

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

Members Present: Elvira Barron, Stephanie Caldera, Lorena Castillo, Cheri Doria, Sherri Glenn, Jessica Hernandez, Maribel Magana, Barbara Newman, Michele Palermo, Monica Pilkinton, Melissa Prado, Rebecca Ortega, Timberly Romero, Zeina Rousan, Christina Saucedo, Deepa Srivastava, Tiffany Stark, Samantha Terry (Staff), Dianne Young.

Members Not Present: Brenda Larson, Krissie Leach, Teresa Romero, Amy Sullivan

Guests: Cristina Corchado, Amanda Ergo, Amanda Guajardo, Jennifer Lang, Araceli Pizano, Ivan Rodriguez, Eric Sonnenfeld.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Mrs. Terry and introductions were conducted.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment.
- III. UPDATES
 - a. Narrative Change: Mrs. Terry shared that no narrative changes have been made submitted to the council.
 - b. Voluntary Temporary Transfer of Funds: No transfers have been submitted at this time. The next opportunity for contractors to take part in this is May.
 - c. Public Health: Ms. Pizano with Tulare County Public Health shared that Tulare County continues to receive COVID Vaccines to help vaccinate the county residents. They are also receiving a new dose called the Johnson and Johnson dose which is a single dose for the COVID vaccine and it is being utilized for people that may have a challenging time coming back for a second dose such as the homeless, mental health patients, others. Tulare County Public Health will vaccinate individuals experiencing homelessness on March 12, 2021. Ms. Pizano informed the council that there seems to be a decline in people wanting to get the vaccine; therefore, we need to encourage people to get vaccinated. Residents that are wanting to schedule an appointment for the vaccine can go to <https://myturn.ca.gov/> or people can use the county website to find other locations that are providing the vaccine such as select pharmacies. In addition, the state gave 400 zipcode priorities for vaccines and nineteen of those came from Tulare County. The eligibility for receiving the vaccine has also expanded to serve people ages 16-64 that have underlying health conditions. These participants may need a doctor's note to ensure they meet that eligibility requirement. Ms. Newman shared that Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC) will be putting a note online for CVRC patients to make a request on their website to receive the required form so their clients can get the vaccine. The Vaccine eligibility has also expanded to serve the Ag and Ag sector. This is fairly new so there is not much information at this point in time but it does include people who work in fast food and or any food industry.
 - d. Legislation: Mr. Sonnenfeld shared that the contractors currently have the hold harmless during the 2020/2021 fiscal. However, Mr. Sonnenfeld shared that we all need to advocate for the hold harmless again for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as the contractors will have a challenging time with earning their contracts due to COVID and the public health guidelines that pertain to COVID. AB22, which is a TK for all bill that was amended to include parental choice between CSPP and TK, if it is passed as a normal policy bill it would go into effect January 1, 2022. If it is to be passed and be implemented sooner it would have to be in the legislation. SB22 and AB22 are companion bills and usually they get passed faster and this helps get things done quicker. In addition, SB 246 is the Rate

Reform bill for Center Based Contractors that will create a rate equity between RMR and SRR that will fault to whichever one is higher. Also, it discusses building a system on quality to increase rate with increased quality as well as a rate of emergency piece. AB 568 specifically addresses expulsions of African American and Hispanic children in the early learning and care settings. This bill, if passed, will create a dashboard for early care and education. Mr. Sonnenfeld also shared that Budget Trailer Bill language for the transition from CDE to CDSS has been released and it includes how it will take place, and everything that is entailed.

