MEMBERS PRESENT:

- CUSD  Jennifer Willis for Craig Baker
- SCOE  Mary Ann Dewan (via phone)
- FUHSD Nancy Sullivan for Polly Bové
- SELPA AU Leo Mapagu
- SESD  Benjamin Picard

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Santiago (SELPA), Tasha Dean (SESD), Linda Van Mouwerik (SESD)

TIME CONVENED: 11:00 a.m.  TIME ADJOURNED: 11:15 a.m.  RECORDER: Leo Mapagu

I. PUBLIC SESSION

A. Roll Call and Welcome of Guests

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. Roll was taken via the sign-in sheet. There were no guests present at the meeting.

B. Hearing of persons wishing to address the Council

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Setting the Agenda

Dr. Tasha Dean moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nancy Sullivan seconded and the motion carried, 4-0.

B. Approval of minutes

Dr. Tasha Dean moved to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2019 meeting as written. Nancy Sullivan seconded and the motion carried, 4-0.

III. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fiscal Updates

- Distribution of 2018-19 SCCOE Excess Block Revenue by Pupil Count: Per SELPA Budget Allocation Plan, any SCCOE reserve in excess of 2% will be returned to districts on a rate-per-pupil-attending-COE-programs basis. In 2018-19, the amount of SCCOE reserve in excess of 2% is $2,048,835 of which 37.14% or $760,932 will be returned to NW SELPA.

B. SELPA Exec Director Updates

1) Siras Contract Renewal — the Siras Systems contract is due to be renewed at the end of the 2019-20 school year. The current total contract cost is $225,340, based on $10/student from the June 2018 Special Ed Pupil Count. There is an anticipated increase in cost if we renew due to a possible higher per-pupil cost and increase in number of students with disabilities per the June 2019 Pupil Count.

2) CDE Compliance and Monitoring Activities — an overview was provided of districts that were identified to undergo the following CDE monitoring activities: Targeted Review, Intensive Review, Preschool Review, and Significant Disproportionality. CDE will be conducting workshops at the SCCOE in March and April to help address questions by the different LEAs that fall into these categories.
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3) **Governor’s Budget Proposal affecting SELPAs** – Director Leo Mapagu shared that there is continued appropriation of $645 million from 2019-2020 State Budget to increase special ed base rates. There is a new special ed funding formula based on a three-year rolling average of average daily attendance (ADA) at the LEA level. The potential Impact to SELPAs is that after redistribution of revenue per MOU1&2, base rates of some Santa Clara SELPAs may be below or above the State proposed rate. Leo also mentioned that there is an additional $250 million in one-time funding to school districts based on preschoolers with disabilities. Finally, Leo discussed the following additional special education proposals:
   - Temporarily freezing the ability to create new single-district SELPAs
   - Freezing funding for necessary small SELPAs with declining enrollment
   - Freezing extraordinary cost pool funding
   - Freezing funding for low incidence pupils
   - Freezing funding for Program Specialists/Regionalized services (PS/RS)
   - Expanding the use of educationally related mental health services (ERMHS) funding and freezing current year allocation
   - Continuing the existing formula for out-of-home care funding

4) **SCCOE-SELPA-NPAs Collaborative** - the SELPA AU is working with SCCOE to negotiate rates and establish contracts with NPAs and create a process so LEAs can use SCCOE-contracted NPAs to provide related special education services.

5) **SCCOE Rebenching Rates** – Leo shared some highlights from the recent SCCOE Rebenching meeting, which included consolidation of 23 classes, elimination/addition of special ed positions, assigning students based on need and not on block program, salaries and benefits, transportation deficit, and indirect cost at 9%.

6) **SELPA Activities: Professional Development, Fiscal, Data**
   Professional Development - SELPA AU has offered 20 professional development workshops since August that were attended by 602 participants.
   Data – SELPA AU has processed Fall-1 CALPADS Special Ed reports, DRDP Fall 2019 data, TOMS ELPAC/SBAC information.

7) **Other Updates** – the Local Plan Committee will meet one last time in February to complete the Local Plan draft documents. This will be shared with the CAC in March 2020 for their final input, then with the Executive Councils in May/June 2020 for approval. The Local Plans shall be adopted by the governing boards of each LEA in the 2020-21 school year.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.