

GREATER ANAHEIM SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Greater Anaheim SELPA

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GASELPA BOARD MEETING

June 21, 2023

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** April 26, 2023
Motion by: Seconded by:
Vote:
6. **RECOGNITION**
 - a. Retirement
 - b. Outstanding Service to Students with Special Needs Award
 - c. Recess
7. **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**
 - a. Introduction of Guests
The Board will meet any guests in attendance.
 - b. Visitor Comments
This is an opportunity for the general public to address the Board on non-agenda items. Comments on items that are on the agenda will be heard when the item is considered. All speakers wishing to address the Board must fill out a VISITOR COMMENT REQUEST CARD in advance and present it to the Board President. All speakers from the audience must wait until the Board President recognizes them before making any statements. In the interest of time and order, all speakers from the audience will be limited to three minutes and will have only one opportunity to speak on any item. The Board reserves the right to limit the time on any single item in consideration of conducting the business of the entire agenda. Speakers will follow procedures specified on the Visitor Comment Request Card.
8. **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
 - a. Executive Director's Comments Discussion
 - b. Director of Business Operations' Comments Discussion
 - c. State SELPA – May 31- June 2, 2023 Exhibit 1
 - d. Federal/State Budget Update Discussion
 - e. Legislative/Legal Update
 1. School Services of California – Legislative Report – May 24, 2023 Exhibit 2

- f. Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - 1. St. SELPA Legislative Sharing Day Exhibit 3
- g. GASELPA Training/Staff Development April, May and June 2023 Exhibit 4

9. DISCUSSION INFORMATION

- a. GASELPA – Mental Health Services Department Discussion
- b. GASELPA – Deaf & Hard of Hearing (DHH) Teacher Discussion
- c. Cypress School District – Additional Office Space Discussion
- d. ABA Interventionist Welcome Back Luncheon – August 1, 2023 Exhibit 5
- e. Fall 2023 Meeting Dates Exhibit 6

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items listed under the consent calendar are considered to be routine and are acted upon by the Board in one motion. There is no discussion of these items unless a member of the Board or the public requests specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

It is recommended that the Board approve/ratify and authorize the following Consent Calendar items.

- a. Business Items
 - 1. Issue of Warrants 18556 through 18759 Exhibit 7
 - 2. Purchase Orders 22189 through 22229 Exhibit 8
- b. Personnel Items
 - 1. ABA Interventionist at Step 1, effective as noted:
 - a. Arzt, E ABA Interventionist 6/1/23
 - 2. ABA Interventionist at Step 2, effective as noted:
 - a. None
 - 3. ABA Interventionist at Step 1, effective as noted:
 - a. None
- c. Leave of Absence
 - a. Duignan, M ABA Interventionist Medical 5/4-5/5/23
 - b. Figueroa, S ABA Interventionist Maternity 5/1-5/5/23
 - c. Johnson, B ABA Interventionist Medical 4/18-4/21/23
 - d. Lake, V ABA Interventionist Medical 4/24-4/28/23
 - e. Mullis, C Occupational Therapist Maternity 5/1-8/27/23
 - f. Parra, K ABA Interventionist Medical 4/25-4/28/23
 - g. Valdes, S Occupational Therapist FMLA 5/1-6/30/23
- d. Retirements
 - a. Anderson, Lori June 30, 2023
- e. Resignations/Terminations
 - a. Dulcich, T ABA Interventionist Resignation 4/28/23
- f. It is recommended that the Board approve the Participation Agreement with the Orange County Department of Education to provide LEA services regarding the GASELPA's Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA). Cost: 1) 4.5% of the

