



# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

## Administrative Council Meeting August 20, 2024 Via Teams

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### APPROVED MINUTES

#### A. COUNCIL OPENING

1. Krista Riggs (Madera County), called the meeting to order at 11:33 am.
2. Roll Call
  - i. Council present: Krista Riggs (Madera), Andie Sullivan (Kern County), Mary Leal (Coalinga/Huron), Sally Gomez (Fresno), Rebecca Jauregui (Porterville), Darla Wegener (Tulare County), Heidi Clark (Tulare Public), Amy Taylor (Merced County), Matt Johnson (Mariposa County) and Vikki Cervantes (Kings County)
  - ii. Council absent: Tony Arellano (Porterville).
  - iii. Staff present: Chris Wymer and Kevin Nelson.
  - iv. Guests: Mark Lewis (Kern County), Shalyn Pineda (Kern County), and Brian Henderson (Henderson CPA).
  - v. Introductions were done.
3. Agenda Adoption
  - i. Motion to Adopt Agenda: Cervantes (Kings County)
  - ii. Seconded: Clark (Tulare Public)
4. Public Comment
  - i. Leal commented on agenda item. Will not be able to vote but ask for clarification.

#### B. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

1. Wymer is seeking approval of the recommended action to initiate a 1-year subscription to HelpNow and VetNow for all members with expenditures coming from SJVLS's fund balance. Members that previously paid for their own subscriptions can decide whether they want to request a refund or credit that can be used on other Brainfuse products. The cost for the 1-year subscription is \$231,700. There are also alternative options. Alternative Action 1 is that there is approval of a systemwide 1-year subscription to Brainfuse's HelpNow, VetNow, and CollegeNow products for all members at a cost of \$245,000. Alternative Action 2 is that there is an approval of 1-year subscription to Brainfuse's HelpNow and VetNow only for the members that have not started their own subscriptions at a cost of \$150,450. Alternative Action 3 is that there is approval of a 1-year subscription to Brainfuse's HelpNow, VetNow, and CollegeNow only for the members that have not paid their own subscriptions at a cost of \$159,450. Alternative Action 4 is that there is approval of a 1-year subscription to Brainfuse's HelpNow and VetNow for all members except Fresno County at a cost of \$153,700. Alternative Action 5 was to forgo a systemwide subscription. Members that already subscribed see no changes. Members that did not start

their own subscriptions would be able to decide on their own how they want to proceed.

2. Council discussed all the alternative actions. Cervantes and Wegener reached out and had a meeting with Brainfuse. Some council members noted that the quotes were high, and not sure they would use the services or miss them. Other council worried about budgets and adding services that might later be unavailable. Wegener added that CollegeNow is helpful to fill out applications, admission, personal assistance all of which are very much needed. After reviewing recommended action and all alternative actions a motion was made to approve Alternative Action #1.
  - i. Motion made: Gomez (Fresno County)
  - ii. Seconded: Clark (Merced County)

#### **C. CALENDAR ITEMS**

1. Set the Date and agenda building for the next meeting.
  - i. October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Dinuba Library.

#### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

1. The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 pm.