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

August 10, 2022 1:30pm-3:30pm

Members Present: Cheri Doria, Sherri Glenn, Timberly Romero, Christina Sauceda, and Samantha Terry (Staff). Members Not Present: Lorena Castillo, and Rebecca Ortega

- **I.** Welcome: Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Terry at 1:35pm.
- II. Public Comments: No Public Comments were made.
- **III.** Review April Executive Committee Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, and no changes were suggested.
- IV. Budget: Mrs. Terry informed the council that the LPC budget was fully spent for the 2021/2022 year. She informed the committee that LPC will be receiving 50% restoration to bring the budget to the original pre-recession amount. Mrs. Terry shared that with this increase in the budget the idea is to charge more of her time to LPC as well as pay for the reminder of the Needs Assessment Report. Mrs. Terry shared that about \$4,000 was unspent with the QCC Workforce Pathways Grant and majority of that was the time budgeted for the administrative assistance provided to Mrs. Terry that was not utilized. It was less than one percent of the budget that was not spent; however, for the 2022/2023-year Mrs. Terry will work with fiscal manager to find a way to ensure all funding is spent moving forward.

V. Discussion Items

- a. First 5 Special Project Grant update: Mrs. Terry informed the committee that she applied for the First 5 Tulare County Special Project Grant and was awarded \$15,000. In the proposal, it was requested that \$8,000 be utilized to pay for the remainder of the Needs Assessment Contract and that \$3,500 was for the food for the Legislative Event and \$3,500 for the food for the Inclusion Event. However, since LPC will be restored to their original budget, Mrs. Terry will contact Mrs. Eaton, Executive Director of First 5 Tulare County to determine what to do with the \$8,000 that was requested for the report that will not no longer be needed.
- b. Needs Assessment 2023: The Needs Assessment will begin meeting at the end of the month and the initial meeting with be with the Executive Committee. Then moving forward, all meetings for the Needs Assessment will be open to the entire council to receive feedback from everyone to ensure that the data and information presented in the report is a true reflection of the needs of Tulare County.
- c. Legislative Event: Mrs. Terry informed the committee that Elizabeth Huntley will be conducting the Keynote Presentation and that she will also be presenting a teacher training the night before to early learning and care professional that wants to attend. Eric Sonnenfeld will be conducting the call to action/ encouragement to the participants to take an active role in the support for Early Learning and Care Programs. The invitation will be sent out in September and the event is scheduled to take place at TCOE on Mooney.
- d. Inclusion Event: Nothing was discussed at this time for the Inclusion Event.
- e. UPK Planning Grant: Mrs. Terry informed the committee that the State has released a grant, \$18.3 million for 2022/2023 for a UPK Planning Grant that LPC has the first right of refusal for. If the LPC refuses it, then it will go to the local Resource and Referral agencies in each

- county. Mrs. Terry shared that she has been serving on the UPK team and helping to support a true mixed delivery system. If the Executive Committee, the Council, and TCOE agrees, Mrs. Terry would like to apply for the grant on behalf of the LPC.
- f. Other: Mrs. Terry informed the committee about the multiple members that have resigned from the council. The committee suggested possible participants to recruit to become a member of the council in hopes to increase the number of members on the council that want to help advance the efforts of the council to support all children, families, and providers regardless of funding source.
- VI. Consent Items: Minutes were approved.
 - a. LPC June Minutes
- **VII.** Review and Approval of August Council Retreat Meeting Agenda: Agenda was approved with minor changes.
- **VIII.** Other Items: Nothing else was discussed at this time.
- IX. Next Executive Meeting: October 12, 2022 at 1:30pm-3:30pm, Hybrid model.
- **X.** Adjourned at 2:30pm.