

Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development Minutes
Thursday June 10, 2021 3:00pm-4:30pm

Members Present: Lorena Castillo, Cheri Doria, Sherri Glenn, Amanda Guajardo, Jessica Hernandez, Maribel Magana, Barbara Newman, Michele Palermo, Zeina Rousan, Christina Saucedo, Amy Sullivan, Samantha Terry (Staff). Members Not Present: Elvira Barron, Stephanie Caldera, Amanda Ergo, Brenda Larson, Rebecca Ortega, Monica Pilkinton, Melissa Prado, Teresa Ramos, Timberly Romero, Tiffany Stark, Dianne Young. Guests: Anthony Carrillo, Julissa Leyva, Eric Sonnenfeld, Martha Quiroz. Dr. Steve Roussos

- I. Call to Order: The virtual meeting was called to order by Mrs. Terry at 3:02pm.
- II. Public Comments: No public comments were made.
- III. Updates:
 - a. Legislation/ Budget update: Mr. Sonnenfeld shared the following link for the most recent legislative matrix that Everychild California distributed, <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:3793e2b-b-28f1-4721-bcee-0c4462f3041b>. This document contains the bills related to ECE that passed out of their house of origin. Some of the bills that Mr. Sonnenfeld presented were AB 22 which pertains to Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK) for all four-year olds. This bill is still intact, but the legislators are negotiating over the Governor's proposal that have to be passed by June 15, 2021. This bill may or may not make it out of the Senate. The bill is proposing that UTK be fully implemented in ten years, the Governor proposed UTK to be implemented in three years and the Legislators are proposing full implementation of UTK in four years. The next bill that was discussed is AB 75 regarding bond funds which would allow new construction of TK classrooms, and CSPP on school sites. This bill is sitting in the Assembly, but a similar aspect is in the Governor's proposal. AB 92 is the bill that would amend family fees as well as create a new family fee schedule that changes who would pay and how much they would pay. This bill is in the Senate. Next is AB 99 which is the cradle to career data system, and it is sitting in the Senate. The Governor also put something similar in his budget proposal. Then there is AB 791 which is the bill that would require all licensed staff to complete Trauma Informed Training. This may become a two-year bill or may become a part of the proposal. Some of the Senate Bills that were discussed were SB 22 which is the bill in relation to School bonds and it is mirrored in the Governor's proposal. SB 50 which is the extension of the age eligibility of children to be served in CSPP. This bill includes parental choice and would allow children to stay in CSPP, Head Start, TK and this is similar to what is in May Revise. Next is SB 246 which pertains to the RMR- Rate Reform. The first step is to eliminate the SRR and move toward RMR. Another component of this bill would be to move toward a tiered system of reimbursement based the level of quality of the provider/ center. It would also move to 85th percentile of reimbursement of the most current rates. Mr. Sonnenfeld shared that the budget must be voted on by June 15, 2021. He informed the council that Legislation is different than the actual Budget. He shared that there is a lot of one-time funding for the state and a lot of one-time projects will be offered this fiscal year. He also shared that the Child Care Provider Union is taking an advocacy approach this fiscal year and requesting a

budget package for them. They are meeting with the Governor to discuss their requests and a big ask they are requesting is another \$600 reimbursement for all licensed child care providers during this fiscal year. This would be a one-time payment to all licensed child care centers and homes that would range from \$3,500-\$6,500 per licensee.

- b. Early Stars Update: Mr. Carillo shared that in partnership with the London Branch Library, TCOE Resource and Referral and Tulare County Early Stars participated in the El Dia de los Ninos community event on May 6, 2021 as a means of outreach and promoting quality support services to the local community. They will also be participating in the Summer Reading Challenge Community Event on July 23rd hosted by the Dinuba Branch library to promote quality improvement supports and services. TCOE Resource and Referral and Tulare County Early Stars recently distributed quality improvement materials to Child Care Initiative Project participants who met program requirements via a drive thru event. The materials included science, math, and literacy educational resources. In addition, TCOE Resource and Referrals and Tulare County Early Stars is finalizing preparations for a Quality Improvement Materials drive thru event scheduled for Thursday, July 8 from 7:00 am – 10:00am at the TCOE Doe Avenue complex. The materials will include a combination of science, math, and literacy resources in support of quality improvement efforts. Tulare County Early Stars is also currently in the process of finalizing sites for IMPACT and Quality Counts California for next fiscal year.

- a. Everychild California Update: No updates were presented at this meeting.

IV. Consent Items: Mrs. Saucedo motioned to approve the items with the proposed changes. Mrs. Castillo second the motion. No objections and no abstentions. Consent items are approved.

- a. LPC May Minutes
- b. LPC Annual Summary of Activities Report

V. Council Discussions

- a. QCC Workforce Pathway Grant Update: No update was presented
- b. LPC Strategic Action Reports: Dr. Steve Roussos with the Community Initiatives for Collective Impact presented a draft of the first Strategic Action Report that shared information regarding LPC. The council provided suggestions to best reflect the LPC. Dr. Roussos informed the council that he will make changes and send updates next week. After this report is complete, Dr. Roussos will move the next focus area to present on.
- c. Legislative Event: Mr. Sonnenfeld shared some ideas of what a theme/focus area for the Legislative Event that is scheduled for October. He informed the council that UTK is coming and with that there is a shortage of TK teachers in the field. There is a possibility that many preschool staff may be called upon to serve as new TK teachers as they have the ECE education and experience. This will have a tremendous impact on the ECE field; therefore, a focus could be how to maintain the ECE field with the onset of UTK. There are also other impacts that will be affecting ECE- generational field retirement and decreased number of staff entering the ECE workforce due to low compensation. Another focus could be

what can be done to help sustain the ECE field? How to attract and retain the ELC workforce? He also suggested that the ECE field may be the training grounds for the TK system and how can we capitalize on that to prepare the teachers to serve the TK-12 system. This will be a great opportunity for ECE to infiltrate the school system and advocate for the importance of 0-5 care.

- VI. Announcements: No Announcements were made.
- VII. Next Scheduled Council Meeting: The council is not hosting a meeting in July. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday August 19, 2021 from 3:00pm-4:30pm via zoom.
- VIII. Adjourned: 4:30pm.