

Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development
Events Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 10:30 am-12:00 pm
TCOE ECE
7000 Doe Ave. Visalia, CA 93291
Aspen Conference Room

Members present: Stephanie Caldera, Lorena Castillo, Cheri Doria, Sherri Glenn, Timberly Romero, Christina Saucedo, Elibet Tapia, Blanca Luna (staff), and Samantha Terry (staff). Members not present: Joe Iniguez and Christina Osorio.

1. Welcome: Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Terry at 10:34 am.
2. Review October minutes: Stephanie Caldera motions to approve the minutes with the minor changes. Timberly Romero seconds the motion to approve the minutes with the minor changes. Abstentions: Lorena Castillo, Cheri Doria, Sherri Glenn, and Elibet Tapia. No objections. Minutes are approved.
3. 2025 Legislative Event Planning: Mrs. Terry shared that the tentative date is Thursday, October 16, 2025, at TCOE Mooney. She shared that a possible topic this year could be a monetized ask for ECE Workforce as a ECE Workforce Study is going to transpire out of the UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant. The committee was a little concerned that the report may not be ready, to have it be the theme/focus of this year's event. It was suggested to have that as the theme/focus maybe next year. One theme/focus that was discussed was ECE Facilities. Tulare County does not have enough facility space for all TK, CSPP and Head Start programs. In the previous budget the Facilities Grant Funds were swept so there is no support for expansion, and it is a high need. It was suggested as well to host a Legislator Panel, if approved, and our Call to Action/ ask will be asking them how we can expect them to support our ask, etc. the possibility about changing the date to accommodate more legislators to attend themselves. More details will be discussed at the next meeting.
4. Inclusion Event: Mrs. Terry informed the committee that the event is scheduled to take place on March 11, 2025, at Mooney and the invitation has been sent out. A lot of people have already registered. The theme/ focus this year is Conscious Discipline and the Keynote Speaker is Amy Speidel, "We Are in This Together" Building a Stronger Foundation For All Children. The time is 9am-12:00pm with breakfast available to those who attend. The committee created the agenda for the event and Timberly and Barbara Newman were asked to be the facilitators of the event. It was suggested that Tammy Bradford be contacted and asked to conduct the welcome again for the event. A break was added for this event and Lakeshore will be speaking at the end because they are going to donate all the centerpieces again for the event. Ms. Tapia and Mrs. Caldera volunteered to reach out to staff to seek parents for the parent panel. The committee created the questions that the parent panel will be asked with an emphasis on the resources that were helpful to them and what they feel everyone who works with children should know.

5. Other Items: The committee suggested miniature tissue packs as one of the marketing items for the event and maybe a fidget toy. Mrs. Terry will reach out to the vendor to ask for ideas for an additional item. The slogan for the marketing items can be something such as How can you help build a stronger foundation for all children?
6. Next Meeting: The committee set the next meeting to be March 25, 2025, from 10:30am-12:00pm, at Doe Ave.
7. Adjournment: 11:45am