

## Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2024, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Tulare County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Program

7000 Doe Ave. Visalia, CA 93291

Aspen Conference Room

Members present: Elvira barron, Stephanie Caldera, Stepanie Clayton, Cheri Doria, Denise Egge, Sherri Glenn, Barbara Newman, Rebecca Ortega, Monica Pilkinton, Timberly Romero, and Samantha Terry (Staff). Members not present: Monica Arreola, Lorena Castillo, Casie Ennis, Laura Harria, Joe Iniguez, Christina Osorio, Christina Saucedo, Amy Sullivan, and Brandy Villarreal. Guests: Mike Bledsoe, Kathy Connelly, Robin Fox, Samantha Luna, Jenny Mendoza, Michael Mori, Bernadette Solorzano, Eric Sonnenfeld and Elibet Tapia

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Mrs. Romero.
2. Public Comments: No public comments were made.
3. Consent Items: Ms. Doria motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Ortega second the motion. No objections. Abstentions: Stephanie Clayton and Sherri Glenn. Minutes are approved.
  - a. April Meeting Minutes
4. Updates
  - a. Legislation/ Budget updates: Mrs. Terry informed the council that the meeting packet includes some important information about the budget. She shared with the council some highlights: Codifies the 2021-22 Budget Year agreement to grow the state-subsidized child care system by 200,000 new children served, and a new 2028 goal to reflect the May Revision “pause” proposal. Fully funds all awarded expansion slots from existing child care appropriations and provides a general fun offset for the new \$48 million federal fund award not scored in May Revision, in addition to the May Revision offset proposal. Sweeps \$143 million General Fund and \$206.3 million Prop 98 in one-time State Preschool savings, as proposed in the May Revision. Eliminates the planned growth in the California State Preschool Program inclusive set-aside for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years, capping the set-aside at 5%. The budget also includes expanding California State Preschool Program eligibility to children ages 24-35 months. She also shared that the governor is wanting to sweep the IEEEP funds to the general funds but that they are a necessity to CSPP and families. The meeting packet included a template letter of support, and she encouraged agencies to complete that to help advocate for those funds.
  - b. Event Updates: Mrs. Terry informed the council that the legislative Event I scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2024, from 11:30am-2:30pm. The focus will be on how Child Care impacts the Economy. The Save the Date has been sent out and the invitation will be sent once it gets closer to the event. The tentative date of the Inclusion Event is March 11, 2025. More information will be provided later.
5. 2023/2024 LPC reflection: Mrs. Terry shared a 2023/2024 recap presentation on all the things that LPC accomplished in the 2023/2024 year. Presentation is attached. LPC had a successful year and many more things planned in the 24/25 year.
6. Council Discussions
  - a. September 2024 LPC Strategic Planning/ Retreat: Mrs. Terry shared with the council that she wants to do some strategic planning in September and will provide more

information soon. She will be working with a consultant who is doing the consulting work for the UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant.

- b. UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant/ LPC Reports/ projects: Mrs. Terry shared that herself, the AP manager, and Ms. Sullivan the UPK Coordinator are doing Roadshow presentations across Tulare County to help spread the work about all the Early Care and Education options that are available to families. In addition, she is working with a graphic designer to update the umbrella infographic to something that will be more understandable to the average reader. Also, her and some other colleagues and administration are working to create a trifold to go in doctor's offices to help advocate for ECE from a young age. They are trying to obtain a champion pediatrician to help obtain more support from the medical field as most parents highly value their healthcare professional's advice. Therefore, the goal is to educate them on the importance of ECE so they can share that with the children and families they serve.
  - c. Other business: Mrs. Romero shared the Needs Assessment is not complete unfortunately and she apologizes for the delay. Dr. Roussos and the review team want to ensure there is an accurate report ready to vote on and it is not quite ready for that. In addition, Dr. Roussos has been working closely with the Economist to ensure their reports are similar despite the different data points collected.
7. Round Table Announcements: Mrs. Romero shared the ELO-P Update: Schools are beginning to transition into summer programs for school age students, TK-6 (and some up through 12th grade). Summer programs will start within days of the last day of school and are required to operate at least 9 hours/day. Students are not required to attend all 9 hours, but the district will be offering that. Also, this summer, programs will be facilitating their professional staff development - if anyone would like to offer their expertise to provide a training to expanded learning staff, or if you would like more information, please contact Virginia Sepeda at [virginias@tcoe.org](mailto:virginias@tcoe.org) or 559-741-0812. Lastly, please contact Virginia if there are items that may need to get into families' hands that ELO-P programs may be able to assist in distributing to families. Mrs. Doria, with Lindsay Unified School District, shared that she is opening a PreK/TK classroom at a school site that has not yet had any of these classes before. This will help meet many families needs and is an exciting time for their expansion. Mrs. Ortega, with Porterville Unified School District, shared that she is opening two part time (Am session and PM session) preschool classes. She too is excited about this expansion that will help meet some of their community's needs.
  8. Next Scheduled Council Meeting: Mrs. Romero shared with the council that need to have everyone attend the meeting on August 15, from 3:00pm-4:30pm at TCOE Doe Ave. in the Aspen Conference Room. The plan is to vote on the needs assessment and Economic Impact Report at this meeting so it can then move forward to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Supervisors before it gets submitted to California Department of Social Services.
  9. Adjournment: 3:48pm.