Renee Hedrick, Associate Superintendent, Orange County Department of Education
Mrs. Analee Kredel, Chief of Special Education Services, Orange County Department of Education
Dr. Robin Gilligan, Director, North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area

I. Call to Order:

Superintendent Dr. Robert Pletka called to order the North Orange County (NOC) Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Superintendent Cabinet Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

II. Approval of the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Superintendent Cabinet Meeting Agenda for August 25, 2023.

The North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Superintendent Cabinet Meeting Agenda for August 25, 2023 was presented.

A motion to approve the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Meeting Agenda for August 25, 2023 was initiated by Mr. Jim Coombs. Dr. Steve McLaughlin seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No

Motion carried.

III. Open Session:

Superintendent Dr. Robert Pletka called for any communication from the public. No communication from the public was provided.

IV. Action Item(s):

1.0 Approval of the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Superintendent Cabinet Minutes of Meeting May 19, 2023.

The North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Superintendent Cabinet Minutes of Meeting May 19, 2023 was presented for approval.

A motion to approve the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Minutes of Meeting May 19, 2023 was initiated by Dr. Steve McLaughlin. Dr. Mario Carlos seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No

Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of the Revised North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area 2023-2024 Superintendent Cabinet Meeting Dates

There was discussion regarding a training being offered by the Orange County Department of Education for Superintendents during the upcoming school year. The training dates conflict with currently scheduled 2023-2024 NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet meetings on November 17, 2023 and January 19, 2024.

Three options were proposed in order to accommodate the November and January training dates:

1. Maintain the current schedule of 2023-2024 NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Meetings and do not make any changes.
2. Hold the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet meetings after the Orange County Superintendent meetings in November 2023 and January 2024.
3. Reschedule the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet meetings in November 2023 and January 2024 to a proposed alternative date/time.

After reviewing alternative dates and times for both meetings, it was proposed that the November 2023 NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Meeting be held on November 17, 2023 at 1:15 p.m following the Orange County Superintendent meeting and the January 2024 NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Meeting be held on January 29, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Jim Coombs initiated a motion to approve the proposed new dates and times for the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet meetings in November 2023 and January 2024. Dr. Steve McLaughlin seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No

Motion carried.

3.0 Approval of the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area 2022-2023 Regionalized Services and Mental Health Reserves Distribution

The NOC SELPA 2022-2023 Regionalized Services and Mental Health Reserves distribution was presented for approval. Regionalized Service funds are set aside each year for the operation of the NOC SELPA. Regionalized Services funds that are unspent at year-end are placed in reserve for distribution to each district based on the Prior Year Census Day Pupil Count.

A motion to approve the NOC SELPA 2022-2023 Regionalized Services and Mental Health Reserves distribution was initiated by Dr. Steve McLaughlin. Dr. Mario Carlos seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No

Motion carried

4.0 Approval of the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Participation in the Parent Infant Education and Support Program Income Agreement

The North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Participation in the 2023-2024 Parent Infant Education and Support Program Income Agreement was presented for approval.

The cost for the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area infants (0–3 year-olds) who are placed in the Orange County Department of Education Parent Infant Education and Support program is funded with the NOC SELPA Early Start Part C Grant.

A motion to approve the NOC SELPA Participation in the Parent Infant Education and Support Program Income Agreement was initiated by Dr. Julienne Lee. Mr. Jim Coombs seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No

Motion carried

5.0 Approval of the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area and Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center Interagency Agreement

The Interagency Agreement between the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area and Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center for Children from Birth to Thirty-six Months of Age Eligible for Services Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Act for school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 was presented.

A motion to approve the Interagency Agreement between the North Orange County

Special Education Local Plan Area and Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center was initiated by Mr. Jim Coombs. Dr. Steve McLaughlin seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No

Motion carried

V. Discussion/Information Item(s):

6.0 North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area 2023-2024 Directors and Business Officials Meeting Dates

The 2023-2024 Directors and Business Officials Meeting schedule was presented. No comments or feedback were shared.

7.0 North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area 2023-2024 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Presentations and Board Members

The list of 2023-2024 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Presentations and Board Members was presented. No comments or feedback were shared.

8.0 2023-2024 North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Staff Members

The list of 2023-2024 NOC SELPA staff members was presented. No comments or feedback were shared.

9.0 Above and Beyond Award Celebration Date

The date and location for the NOC SELPA Above and Beyond Award celebration were shared. No comments or feedback were provided.

10.0 Presentation: The Role of a SELPA

This was Part 1 of a multi-part series presented by the NOC SELPA Director. Topics covered in Part 1 included the history of SELPAs, the role of the NOC SELPA, and the governance of the NOC SELPA by the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet.

Part 2 will focus on Special Education funding and the current NOC SELPA funding model.

11.0 Paraprofessional SELPA Certification Training

Dr. Robin Gilligan shared that the NOC SELPA is currently building out a paraprofessional SELPA certification training.

12.0 Training on Effective Practices for Behavior Response Teams

Dr. Robin Gilligan shared that LEA staff are encouraged to attend the Crisis Prevention

Intervention certification training prior to attending the NOC SELPA training on best practices for behavior response teams.

13.0 North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Director Evaluation Protocol and Goals

The NOC SELPA Director Evaluation Protocol was reviewed, and the Superintendents expressed their appreciation for having a formal protocol to delineate the process.

VI. Suggested Items for Next Agenda

There was discussion regarding alternatives to agency-hired instructional aides and optional models for filling LEA vacancies for these positions. There was also a request to provide an opportunity for Superintendents to recognize and share positive updates from their LEAs at each NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet meeting. These two topics will be included as discussion items on the agenda for the November 17, 2023 NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Jim Coombs motioned to adjourn the meeting of the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet at 11:05 a.m. Dr. Mario Carlos seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No

Motion carried.