GASELPA's reimbursement from the State; 2) RMTS Software Platform fee as follows for each quarter in 2023-24 – Q1 - \$.86 per GASELPA participant, Q2 – \$1.72 per GASELPA participant, Q3 – \$1.72 per GASELPA participant and Q4 – \$1.72 per GASELPA participant; 3) proportionate share of the State Participant fees and 4) 2% of States costs for administering School-based MAA claiming services (preparation of quarterly invoices). Term is July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- g. It is recommended that the Board approved Amendment No. 2 to the Independent Contractor Agreement with Olive Crest to increase the not to exceed amount from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000. Effective May 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023. All other terms and conditions remain the same. Member districts to reimburse.
- h. It is recommended that the Board approved Amendment No. 2 to the Independent Contractor Agreement with Therapy Travelers to increase the not to exceed from \$350,000 to \$450,000. Effective May 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023. All other terms and conditions remain the same. Member districts to reimburse.
- i. It is recommended that the Board approve the Legal Services Agreement with Adams, Silva & McNally LLP. Services to be provided at a rate not to exceed \$300-\$340 per hour for Partner/Senior Counsel, \$265-\$300 per hour for Associates, \$175-\$185 per hour for Paralegals/Law Clerk, plus any direct costs incurred. Total costs not to exceed \$10,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- j. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Alpha Interpreting Agency to provide sign-language interpreting services. Costs are: Standard Assignments (requests made 3 business days prior) - \$90 per hour with a 2-hour minimum, Emergency/ Specialty Assignments (request less than 3 business days, after hours 5pm to 7am, weekends or holidays or requiring specific knowledge, training and experience - \$100 per hour with a 2-hour minimum and Ongoing Assignments (25+ hour per week for 16 weeks) – inquire for discounts. Total costs not to exceed \$10,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- k. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Anaheim Elementary SELPA and the Greater Anaheim SELPA, in which the Anaheim Elementary SELPA will provide the services of a 0.40 FTE itinerant teacher of the visually impaired to the Greater Anaheim SELPA. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Costs not to exceed \$70,000. Member districts to reimburse.
- l. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Anaheim Elementary SELPA and Greater Anaheim SELPA, in which Anaheim Elementary SELPA will provide the services of an Orientation and Mobility Specialist to the Greater Anaheim SELPA member districts, on an as needed basis. Cost is based on hourly rate (including statutory rates and proportionate share of health and welfare benefits) and mileage. Total costs not to exceed \$30,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- m. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement for Pupil Transportation between Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) and the Greater Anaheim SELPA, effective

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. AUHSD will provide transportation services for four Member Districts at a cost of \$64 per day, per student for home-to-school special needs student transportation. Member districts to reimburse.

- n. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Apple Tree Early Intervention Center to provide assessments and an Early Intervention Program for infants 0-3. Costs are \$62.89/hr. for in-center small group global program and \$125.70/hr. for in-home individual infant program. Total costs not to exceed \$15,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Part C to provide funding.
- o. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement for Special Services with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, a Professional Law Corporation. Services to be provided at a rate not to exceed \$350/hr. for Senior Partners; \$310/hr. Partners/Senior Counsel; \$3000/hr. Senior Associates; \$290/hr. Associates; \$255/hr. Electronic Technology Litigation Specialist; \$245/hr. Non-Legal Consultants; \$180/hr. Senior Paralegals/Law Clerks; \$180/hr. Paralegals/Legal Assistants. Total costs not to exceed \$10,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- p. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Auditory Instruments, Inc., to provide Independent Educational (Audiological) Evaluations (IEE), including Audiological Evaluations and Central Auditory Processing Dysfunction/Disorder Evaluations (CAPD). Costs are \$2,800 per evaluation. Both evaluations include document review, school observation, parent and/or teacher questionnaires, report with recommendations. Additional support fees and travel expenses incurred are per attached rate sheet. Total costs not to exceed \$15,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- q. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Augmentative Communication Therapies to provide assistance with augmentative communication and assistive technology, including assessments, individual intervention, consultation, systems development and training services. Costs are \$2,000 per AT or ACC evaluation (including IEP); \$2,500 per AT and ACC combined evaluation and \$195 per hour for other services. Total cost not to exceed \$25,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- r. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Beyond Blindness to provide DIS services that include Vision Services: Itinerant Service, Evaluation or Assessment and Braille Transcription Services. Costs are \$132.39/hr. Vision Services and \$120.58/hr. for Braille Transcription Service. Total costs not to exceed \$75,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- s. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Craig Chorbagan to program and maintain the GASELPA website. Cost is \$50 per hour not to exceed \$5,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- t. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Kelly Cokely to provide transcribing of textbooks into braille format. Cost is \$25 per hour, not to exceed \$7,500. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- u. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Dynamic Education Services to provide Supplemental Academic Services (SAS) or

Academic Support (\$100.00 per hour), Educational Counseling & Guidance or Parent Training – Individual ERICS or ERMHS (\$140 per hour) and Language and Speech Services (LAS)/Therapy – Individual (\$175 per hour). Total costs not to exceed \$13,000.00. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.

