

Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development
Events Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 10:30am-12:00pm
Tulare County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Program
7000 Doe Ave. Visalia, CA 93291
Aspen Conference Room

Committee members present: Elvira Barron, Stephanie Caldera, Lorena Castillo, Cheri Doria, Terri Gardner-Martinez, Sherri Glenn, Barbara Newman, Christina Saucedo, and Samantha Terry (staff). Members not present: Blanca Luna (staff), Christina Osorio, Victoria Rodriguez, and Amy Sullivan.

Agenda Item	Topic	Presenter	Council Member Prep
1. Call to Order	Welcome & Introductions	Sam, Council Coordinator	The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Terry at 10:35am.
2. Public Comments		Sam, Council Coordinator	No public comments were made.
3. Action Items a.	January Committee Meeting Minutes	Sam, Council Coordinator	Mrs. Saucedo motioned to approve of the minutes. Mrs. Doria second the motion. No objections. Abstentions: Elvira Barron, Terri Gardner-Martinez and Sherri Glenn.
4. Discussion Item a.	Events debrief	Group Discussion	The committee reviewed the feedback from both event evaluations. Both events received good feedback from the participants and nothing negative stood out that needed to be discussed immediately. Both events also had a good turn out and the participants really enjoyed the community resource exhibit at the Annual Collaborative Event and the participants at the Annual Legislative Event enjoyed the networking time prior to the event start time. Mrs. Terry also informed the subcommittee that the Council has sponsorship funds remaining which will be used for food, and other event expenses at upcoming events.
4. Committee Discussion b.	2026/ 2027 Legislative Event discussion	Group Discussion	Mrs. Terry informed the committee that there is a date in October reserved at Mooney, but it was very limited on what was available for reserving the whole Redwood Center. Mrs. Terry also shared that the council is going to pause on planning another Legislative Event in the new fiscal year until she meets with JC and some of the medial professionals that attended the event. JC recommends that we meet with some participants that attend and get their feedback on how to move forward for the next convening. We want to ensure that we are engaging the medical community in a way that will get their interest so we will reach out to set meetings and share feedback at the next subcommittee meeting.
4. Committee Discussion c.	2026/ 2027 Collaborative Event Discussion	Group Discussion	Mrs. Terry provided three options of dates for the 2027 Annual Collaborative Event, and the committee chose Thursday, April 1, 2027, as the event date. The committee would like to have more parents attend the event to help educate them on resources that are

			available to them and their families as well as support them. It was suggested that better distribution take place of the invitation to reach more families. It was recommended that Mrs. terry share information at the monthly Directors of Special Education Monthly meetings, the Preschool Summit Meetings, CAC meetings as well as share with School Psychologists and mental health staff to share with families that they serve. It was also recommended when presentations are conducted at these meetings, to bring printed copies for staff to share with families. Since this event is to be more parent focused we need to share information about the parent support groups that are becoming available within Tulare County. Ms. Osorio can assist with this. This event, the committee also wants to include a parent panel to hear from real situations and help refocus educators on the importance of offering grace and sympathy to families who have children with special needs. The committee asked Mrs. Terry to reach out to Genevive Valentine to see if she is available to be the keynote speaker for this event. Some of the ideas that the committee discussed that should be addressed at the event are: • Understanding what life is like to have a child with special needs and how to be more sympathetic to the children and families • Day in the Life with children with special needs • Tips & tricks to get through the day. Parents who have children with special needs may tend to isolate themselves and the committee wants to provide support to families • Bring awareness to the educators of what the children and families are experiencing • Caregiver burnout & IEP support, parental rights, etc. • The committee also discussed the possibility of having a zoom option for participants who cannot attend in person to ensure parents have access to the information and resources that are being discussed. • Provide networking time during the event, and the round table discussion. However, it was discussed having at least one council member at each table to help facility the discussion and take notes of what is discussed to be able to report back to the Council.
4. Committee Discussion d.	Meeting dates	Group discussion	The committee set the meeting dates for the 26/27 year with the first meeting taking place on August 18, 2026, from 10:30am-12:00pm. Mrs. Terry will send calendar

			invites for all the meeting dates and send those out as soon as possible.
4. Committee Discussion e.	Other	Group Discussion	Nothing else was discussed at this time.
5. Adjournment		Sam, Council Coordinator	The meeting was adjourned at

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