

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

Minutes

March 29, 2023, 3:00pm-4:30pm

TCOE Doe Ave Sycamore Conference Room

Members Present: Cheri Doria, Sherri Glenn, Timberly Romero, and Christina Saucedo. Members not present: Rebecca Ortega.

I. Welcome: Meeting was called to order at 3:05pm.

II. Public Comments: No public comments were made.

III. Review January Executive Committee Minutes: Minutes were reviewed with no changes recommended.

IV. Budget: Mrs. Terry shared an overview of the budgets with the committee and that the plan is to spend all of the LPC and QCC Workforce Pathways Grant.

V. Discussion Items

- a. Legislative Event: The committee decided that they did not want to change the name of the event since it will be the 15<sup>th</sup> year that the council is hosting this event. The committee does not want to prevent any community members from attending due to the name change. It was recommended that at every event that the audience receives an update on Legislation, the current budget and how it is impacting the ECE field. It was recommended in the future to possibly have a UPK Legislative Event that focuses on the mixed delivery system and possibly hold a future P-3 Legislative Event. Mrs. Terry informed the committee that Mrs. Huntley will be the keynote speaker for the event but she will provide a presentation on the Return of Investment of ECE and the importance of serving our three year old children in our county. We also want to share some local data about our ECE programs that are facing many challenges that will impact children and families. In addition, the plan is to find someone who left the ECE field due to the low compensation to come and share their story with the participants to help emphasize the importance of investing in ECE programs.
- b. Inclusion Event: It was shared that Mrs. Saucedo and Mrs. Terry are meeting with Ms. Valentine tomorrow to see if she would be willing to be the keynote speaker for the Inclusion Event in March 2024.
- c. Needs Assessment: The Needs Assessment is still in progress and the Family Survey will be released soon to Tulare County families to complete.
- d. UPK Planning Grant: Mrs. Terry informed the committee about the grant that the LPC is receiving and how it requires a specific Workgroup that will take place separate from the LPC meetings, but updates will be shared at the LPC meetings. This is strictly planning funds, no implementation.
- e. Council Strategic Plan: The committee suggested that in the future, Mrs. Terry start attending community meetings and events such as Superintendent events BOS, First 5 Commission, etc. and request to give a mini legislative call to action. We need to continue to enhance the council's awareness and presence in the community and share the true needs of ECE.
- f. 2023/2024 LPC Restoration of Funds: Mrs. Terry shared with the committee what another LPC is doing in another county and wants to focus on what else our LPC can be doing in our county to support our ECE field. The committee discussed the possibility of hiring a staff to assist Mrs. Terry. Further discussion will take place in the future around this suggestion.
- g. Council Membership: Mrs. Terry informed the committee that we have two new members and still have some vacancies available. If they know of anyone they recommend, Mrs. Terry

encouraged them to have them reach out to Mrs. Terry or share their information with Mrs. Terry and she will reach out to them.

- h. 2023 Council Meetings: The committee decided that this fiscal year, the meetings will take place every other month. Information about this change will be sent to the Council members.
- i. Other/ Updates

**I. Action Items:** No changes were recommended for the Action Items.

- a. LPC Zip Code Priority Report
- b. April LPC agenda

**II. Consent Items:** No changes were suggested.

- a. LPC February Minutes

**III. Other Items**

**IV. Next Executive Meeting:** June 14, 2023, 3:00pm-4:30pm at TCOE Doe Ave, Sycamore Conference Room.

**V. Adjourned:** 4:20pm.