- v. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Epic Special Education Staffing to provide the following services: Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) at \$62-\$70 per hour, School Psychologist at \$95-125 per hour, Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) at \$88-\$100 per hour and Speech Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA) at \$68-\$78 per hour. All services to be performed during regular school days/hours and under the direction of the member district. Total costs not to exceed \$400,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- w. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Kay Fielder to provide assistance with SLP supervision and program/staff support to the Greater Anaheim SELPA Member districts. Cost is \$65 per hour, not to exceed to \$35,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse and/or Part C to provide funding.
- x. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with GPT Staffing to provide physical therapy, occupational therapy and related services; teacher consultations; assessments and attendance of IEP meetings as needed. Costs are \$97.69 per hour not to exceed \$70,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- y. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Goodwill Industries of Orange County to provide Assistive Technology Services (evaluations, training, and/or use of new equipment) to special education students to promote greater independence. Costs are \$118.19/hr. for assessments (10-hour minimum) and \$110/hr. for training; \$25/hr. for travel time plus mileage reimbursement at current IRS rate. Total costs not to exceed \$30,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- z. It is recommended that the Board approve the Retainer Agreement between Harbottle Law Group and the Greater Anaheim SELPA for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Services to be provided at a rate not to exceed \$265 per hour for Senior Counsel, \$255 for Mid-level attorneys, \$245 for all other HLG attorneys, \$135 per hour for paralegals and other support staff, plus any direct costs incurred. Total costs not to exceed \$50,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- aa. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with the Haynes Family of Programs – S.T.A.R. Academy to provide Supplemental Academic Services (SAS)/ Transition services, Occupation Therapy (OT), Language and Speech Services (LAS)/Therapy, Educationally Related Intensive Counseling Services (ERICS), Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI), Behavior Intervention Development (BID), and Implementation (BII) services. Costs are per attached rate sheet. Total costs not to exceed \$275,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- ab. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with the John Tracy Center to provide specialized services for Low Incidence students; parent counseling and training; counseling and guidance services; language and speech

development and remediation; parent counseling and training; and DHH Services. Costs are per attached rate sheet. Total costs not to exceed \$60,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.

- ac. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with the Language Network, Inc., to provide written and oral translations, as needed. Costs, depending on language and availability of professional translators, and any additional fees that may apply, are listed on the attached rate sheet. Total costs not to exceed \$35,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- ad. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Marshall B. Ketchum University to provide Vision Assessments/Exams and Vision Therapy. Costs are \$92 per Vision Therapy Session. Other assessment costs are per the attached rate sheet. Total costs not to exceed \$10,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- ae. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Glenda McHale to provide training and consultation to member districts. Cost is \$175 per hour, not to exceed \$35,000. Effective March 17, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- af. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Olive Crest to provide Basic Intervention Services including Individual Counseling, Parent Counseling, Psychological Services, Behavior Intervention Implementation, and Case Management; Medium Support Intervention Services; High Support Intervention Services (wraparound); ERMHS Assessments; On Site Mental Health Services. Costs are per attached rate sheet. Total costs not to exceed \$1,000,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- ag. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Pacific Coast Speech Services to provide Speech and Language Pathologist services and Speech Language Pathology Assistant Services. Costs are \$100.44 per hour for Speech Language Pathologist and \$65 per hour for Speech Language Pathology Assistant. Total costs not to exceed \$1,600,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- ah. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Pomeroy Consulting to provide networking consultation and hardware. Costs are \$105/hr. for consulting services plus the cost of equipment. Total consulting costs not to exceed \$20,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- ai. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Professional Tutors of America, Inc. to provide services including but not limited to academic tutoring, speech and language therapy and counseling. Costs range from \$90 to \$132.50 per hour for on-on-one instructional services, please see attached rate sheet. Total costs not to exceed \$100,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- aj. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Russo, Fleck & Associates to provide Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and COTA services. Services to include treatments, consultations, collaborations, initial evaluations and re-evaluations, IEP attendance and travel. Costs are \$100.45 per hour for Physical Therapy/

