

Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development
Minutes via Zoom
Thursday February 11, 2021 3:00pm-4:30pm

Members Present: Elvira Barron, Stephanie Caldera, Lorena Castillo, Cheri Doria, Sherri Glenn, Jessica Hernandez, Brenda Larson, Krissie Leach, Maribel Magana, Barbara Newman, Michele Palermo, Melissa Prado, Rebecca Ortega, Timberly Romero, Zeina Rousan, Christina Saucedo, Amy Sullivan, Samantha Terry (Staff), and Dianne Young.

Members Not Present: Monica Pilkinton, Teresa Ramos, Deepa Srivastava, and Tiffany Stark.

Guest: Tal Ben Ami, Celia Arroyo, Anthony Carrillo, Alex Elliot, Amanda Ergo, Amanda Guajardo, Martha Quiroz, Eric Sonnenfeld.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Prado called the meeting to order at 3:03pm and introductions were conducted.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were made.
- III. UPDATES
 - a. Narrative Change: No narrative changes have been submitted at this time.
 - b. Voluntary Temporary Transfer of Funds: The next opportunity to take part in the Voluntary Transfer of Funds is May 2021. The information will be sent to contractors in April to complete by the May due date.
 - c. Council Goals: The council will keep the same goals each year and will make changes when the council decides they need to be changed to meet the current need reflected in Tulare County. The current goals are:
 - i. Continue to develop, collaborate, and implement supports in the area of early care and education for parents and providers, regardless of funding source.
 - ii. Raise awareness and visibility of the council and its work through the use of outreach efforts in the community.
 - iii. Stay abreast of updates and opportunities in the field that impact the council's beliefs.
 - iv. The We believe statement that represents the overarching focus of the council is: We believe that all children and families deserve quality care and education. The Council supports quality care and education by providing the link between the needs and the available resources
 - d. Early Stars Program: Mr. Carrillo shared the QCC, IMPACT, and QRIS coaches continue to provide virtual coaching and technical assistance to early learning and care programs. The state recently released information stating that ratings are not required at this time so they will continue to focus on quality improvement efforts. The E&M Reptile Show is being provided in partnership with TCOE ECEP. They are hosting seven virtual reptile family engagement shows for early learning and care programs in Tulare County. There will be one session offered in English and one in Spanish. Programs eligible to attend include Family Child Care Homes, Family Friends and Neighbors, Private Center based programs, and ECEP sites. The R&R is hosting their Fourth Drive

Thru Event, in collaboration with First 5 Tulare County, for early learning care programs in Tulare County to pick up supplies to assist with COVID-19 regulations and is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3 at TCOE Mooney from 7:00 – 10:00. The cleaning and sanitation supplies were sponsored by First 5 Tulare County and TCOE Resource and Referral. Participants must register by February 19. Child Care Assistance: R & R continue to promote childcare for families looking for available child care or in need of childcare assistance. Families now have access to an online Childcare Referral Search located on the main page of the TCOE website or can contact Resource and Referral @ referralsrr@cc.tcoe.org or by phone @ 559-651-0185 for further assistance. FFN Outreach and Engagement: QCC continues to outreach and engage Family, Friends, and Neighbors as a means of increasing the number of licensed providers in Tulare County. To date, they have 31 FFNs participating in this program and they have the opportunity to attend monthly training and orientation events.

- e. EveryChild California: Mrs. Doria informed the council that EveryChild California is a great resource on staying up to date on information in the area of early childhood education and is a great support and advocacy effort of the field. Anyone is welcome to join and become a member. Mrs. Doria provided some upcoming events; February 17, 2021 Understanding Title 22 Regulations, February 18, 2021 Employment Law Webinar, State Wide Meeting March 4, 2021, March 9, 2021 Brown Bag Luncheon, March 11-12, 2021 the Operations and Management summit, and July 28-29, 2021 the Great Administrator Meeting.
- f. Other:
 - i. Public Health Update: Mrs. Leach shared that she is working to help with the COVID-19 Vaccine rollout for Tulare County. She informed the council that the county only receives 3,000 vaccines a week and half of those are kept for the second doses for the people that already received their first does. She also informed the council that the Vaccine Advisory Council meets twice a week to take part in the vaccine task force. The task force is comprised of variety of community stakeholders and they developed a playbook that outlines the roll out of vaccines in Tulare County. The county has worked diligently to give the education staff the opportunity to receive a vaccine for whoever is wanting it. She also informed that the whole state is going to be utilizing <https://myturn.ca.gov/> There are other organizations that are working with Public Health to have vaccines and PODS available at multiple locations to better serve the people of Tulare County. There are four pharmacies that are a part of the Federal Pharmacy Partnership in which they each will facilitate vaccines daily. Those doses come from federal sources and they do not impact what the county will receive.
 - ii. Legislation Update: Mr. Sonnenfeld shared that the proposed legislation does not have anything very positive for ECE. So far it only includes a 1.55% COLA, small expansion for APP of 4700 slots. It also includes onetime funding for TK expansion and TK professional development. AB 22 expanding TK- has been amended to include parental choice between CSPP and TK. There is a movement at state level for universal care for 4 year olds and they are trying to determine who is best to do that work-CSPP or the TK-12 system. CSPP and TK achieve the same goal but through different avenues, impacting the children differently. Management bulletin 21-04 says contractors cannot enroll TK eligible children next fiscal year in CSPP but if AB 22 is passed it will allow them to enroll those children and make changes to the management bulletin. There also needs to be advocacy for the Hold Harmless for contractors for the new fiscal year as COVID-19 is still tremendously impacting enrollment of CSPP and CCTR.

- IV.** CONSENT ITEMS: Mrs. Romero motioned to approve the consent items. Mrs. Young second the motion to approve the consent items. No objections. No abstentions. Minutes are approved.
- V.** Council Discussions
- a. QCC Workforce Pathways Grant: This information was postponed until next the next scheduled meeting.
 - b. Legislative Event Debrief: This information was postponed until next the next scheduled meeting.
 - c. Inclusion Collaborative Event: The event is scheduled to take place on April 16, 2021. The council decided this year's event will be conducted virtually and will take place from 8:15am-12:30pm. The theme of the event is Social Emotional and the Impact of COVID-19. Since this will be a virtual event it will be open to everyone; including providers and they will be able to receive professional development hours.
 - i. The council decided that no parent panel will take place for this year's event. Tiffany Stark will be the keynote speaker for the event and she will provide a brief overview of what Social Emotional Development is. Then there will be two Breakout sessions in which the participants will chose which one they want to attend; therefore, they will be able to attend two of the four breakout sessions that will take place. After the breakout sessions; there will be some time for smaller breakout rooms to do some discussion questions and networking. The presenters for the breakout rooms are below
 - Barbara Newman: how services have changed and what services are currently available
 - Tally Ami-Ben Infant and Toddler impact
 - Mental Health Team: Self Care
 - Amanda Guajardo: The effects of the pandemic on development
- VI.** ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements were made.
- VII.** NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING: March 11, 2021 from 3:00pm-4:30pm via zoom.
- VIII.** ADJOURNED: 4:45pm.