

Santa Barbara County
Special Education Local Plan Area
 A Joint Powers Agency

Date: August 4, 2011

To: SBCSELPA JPA Board

From: Jarice Butterfield, SBCSELPA Director

Re: Proposed Provisions of SELPA MOU with County Mental Health (ADMHS)

BACKGROUND:

- On July 1, 2011 the mandate to provide IEP Mental Health services became the responsibility of SELPAs/Local Education Agencies (LEAs). All federal IDEA funding will now flow to SELPAs with the exception of one time monies in the amount of \$526,200 in Prop 63 funds which will flow directly to County Mental Health (ADMHS).
- The SBCSELPA will have increased costs since SELPAs/LEAs will now be responsible for all non public school placement costs (education, mental health, and board and care), and the average annual cost per student placed is \$200,000. SELPAs/LEAs will receive an increase of mental health funding to help cover these increased costs; however, it is projected there will be some excess mental health funding for the 2011-2012 school year (see chart REF III-A.1).
- I met with an ad hoc mental health committee comprised of special education directors and business officials from North and South County to seek input about the best way to provide IEP mental health services to our students.
- I also solicited input from the direct service providers (sub contractors) that currently provide IEP mental health services and ADMHS to get cost of service estimates.
- Services can be purchased more economically from direct service providers than ADMHS serving as the lead agency contracting services out to sub contractors. There are some services such as medication management/psychiatry that only ADMHS can provide at this time.
- LEAs can only access the \$526,200 in one time Prop 63 monies that flow to County Mental Health Departments if they engage in an MOU with ADMHS for some or all of the IEP driven mental health services.
- ADMHS has proposed to engage in a one year MOU with SBCSELPA to provide all mental health services as in the past (case management, assessment, referral, wrap around, DIS counseling, and support to CTE regional programs for students with emotional disturbance).
- The ad hoc mental health committee recommended to me that SBCSELPA instead, engage in a short-term MOU to contract with ADMHS for services from 8/15/2011 to 12/31/2011 as a transition step to SBCSELPA/LEAs determining how to best provide and fund services to keep from disrupting IEP services.

- I proposed to ADMHS that SBCSELPA engage in a short-term MOU from 8/15/2011 to 12/31/2011. ADMHS administration has verbally agreed to this request. The provisions of the MOU recommended by the ad hoc mental health committee are:
 - ADMHS agrees to utilize the \$526,200 in Prop 63 funding and then bill back SBCSELPA for all costs that exceed this funding
 - Provide SBCSELPA with a cost per hour of mental health services as well as an estimated total cost of services based on 2010-2011 usage
 - Provide DIS counseling services to students with IEPs and meet the SELPA eligibility for clinical level mental health services, to include mental health support to CTE regional programs as provided in the 2010-2011 school year
 - Provide intensive “wrap around” comprehensive mental health student and family services to students deemed at risk for an out-of-home NPS placement
 - Assist SELPA staff with placement of students in a non public school residential (NPS) setting as needed and fund the mental health portion of the NPS placements (estimated to be about \$7,000 per month per student)
 - Provide psychiatrist medication management to students who have such services in their IEPs
- I have spoken with ADMHS and they have agreed to provide all services but assessment and quarterly travel to monitor progress of students placed in an NPS.
- The ADMHS proposal does not include NPS education and board & care costs since it is proposed these services be provided by a mental health clinician hired by the SBCSELPA (see III-B).
- These excess costs after ADMHS utilizes the \$526,200 in Prop 63 funding are estimated to be about \$500,000.
- Due to the urgency of getting IEP services in place for the 2011-2012 school year, I am requesting that the Board grant me the authority to engage in an MOU on behalf of SBCSELPA with ADMHS based on the parameters defined above.

FISCAL IMPACT: Uncertain at this time; it is highly likely that the services provided by ADMHS for August-December will exceed the \$526,200 Prop 63 funding and there will be excess costs to SBCSELPA/LEAs of up to \$500,000.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the JPA Board grant the SBCSELPA Director the authority to engage in an MOU, as outlined above, with County Mental Health (ADMHS) for the provision of mental health IEP services 8/15/2011 through 12/31/2011.