- Occupational Therapy, \$76.32 per hour for COTA. Total costs not to exceed \$50,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
- ak. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with SPLedia to provide AAC and Speech & Language Assessments, which includes assessments, report writing, and IEP attendance; Consultation Services. Cost is \$150 per hour for assessments and \$200 per hour for consultation services, not to exceed \$100,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.
 - al. It is recommended that the Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Tech-Eze to collect, audit and prepare pupil count reports for the GASELPA. Install and upgrade software, provide reports and submission of reports to the California Department of Education and to assist with training. Costs are \$5000 per month not to exceed \$60,000. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Member districts to reimburse.

11. ACTION DISCUSSION

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve increasing four (4) Greater Anaheim SELPA Adapted PE Specialist's 2022-23 work year to accommodate the Extended School Year (ESY) needs of our Member Districts. Increase for each employee is an additional eighty (80) hours June 1, 2023 through July 21, 2023. Member districts to reimburse.
- b. It is recommended that the Board approve increasing one (1) Vision Paraprofessional 2022-23 work year to accommodate the Extended School Year (ESY) of our member Districts. Increase will be up to an additional 40 hours July 1, 2023 through July 21, 2023. Member districts to reimburse.
- c. It is recommended that the Board approve adding the position of Program Administrator, Special Education Mental Health Services and corresponding job description. Position would be hired through the Anaheim Union High School District, with the Greater Anaheim SELPA to reimburse Anaheim Union High School District for all costs associated with this position. Effective July 1, 2023. Exhibit 9
- d. It is recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Janette Castillo, as a GASELPA Program Administrator, Special Education Mental Health Services, placement on the Anaheim Union High School District Administrative Salary Schedule and hire date to be determined upon credential clearance. The Greater Anaheim SELPA to reimburse the Anaheim Union High School District for all costs associated with this position.
- e. It is recommended that the Board approve the addition of two (2) Psychologists, Special Education Mental Health Services positions and the corresponding job description for this position. Positions would be hired through the Anaheim Union High School District, with the Greater Anaheim SELPA to reimburse Anaheim Union High School District for all costs associated with these positions. Effective July 1, 2023. Exhibit 10
- f. It is recommended that the Board approve Resolution 269-2023 authorizing the County Superintendent to make transfers between reserve and any Exhibit 11

expenditure classifications to permit payment of obligations.

- g. It is recommended that the Board approve authorizing Paul Lavigne, Ed.D., Executive Director and Kathleen Thomason, Director of Business Operations, to receive payroll, vendor checks or other documents from the Orange County Department of Education and/or OCDE Courier Services for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Exhibit 12
- h. It is recommended that the Board approve the attendance of the Executive Director at the following monthly and/or annual conferences/meetings and payment of necessary expenses for fiscal year 2023-24:
 - 1. State SELPA Administrators
 - 2. Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education
 - 3. ACSA – Every Child Counts Symposium
 - 4. Any travel associated with current committee assignments and/or appropriate trainings.
- i. Public Hearing regarding the 2023-24 Greater Anaheim SELPA Annual Budget Plan and recommendations for Board approval. Exhibit 13
- j. Public Hearing regarding the 2023-24 Greater Anaheim SELPA Annual Service Plan and recommendations for Board approval. Exhibit 14
- k. Public Hearing regarding the Greater Anaheim SELPA Annual Budget for fiscal year 2023-24 and recommendation for approval as required under Education Code 42127(a). Exhibit 15

12. CLOSED SESSION

- a. To consider matters pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public employee performance evaluation, Executive Director.

13. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

14. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Comments from the Board Members will be received and will be limited to five minutes per person.

15. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, should special assistance be required for you to participate in this meeting, please contact the Greater Anaheim SELPA Office at (714)828-1766 at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to this meeting. This will enable the GASELPA to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2023
Greater Anaheim SELPA Office
5:30 p.m.