

Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 18, 2021 2:00pm-3:00pm
Zoom

Members Present: Elvira Barron, Lorena Castillo, Sherri Glenn, Barbara Newman, Rebecca Ortega, Michele Palermo, Christina Saucedo, Amy Sullivan, Samantha Terry (staff), Dianne Young

Members Not Present: Stephanie Caldera, Cheri Doria, Jessica Hernandez, Brenda Larson, Krissie Leach, Maribel Magana, Monica Pilkinton, Melissa Prado, Teresa Ramos, Timberly Romero, Zeina Rousan, Tiffany Stark, Deepa Srivastava,

Guests: Amanda Ergo, Amanda Guajardo, Flora Johnson, Irma Rangel, Steve Roussos, and Eric Sonnenfeld

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Terry at 2:02pm and introductions were made.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were made.
- III. Strategic Action Reports: Dr. Roussos with the Community Initiatives for Collective Impact created the most recent Needs Assessment for the council. He was asked to come back and contract with him to help the council complete some Strategic Action Reports for Tulare County in an effort to build off the findings from the Needs Assessment and it into the public sphere to educate the community on the important of early care and education. The council will prioritize their areas of need of the reports and he will conduct three to four reports that will be a couple pages in length that will incorporate data and then will make a one-page infographic of some form of each report to help utilize for advocacy.

The reports are going to be available to the council members and the community members as well to help them advocate for the needs of early care and education. The first step is to educate the entire county and continue to be the voice to support early care and education. The following topics are focus areas that were addressed at the meeting

1. What is the LPC?
 - a. Include the role at the state level, the role at the CCCCA level, and what LPC is and why LPC matters to the county.
2. Understanding Community through the children and families perspective
3. Importance of ECE?
4. Funding for all program types in the ECE field
5. What it takes to have a high quality child care program
6. Map/ overview of 0-12th grade care available in Tulare County to connect it all as a whole system
7. Professional development needs of the early care and education professionals beyond education to be sure to capture child abuse, mental health issues, and many others that are not taught in a classroom at a college level.

The members also discussed created a Brain Scan infographic that shows a child's brain who attended an early learning and care program and one that has not to show the developmental differences an all that it takes to make a quality program that can incorporate many areas addressed above. It was also discussed created a brochure in which each section highlights the key points of each report that can be easily utilized for advocacy purposes.

Dr, Roussos will provide a quick draft of one report-What is LPC? And will send for review and brainstorming for the next meeting in April to discuss this report and provide guidance on how to move forward.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements were made.

V. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING: April 8, 2021 from 3:00pm-4:30pm via zoom.

VI. ADJOURNED: 2:50pm