- e. Pre K/TK Brochure Discussion: Mrs. Terry proposed the idea, if AB 22 is passed, for the council to create a PreK/ TK brochure to share with all families in the county to educate them on Pre K and TK so they can make the right decision for their children. The council liked the idea and it will be further discussed if the bill is passed.
- f. New Council Report and LPC function: Mrs. Terry shared that the council has funds available in the budget that will be utilized to contract with Dr. Roussos, the consultant that completed the council's most recent Needs Assessment, to complete new reports to help the council advocate for the importance of early care and education. The reports will be accessible to the community as well for their use. The council will host a Special Meeting to discuss this report and begin the process.
- g. LPC Local Zipcode Funding Priorities: Mrs. Terry shared the Executive Committee agreed to keep the same priorities this fiscal year due to the data in AIR is two years behind and that current situation with COVID will not reflect the correct need. The council will vote on it at the next meeting.
- h. Early Stars Program: Mr. Carrillo was unable to attend but he provided the following update for Mrs. Terry to share with the council. In partnership with First 5 Tulare County, QCC distributed 318 boxes to early learning care programs in Tulare County on Wednesday, March 3. The boxes included an infrared forehead thermometer, disinfectant and cleaning wipes, disinfectant spray, hand soap, gloves, kids masks, adult masks, and gloves. This event was made possible by the \$24,000 Special Project Grant provided by First 5 Tulare County and remaining Cleaning and Supply Funding from Resource and Referral. This was a complete team effort and included multiple departments to come to fruition. Early Stars and Resource and Referral have teamed up to present seven live virtual reptile shows every Tuesday @ 10:00 for all FFN, FCCH, private center based, and QRIS participating sites. Each week Eric Johnson presents different reptiles and is highly engaging with the children and families. FFN Outreach and Engagement Plan: There are currently 35 participants enrolled in the FFN Outreach and Engagement plan. Participants have engaged in an orientation and most have attended monthly trainings as well. Training topics have included, The Importance of Children and Play, Nutrition, Story Time with the Visalia Public Library Childcare Assistance Outreach: R & R has sent out another flyer for families needing childcare assistance or in need of available childcare. In addition, we've added the Child Care Referral Search widget on the main page of our TCOE Website. This search engine allows families to find available childcare based on their particular area of need. Quality Improvement Efforts: Coaches are continuing to provide support for their sites through phone calls, emails, texts and via Zoom. Coaches continue to send participants training information, professional development opportunities and any other information that is relevant to their sites. Coaches

are continuing to attend trainings for their professional development and maintaining their reliability in the assessment tools. They are also continuing to collaborate, support each other and help train our new IMPACT coach.

- i. EveryChild California: Mrs. Doria shared that EveryChild California continues to be a great resource for professional learning opportunities and to provide us with the most current up to date information in our field. Some of the scheduled resources are: Mental Health for the ECE Community During the COVID-19 Pandemic - March 17th, Efficiently Managing Eligibility & Need - April 21-23, Advanced Eligibility & Need - May 13th, Brown Bag Lunch Series - April 13, 2021 & June 8, 2021, Great Administrators July 28-29, 2021 in Santa Barbara, The Central section would also like to hold a webinar this spring, but they are in need of ideas of what participants would like? Please let Mrs. Doria know of topics and/or speakers that would be beneficial.
The EveryChild California also has a COVID-19 Resource Page on their website.
- j. Other: Mrs. Terry shared at the April meeting it will be time to vote on a new Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for the Executive Committee of the council. The members that have been randomly selected to take part on the Nominating Committee are Mrs. Stark, Ms. Palermo, Mrs. Saucedo, Ms. Larson, and Mrs. Magana. Mrs. Terry informed the council if there is someone they want to nominate for one of the offices or if they themselves want to be nominated to contact Mrs. Terry by March 31, 2021 to be added to the ballot.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Mrs. Young motioned to approve the consent items. Mrs. Glenn second the motion. No objections and no abstentions. The consent item is approved.

- a. LPC February Minutes

V. Council Discussions

- a. QCC Workforce Pathways Grant Update: This section will be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. Legislative Event: This discussion will take place at the next meeting but Mrs. Terry asked the council to begin to think of a date and theme for this year's event.
- c. Inclusion Collaborative Event: Mrs. Terry shared the event is scheduled to take place virtually on April 16, 2021 and the audience has expanded to serve teacher, family child care providers, parents, and anyone who is interested in attending. The event will begin with a presentation on Child Abuse Prevention Month by Ms. Guajardo, then a welcome by Mrs. McKean, a keynote presentation by Mrs. Stark and then two breakout sessions and a round table discussion and closing. The theme for this year's event is Social Emotional and the impact of COVID-19 and there are over 200 participants registered for the event.
 - i. Welcome: Tammy McKean
 - Encouragement during COVID even though it has impacted our social and emotional development of children. Also, may be acknowledge what providers have been doing and the fact that we have a long way to go as we are going to inherit all the trauma, etc. Acknowledge the first responders for early care and education field to handle the mental health and social development impact of COVID
 - ii. Event jobs
 - 4 room monitors: Timberly, Dianne, Sherri, Stephanie and,

Jessica, Elvira, cristina, Maribel, Jennifer, and Cheri.

- VI.** ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Guajardo is hosting an ACES training Monday March 15, 2021 from 11am-1pm and is opening it to anyone else that wants to attend. If anyone is interested in her training to contact her. She also informed the council that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and CAPC will be doing something day of the month. If anyone wants to join in her event contact her or if they want materials, to support the awareness please contact her. Mrs. Srivastava with the University of California Cooperative Extension hosts nutrition education and can do training for parents and to contact her if anyone is interested in working with her to host a training.
- VII.** NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING: April 8, 2021 from 3:00pm-4:30pm via zoom.
- VIII.** ADJOURNMENT: 4:20pm