

Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development
Minutes
Thursday May 13, 2021 3:00pm-4:30pm

Members Present: Stephanie Caldera, Lorena Castillo, Cheri Doria, Amanda Ergo, Sherri Glenn, Amanda Guajardo, Jessica Hernandez, Brenda Larson, Barbara Newman, Rebecca Ortega, Melissa Prado, Teresa Ramos, Timberly Romero, Christina Saucedo, Deepa Srivastava, Amy Sullivan, Samantha Terry (staff), and Dianne Young.

Members Not Present: Elvira Barron, Krissie Leach, Maribel Magana, Michele Palermo, Monica Pilkinton, Zeina Rousan, and Tiffany Stark.

Guests: Tal Ben Ami, Cristina Corchado, Rosanna Guzman, Jennifer Lang, and Araceli Pizano.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 3:02pm by Mrs. Romero and introductions were conducted.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were made.
- III. Council Training: Amanda Guajardo, Executive Director of Tulare County Child Abuse Prevention Council, presented on her program titled *Leaders for Change: Protective Factors in Action*. This program is open to all families in Tulare County. It is a six-week series of workshops that pertain to parent leadership academy and the program is service project focused. The curriculum is research based, evidence-based, and will be conducted in Spanish and English. Ms. Guajardo shared that it is not a support group but will empower parents to be a leader of change. The series consist of one to one and a half hours of training and two to two and a half hours of homework each week that is intended to help the parents grow professionally and a call to action to make a difference.
- IV. UPDATES
 - a. Narrative Change: No narrative changes have been submitted at this time.
 - b. Voluntary Temporary Transfer of Funds: The last opportunity for contractors to take part in the VTTF this fiscal year ended April 30, 2021 and no contractors in Tulare County requested to participate.
 - c. Public Health: Ms. Pizano shared with the council that there were 271 active COVID cases reported and only 18 confirmed COVID patients. She informed the council that Tulare County was still in the Orange Tiers and that only nine counties in the state that were in the Yellow Tier. Tulare County is on the path to get to that tier and she encouraged to continue to share the information about COVID vaccines. Ms. Pizano informed the council that effective May 13, 2021 children ages 12-17 are eligible for COVID vaccines. She shared that there are multiple locations offering the vaccine and accepting walk ins. She also shared that people who are interested in the vaccine can go to <https://myturn.ca.gov/>. She also shared that more information regarding Tulare County and COVID can be found at <https://covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov/>. CDPH has not changed their mask requirements and that CDC is in the beginning stages of making changes regarding masks but Tulare County is not at a point in time yet where masks are not required.
 - d. Legislation: Mrs. Terry shared an update regarding the legislative push for Universal TK and how that will impact the ECE field if it is approved. She also encouraged everyone to advocate for the Hold Harmless for CDE Contractors for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. She informed the council that the governor will release his May Revise next week and more information will be shared at the next meeting.
 - e. Early Stars Program: There was no update available.

- f. EveryChild California: Ms. Doria shared with the council that the next Brown Bag Lunch is schedule for June 8, 2021. These meetings consist of breakout rooms to discuss important aspects of the field that are changing, share how others are doing things etc. The Health & Safety Institute is scheduled for June 10-11, 2021. The Great Administrator’s Seminar 2021 is scheduled for July 28-29, 2021 and the Fall TA is scheduled for October 27-29, 2021.
 - g. Other: Mrs. Terry informed the council that she did not receive the First 5 Grant that she applied for to implement the Language Learning Project that support Dual Language Learners. She will continue to provide the professional development training with the other managers who are now trainers to assist the early childhood educators of the county and if other grant opportunities become available, she may apply for it. She also informed the council that she hosted a Census Bureau training for the county and 35 participants attended. The training was recorded as well to help the community have the ability to access the Census Bureau data to assist with future grant writing opportunities.
- V. CONSENT ITEMS: Ms. Newman motioned to approve the consent item. Mrs. Castillo second the motion. There were no abstentions or objections. The consent item was approved.
- a. LPC April Minutes
- VI. Council Discussions
- a. QCC Workforce Pathways Grant Update: Mrs. Terry informed the council that the grant is being renewed in the new fiscal year but the amount that will be received, and the renewal process is not yet known.
 - b. LPC Strategic Action Reports: Mrs. Terry shared that she is working with Dr. Roussos as he is crafting the first Strategic Action Report for the council. These are going to be community reports to help the council members and other community members advocate for the importance of early childhood education. It is the goal of the council to educate the community on the need for early care and education in hopes to increase the level of local support to yield more positive outcomes for children, families, and staff.
 - c. Legislative Event:
 - i. Tentative date: The council confirmed that the date is October 13, 2021
 - ii. Location: The event will be conducted virtually.
 - iii. Time: 9:30am-11:30am
 - iv. Discuss theme: Some of the topics that were discussed were; district plans and changes of the new “school system”- infant toddler care in the county-brain development in the ECE world-academic and health care issue-the whole child-email vote. How will the “Community School” – family center idea work in our county? How will one-time investments continue to be funded? What and how will we serve the different ages 0-3, 4 year olds, 5 year olds in the future? More will be discussed at the next meeting as it was proposed that the topic revolve around what is issued in the May Revise that will be released next week.
 - v. Presenters: possibly Eric Sonnenfeld
 - vi. Other: The council decided the Save the Date needs to be more generic since a topic has not yet been decided and the invitation will include the topic at a later date. The council suggested that the Save the Date needs to be sent out early June.

- d. Inclusion Collaborative Event:
 - i. Debrief from Event: Mrs. Terry quickly reviewed the results of the evaluation that some participants completed. The link below was shared with the council members so they could read the written responses from the participants.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XqJdL3T97iZwYxGypcKGIM0QyBSRcgRaMYkzqH6c8Og/edit?usp=sharing>
 - ii. Tentative Date for 2022 Event: April 22, 2022 and it is suggested to conduct a Full Day Conference
 - iii. Theme: Possible suggestions for topics that were discussed were: strategies to support children with difficult behavior to help prevent suspension and expulsion. Then have breakout sessions to support this topic on how to support all the behaviors, what services and supports are available in the community, the relationship between behavior or sensory-developmental behavioral trainer (Jennifer Johnson is a possible presenter)
 - iv. Other: Nothing else was discussed at this time.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mrs. Romero shared that Parenting Network is fully open. Ms. Newman shared that CVRC received a fulltime Executive Director which will be beneficial for the organization.

VIII. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING: June 10, 2021 from 3:00pm-4:30pm via zoom.

IX. ADJOURNED: 4:13pm.

