

SELPA Mental Health Funding 2011-12 January 2012 Update

Background

The SELPA received **\$575,000 (one time funding for ½ the year) in AB3632 Mental Health funding for 2010-11**. This was transitional funding until a complete legislation solution was enacted for 2011-12. These funds have been spent. A portion went to the county to reimburse mental health and residential costs for the period January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011. Approximately \$250,000 will reimburse MH eligible expenditures in the NPS pool, resulting in a lower shortfall (shared by districts on per ADA basis).

In addition, the SELPA has received approximately \$5 per ADA in mental health pre-referral dollars each year. These funds have been maintained at the SELPA level and used to fund a behavior specialist position. The fund has a balance remaining of \$176,000 at the close of 2010-11. This funding source is eliminated in 2011-12 and “rolled-into” the mental health appropriation. The behavior specialist position will now be paid from the mental health appropriation (\$1.4 m). **The SELPA will need to make a recommendation on dispersal of the one-time dollars remaining in pre-referral (\$176,000)**. The original proposal (October 2011, Superintendent Allocation Plan Committee) was to distribute per the allocation plan to regional programs/district. A concern was raised about the possibility of special education transportation funding cuts, and whether these one-time funds may need to be utilized to backfill this reduction. As more budget information becomes available, a recommendation will be sought in the next few months from Superintendents.

The SELPA is receiving approximately \$1.4 million in mental health (MH) funding in 2011-12. This is a new funding stream that comes with additional responsibility to provide services. Previously mental health monies flowed to county governments and they were responsible for providing mental health services for students. Those services ranged from counseling to residential placement costs. The mandate for county government has been repealed and the responsibility for services falls to school districts. Our preliminary income and expenditure estimates from October have been updated on the attached worksheet and a formula has been approved by Superintendents.

We also have an estimate of 2012-13 income (\$1.5 m). The governor’s budget proposal rolls the previous county government funding piece into the funding for schools. However, the federal portion is now based on ADA (previously pupil count). As a result, we are seeing an increase in state funding and decline in federal funding. Note that funding has increased overall, but the \$268,000 of county government “reduction of expenditures” goes away. The overall 2012-13 impact is an estimated decline of \$163,000. We have also incorporated into the estimate a potential significant decline in 2012-13 district ADA.

Recommendation (approved December 2011 by SELPA Superintendent Council) with updated estimates:

This distribution to LEAs is subject to guidelines on appropriate expenditures and would be required to be tracked separately for accounting purposes by using SACS resource code 6512.

- County Mental Health provider invoices and Residential care invoices paid at 100%
- Behavior Specialist funded at 100% (previously funded from the Pre-referral funds that have been eliminated effective 11-12)
- ~ \$288,000 set in reserve. (We anticipate this may be used for eligible LCI mental health expenditures. This will decrease expenditures from the Out of Home Care funding which will increase the Out of Home Care contribution to the special needs fund).
- ½ of the balance remaining, after funding county mental health costs and residential costs, is distributed to fund eligible costs in the NPS pool. This will reduce the shortfall per ADA for all districts.

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- ½ of the balance distributed to LEAs based on historical distribution formula (Regional programs with adjustment for speech, district programs).
- District allocation would be distributed January 2012 on per ADA basis using prior year ADA (\$9 per ADA). We anticipate funding \$9 per ADA again in 2012-13.
- In the future, should total MH costs exceed the allocation of MH dollars, the increased shortfall would be shared on a per ADA basis.
- Updated 2011-12 distribution of income and expense is shown below along with 2012-13 estimates.

1	Mental Health distribution			
2	Income		2011-12	2012-13
3	2011-12 EDCOE MH Grant - State	960,674		1,290,435
4	2011-12 EDCOE MH Grant - Federal	491,500		255,142
5	Adjusted for estimated 11-12 ADA	(11,342)		
6	Total income for 2011-12	1,440,832	1,440,832	1,545,577
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8	Estimated Cost of County Provided MH Services			
9	Full year estimate (based on PY)	431,368		
10	Less County Funding (2011-12 only)	(268,000)		
11	Balance	163,368	163,368	431,368
12	Residential Placements full year estimate (based on PY)	202,082	202,082	202,082
13	Subtotal County Mental Health costs paid from grant		365,450	633,450
14	100% Behavior Specialist		113,441	113,441
15	Reserve and or LCI Placements		288,657	125,402
16	Total Estimated Costs		767,548	872,293
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18	Balance for other SELPA identified costs for related services		673,284	673,284
19	1/2 of the balance to NPS pool for eligible MH Costs		336,642	336,642
20	1/2 of the balance to LEAs in the SELPA		336,642	336,642
21	Total expenditures for 2011-12		1,440,832	1,545,577

The distribution to the various “pots” is shown below with further distribution on per ADA basis:

1	Mental Health	2011-12	% of Total	\$ 336,642
2	EDCOE Regional	4,822,876	38.02%	127,991
3	EDUHS Regional	375,817	2.96%	9,965
4	Ppines Regional	-	0.00%	-
5	District Base	7,488,032	59.02%	198,686
6	Total	12,686,725	100.00%	336,642

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Per ADA District Calculation:

1	District		\$ 198,686
2		2010-11 ADA	\$ 9.06
3	Black Oak Mine	1,551.77	\$ 14,055
4	Buckeye	4,572.64	\$ 41,417
5	Camino	433.86	\$ 3,930
6	EDUHS	6,564.42	\$ 59,458
7	Gold Oak	503.18	\$ 4,558
8	Gold Trail	520.47	\$ 4,714
9	Indian Diggings	17.23	\$ 156
10	Latrobe	162.58	\$ 1,473
11	Mother Lode	1,175.49	\$ 10,647
12	Pioneer	369.76	\$ 3,349
13	Placerville	1,190.26	\$ 10,781
14	Pollock Pines	666.29	\$ 6,035
15	Rescue	3,953.78	\$ 35,812
16	COE/ Charter/Other	242.46	\$ 2,196
17	Silver fork	11.60	\$ 105
18	Total	21,935.79	\$ 198,686