

Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development Meeting Agenda

Thursday June 8, 2023, 3:00pm-4:30pm
TCOE Doe Ave Sycamore Conference Room

Members present: Stephanie Caldera, Lorena Castillo, Cheri Doria, Sherri Glenn, Amanda Guajardo, Laura Harris, Joe Iniguez, Rebecca Ortega, Christina Osorio, Monica Pilkinton, Timberly Romero, Christina Saucedo, Amy Sullivan, and Samantha Terry (Staff). Members not present: Elvira Barron, Brenda Larson, Barbara Newman, Zeina Rousan, and Tiffany Stark. Guests: Teri Gardner Martinez, Jenny Mendoza, Eric Sonnenfeld, and Leticia Trevino.

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 3:02pm by Mrs. Romero.
2. Public Comments: No public comments were made.
3. Consent Items: Mrs. Castillo motioned to approve the minutes. Mrs. Saucedo seconds the motion to approve the minutes. No objections. Abstentions: Ms. Osorio & Ms. Ortega. Minutes are approved.
 - a. April Meeting Minutes
4. May Revise presentation, Eric Sonnenfeld, Assistant Administrator, Tulare County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Program shared with the Council that there was not much in the May Revise at this time due to the delayed taxes. The legislators will begin to negotiate with the Governor and a budget will be signed in June. However, there will be changes once the tax revenues are finalized in October.
5. Council Presentation, Samantha Terry, Child & Youth Development Council Manager, Tulare County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Program provided a presentation to the Council on what was accomplished this fiscal year, what the Council represents, and the goals she has for the Council in the future.
6. Updates: Mrs. Romero informed the Council that we have slightly changed the format of our meetings and many of the updates that we would normally share verbally will now be on the updates page. She encourages the members read the updates page prior to the meetings and if they have any questions, they are more than welcome to ask. Mrs. Romero asked the members to take a minute to review the updates page and asked if anyone has any questions about the updates page. No questions or comments were made.
 - a. Event Updates: The event updates were shared on the document for the members to read.
 - b. Early Stars Program: Mrs. Terry, on behalf of Anthony Carrillo, shared that the Tulare County Early Stars is in the process of finalizing ratings for participating CSPP QRIS sites and issuing block grants to all agencies. Our program will also be scheduling an orientation for all participating CSPP QRIS sites who are being rated or re-rated during next program year to review updated CDE guidance. First 5 IMPACT and CDSS Quality Counts California sites are also in the process of issuing a onetime stipend in support of continuous quality improvement. Block grants and stipends will issued by June 30, 2023. Tulare County Early Stars coaches will be on summer break effective June 9 and return during the first week of August. Tulare County Resource & Referral is in the process of issuing stipends for Tulare County FCCH and private center based programs who claimed their profile on the My Child Care Plan database. My Child Care Plan is a free

search and support resource for Tulare County families in need of child care. Tulare County early learning care programs are encouraged to create an account and market their business to the community. Please see the attached My Child Care Plan to share with the families you serve. <https://mychildcareplan.org/promote-your-child-care-business/>

- c. UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant (LPC): This was shared during Mrs. Terry's presentation.
- d. Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Update: Mrs. Sullivan had to leave the meeting prior to this point in the meeting. Mrs. Terry informed the Council that LPC collaborated with Mrs. Sullivan and hosted the first Annual PreK/TK Conference on April 29, 2023, and it was a huge success. The next conference will take place on October 7, 2023, as the Fall is the time that TK teachers would prefer to attend an event. Mrs. Terry also informed the Council that Mrs. Sullivan is providing numerous trainings and support to TK teachers, TK paraprofessional, and administrators for Tulare County.
- e. College of the Sequoias (COS) Update: Ms. Harris shared that they are finishing up the TK teachers courses to meet the deadline of 24 units by August 1, 2023. The last round of courses will begin in June. She informed the Council that there are many new courses available at COS in ECE but the enrollment is currently low so they may have to cancel some of them if the enrollment does not increase. Some of the new courses they have include but are not limited to Infant and Toddler, Special Education, and Administration course.

7. Council Discussions

- a. Needs Assessment: Mrs. Romero informed the Council that we are still working with Dr. Roussos on the completing the Needs Assessment Dr. Roussos's organization (Community Initiatives for Collective Impact) donated 6 \$50 gift cards (a total of \$300) to utilize as incentives for parents to complete the parent survey that we sent out to receive some current data and identify some parental need in Tulare County. We had over 600 responses but there were quite a few that completed it that are outside of Tulare County but still think we had a good response and thank everyone who took the time to share that information with families. We will be sharing the draft Needs Assessment when it becomes available and will need support from all Council members to review and provide feedback before it is approved and made public.
- b. LPC Reports/ projects: The focus for this fiscal year will be the Economic Impact Report. Then once that report, the Needs Assessment, and Tulare County's UPK Master Plan is complete we will utilize the findings to conduct strategic planning for the Council and the future efforts and supports the Council will work to provide.
- c. Strategic Planning: Mrs. Terry informed the Council after the Needs Assessment is complete, the Council will need to do some strategic planning and decide the goals and focus of the Council in the future to support UPK. One area that was mentioned that the Council needs to address is Parent Education and the UPK mixed Delivery System. How the Council can help educate the parents that they have choices on where to send their children ages 0-5 and that they need to do what is developmentally appropriate for each individual child.
- d. Other: Nothing was discussed at this time.

8. Announcements: Ms. Osorio, with Parenting Network, informed the Council that they have a couple family events coming up. Some of the events include flapjacks with fathers, paint night, and bingo to name a few. For more information, they can contact Ms. Osorio.

9. Next Scheduled Council Meeting: August 17, 3:00pm-4:30pm at TCOE Doe Ave. Sycamore Conference Room.
10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.