

Tulare County Council on Child and Youth Development- Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2021 1:30pm-3:30pm

Members Present: Cheri Doria, Sherri Glenn, Rebecca Ortega, Timberly Romero, Christina Saucedo, Samantha Terry (staff), and Dianne Young

Members Not Present: Lorena Castillo, and Melissa Prado

- I. Welcome: Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Terry at 1:38pm and the meeting was conducted virtually.
- II. Review May Executive Committee Minutes: Minutes were approved.
- III. Budget: Mrs. Terry informed the committee that all grants, LPC, LLP, and QCC Workforce Pathway Grant are on track to be spent by June 30, 2021. Mrs. Terry reviewed the stipend amounts per level to the participants for the QCC Workforce Pathway Grant. This fiscal year, the total stipend amount that was give among the 170 participants is \$295,850.
- IV. Discussion Items
  - a. Council Meetings: The committee discussed the changes in the council meetings and shared the positives of the changes. The committee decided to keep the council meetings monthly, except for skipping the July and December meetings due to the time of year and low attendance among the members.
  - b. Executive Committee Meetings: Mrs. Terry shared that effective July 1, 2021 the new executive committee will consist of Timberly Romero-Chair, Rebecca Ortega-Vice Chair, Cheri Doria- Secretary, Melissa Prado-Past Chair, Christina Saucedo-SOS Representative, and Dianne Young-BOS Representative. Previous members are still able to attend and it is encouraged they continue to attend and assist the executive committee. The committee decided that they will meet quarterly and then hold special meetings when needed.
  - c. 2021/2022 goal/ project: A possible focus for the 2021/2022 fiscal year is educating the community about the shift in the ECE field with the implementation of Universal Transitional Kindergarten. Other aspects of the council may be conducted throughout the year to support this focus.
  - d. Strategic Action Reports: The committee approved of Mrs. Terry's suggestion of making the focus of the next report/ pamphlet to educate parents, administrators, the community, etc. on the difference between TK and ECE programs so that parents are educated to make the right choice of their children as to where to enroll them. This will help to assist the success of each child in the county as well as help to spread the awareness of the council and its efforts to support providers, children, and families.
  - e. Needs Assessment 2023: Mrs. Terry informed the committee that they need to brainstorm when they would like to begin working on the upcoming needs assessment. The council is mandated to complete one every five years and the last one was approved in 2018. The council, therefore: has about two more

years until a new one is due. The previous assessment took a year to complete and required multiple funding sources, which include sponsorship and grants. The committee needs to decide who to move forward with this. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

- f. Events: The committee discussed the Legislative Event and proposed that Eric Sonnenfeld be asked to conduct the keynote presentation at the event and talk about how the shift in ECE to UTK will impact the field, staff, children, and families. It was also mentioned of possibly having a panel of current ECE programs that have successful ECE/Tk programs and present on their experiences to demonstrate to the participants how this shift can be successful and what it takes to preserve the importance of ECE that all children receive all that they need the first five years to have the most positive impact that will guide their future academic and personal endeavors. It was suggested, if possible, to have a video or pictures of current programs to share with the participants and possible panelists include Cheri Doria and Jennifer Marroquin with Tulare City School District.
- g. Other: Mrs. Terry informed the committee that the grant renewal for the QCC Workforce Grant was submitted and that we will be receiving the same amount. Mrs. Terry shared that changes have been made from this past fiscal year experiences to make it more convenient and less confusing to participant with this grant. It will be more simple and hopefully able to engage more participants as compared to this year.

**V. Consent Items:** Minutes were approved.

- a. LPC June Minutes

**VI. Review and Approval of August Council Meeting Agenda:** Agenda was approved with a minor change.

**VII. Other Items**

- a. Narrative Change: Item not discussed at this meeting.
- b. Voluntary Temporary Transfer of Funds

**VIII. Next Executive Meeting:** The committee decided to meet quarterly beginning in August 2021. Meeting dates will be sent out for the 2021/2022 fiscal year at a later date.

**IX. Adjourned:** 2:56pm