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SBCSELPA 2011-2012 MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING FORECAST

Relevant Background Information:

- ADMHS is receiving \$526,200 out of the one time 98.6 million in prop 63 funding for 2011-2012;
- All Mental Health funding except the \$526,200 flows to SELPA in 2011-2012 and needs an allocation plan;
- The State Budget added \$249.76 million and 31 million for SPED Mental Health Services that will flow to SELPAs for the 2011-2012 school year;
- There are no longer pre referral Mental Health dollars allocated to SELPA budget; they were replaced by the \$31 million in the State Budget
- SBCSELPA had a decrease in IDEA Mental Health funding in the amount of \$1,322,441.60 for 2011-2012

Income: Tentative Mental Health Funding for 2011-2012 versus 2010-2011

Funding Source	2010-2011	2011-2012	Difference 2011-2012
218.76 Million + 31 million State Funds	\$327,528.00 (allocated directly to LEAs for pre referral mental health services in past years)	\$2,645,347.00 (must be used for mental health services - cannot supplant)	+\$2,317,819.00
69 Million IDEA (Federal)	\$1,718,966.00	\$ 396,524.00	-\$1,322,442.00
Total Funds flowing to SELPA or SBCEO	\$2,046,494.00	\$3,041,871.00	+\$ 995,377.00

Expenses: Total Projected 2011-2012 Mental Health Costs for SBCSELPA:

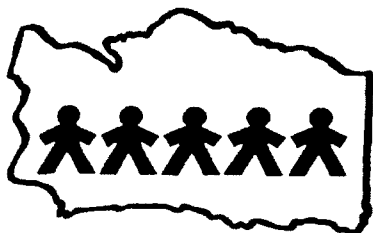
- Total projected NPS Board /Care, Education, and Mental Health costs for 2011-2012 (8 students x average of \$197,000 per student (travel, education, Board/Care, and MH)) = \$1,576,000.00
- Total cost of SELPA Mental Health Clinical Specialist (to potentially be hired) = \$ 90,000.00
- Total projected ADMHS MOU excess costs from 8/15/11 to 12/31/11 (after Prop 63 of \$526,000 are expended) = \$ 500,000.00
- Estimated Contracted Mental Health DIS services 1/1/12 to 6/30/12 (counseling/case mgt. \$220,000 + wrap around \$23,000 + medication mgt. \$57,000 (\$500,000 for 8/15/11 to 12/31/11 and \$300,000 for 1/1/12 to 6/30/12)) = \$ 300,000.00
- MH dollars to go to districts to replace pre referral funds \$ 327,000.00

Total = \$2,793,000.00

Total = +\$ 248,871.00

- Projected "extra mental health funding" for 2011-2012
- Projected SELPA MH funding \$3,041,871.00 - MH costs of \$2,793,000 = \$248,871.00 for LEAs to fund local costs such as behavioral, therapy, training, etc.)

- An additional \$250,000.00 currently included in the SBCSELPA and spent on NPS mental health placement costs in past years would no longer be needed and could be allocated back out to LEAs to be used for any special education services (funding allocation proposals will be brought back to the September JPA Board meeting).



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Date: August 4, 2011
 To: SBCSELPA JPA Board
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 Re: Request to Hire Mental Health Clinical Specialist

BACKGROUND:

- On July 1, 2011 the mandate to provide IEP mental health services became the responsibility of SELPAs/Local Education Agencies (LEAs); accordingly, all federal IDEA funding will now flow to SELPAs.
- The SBCSELPA will receive an increase of mental health funding (see REF:III-A.1)
- I met with an ad hoc mental health committee comprised of special education directors and business officials from North and South County to seek input on the best way to provide IEP mental health services to our students.
- The committee recommended that the first step in facilitating this transition of oversight and services be to hire a SBCSELPA mental health clinician to assist with the following to make this transition as smooth as possible:
 - Coordination of non public school (NPS) student mental health placements (referral, oversight/site quarterly visits, family linkages, and transition back to community)
 - Serve as a liaison to County Mental Health (ADMHS) and other mental health contractors
 - Provide support and training in the area of mental health to district staff, community, and families
 - Potentially supervise mental health interns hired by districts in the future
 - This clinical staff member would need to be licensed through the state of California as an MFT, LCSW, or Clinical Psychologist (Ph.D. level)
 - It is proposed that this position be funded out of the state mental health funding allocation

FISCAL IMPACT: This will be an increase to the SBCSELPA budget of approximately \$80,000 to \$100,000 (depending on experience & licensure and benefits); there will be increased funding to cover the costs of the position.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the JPA Board approve the hiring of a SBCSELPA Mental Health Clinical Specialist. Further, it is recommended that this specialist be paid on the SBCSELPA Behaviorist/Psychologist Salary Schedule with a \$5,000 stipend for Ph.D. clinical licensure (see salary schedule REF: III-B.1).

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA**SALARY SCHEDULE
2011-12****AUTISM/BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST AND MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST**

Step 1	72,101
Step 2	73,906
Step 3	75,751
Step 4	77,644
Step 5	79,588
Step 6	81,577
Step 7	83,615
Step 8	85,705
Step 9	87,848

+ \$5,000 stipend for Clinical Psychologist certification with Ph.D.
