

## **ARTICLE II**

### **PURPOSE OF THE CAC**

The Community Advisory Committee has specific and important roles and responsibilities that are vital in the overall functioning of SOC SELPA's Special Education programs. Community Advisory Committees are commissioned by law and are a reflection of the community they serve. The Community Advisory Committee is designed to be a dynamic collaborative partnership of educators, parents and community members. This mandated group exemplifies the need for informed involvement among those who provide Special Education programs and services and those who receive Special Education programs and services. The CAC has an overall advisory responsibility to the Saddleback Valley and Laguna Beach Unified School Districts. Ongoing input is provided by the CAC to the SOC SELPA Director who also provides ongoing updates on topics such as pending legislation, SOC SELPA local plan implementation status, and effects of fiscal constraints on provision of services, parent rights and other appropriate subjects. Input is provided to the Superintendents and School Boards of the Saddleback Valley and Laguna Beach Unified School Districts about any concerns from the CAC that are appropriate to their responsibilities. (Authority: Education Code Sections 56190 – 56194).

The CAC shall have the authority and fulfill the responsibilities that are defined for it in the local plan. The responsibilities shall include, but need not be limited to, all the following:

1. Advising the policy and administrative entities of the special education local plan area, SOC SELPA, regarding the development, amendment and review of the Local Plan. The entities shall review and consider comments from the CAC. [Education Code §56194(a)]
2. Making annual recommendations on needs, goals, and priorities to be addressed by the Local Plan. [Education Code §56194(b)]
3. Assisting in parent education and in recruiting parents and other volunteers who may contribute to the implementation of the plan. [Education Code §56194(c)]
4. Encouraging community involvement in the development and review of the Local Plan. [Education Code §56194(d)]
5. Supporting activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs. [Education Code §56194(e)]
6. Assisting in parent awareness of the importance of regular school attendance. [Education Code §56194(f)]
7. Supporting community involvement in the parent advisory committee established pursuant to Section 52063 to encourage the inclusion of parents of individuals with exceptional needs to the extent these pupils also fall within one or more of

the definitions in Section 42238.01. [Education Code §56194(g)]

8. Becoming familiar with the current laws and regulations pertaining to special education.
9. Reviewing the Local Plan's Annual Budget Plan and providing recommendations to the SOC SELPA Director.
10. Establishing and fulfilling other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Community Advisory Committee. [Education Code §56194]