



Tulare County Community Advisory Committee for Special Education

Date | time April 7, 2022 | 9:00 am - 10:30 am | *Meeting location* TCOE Dream Center, 1730 W Walnut Ave., Visalia

[Zoom Link](#) | Meeting ID: 933 7389 8079

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Sally Fernandes, Stephanie Caldera, Irma Peralta, Anthony Martin, Phillip Rios, Celeste Toledo, Nicole Delima, Michelle West-Dyer, Tiffany Stark, Connie Acevedo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy McMahon, Timberly Romero

OTHERS PRESENT: Malinda Furtado and Joy Voita, Parent Liaisons with Tulare County Office of Education; Tammy Bradford, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services/TCOE SELPA Administrator; Kevin Jessee, SELPA Compliance Officer; Beth Wilshire, Foster Youth Services Coordinator/Homeless Liaison

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Anthony Martin, CAC Chair, welcomed everyone and called for self-introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments made by members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Anthony Martin called for approval of the minutes for March 10, 2022. A motion was made by Sally Fernandes and seconded by Nicole Delima to accept the minutes as presented. The minutes stand.

REPORTS:

DOSE REPORT FOR APRIL 2022 was provided by Michelle West, Director of Special Education, Woodlake Unified School District. Amy McMahon, CVRC, explained what Conservatorship is and reminded DOSE that CVRC does not endorse or facilitate conservatorship for its clients, as that would be contrary to the mission of helping those with disabilities make choices for themselves. Joe Martinez, Director of Psychological Services, shared information about DRDP, the Preschool Summit Meeting, and the PENT Forum. Jennifer Newell, Director of BHS, presented information about Mental Health Awareness Month and provided resources. Kevin Jessee, SELPA Compliance Officer, introduced the new TCOE ADR process. Sarah Hamilton, Administrator AcCEL Program, gave an update on the recent SEACO Meeting held March 17-18, 2022. John Davis, Administrator, Leadership Support Services presented information regarding LCAP

CAC Calendar Subcommittee Report was given by Stephanie Caldera, Parent/School Liaison for TCOE, who is standing in for Jessica Ceja. She is requesting that the additional two pages added to

last year's calendar be continued this year and feature the siblings of some of our Community Partners and TCOE employees in Special Services. A motion was made by Stephanie Caldera and seconded by Sally Fernandes to approve the two pages. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual CAC Awards Ceremony Subcommittee Report was presented by Malinda Furtado, Parent Liaison for TCOE. Malinda presented a Google Sheet outlining the various roles and responsibilities of all Members. CAC Members should arrive at TCOE no later than 11:30 am on May 12, 2022, to assist with set up and welcoming of guests. Those members setting up awards and the sign-in table should arrive by 11:00 am. Malinda also reviewed members assigned to read nominee bios and present awards. Members are asked to stay after the event ends at 2:00 pm to help with clean up. Malinda thanked all members for their hard work and participation to help make the Luncheon a success.

NEW BUSINESS:

STUDY TOPIC / PRESENTER: Service Plan & Budget Plan was presented by Tammy Bradford, Assistant Superintendent Special Services/SELPA Administrator. Tammy presented the Service and Budget Plans in draft form, reminding members that they had not yet been approved by the CDE. These plans are written annually and posted to the SELPA website for public viewing once approved. Members reviewed the documents and had a chance to ask questions/make suggestions before returning them to be collected.

DISCUSS MEETING DAY/TIME FOR NEXT YEAR: Malinda Furtado, Parent Liaison, TCOE asked members about preferred meeting days/times for the year to come and if there was a desire to change from the current schedule. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Tiffany Stark and seconded by Connie Acevedo to continue meeting on the second Thursday of each month from 9:00 am - 10:30 am. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. **Next CAC Meeting:** Annual CAC Awards Luncheon on April 7, 2022, at 9:00am at TCOE Rooms C, D, E, F), 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia
- B. Stephanie Caldera shared information about the Annual Inclusion Collaborative Event on April 22nd from 8:30am - 12:30pm, which will focus on preschoolers. Those interested can register at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzouclQxnF2oyb1s_QO8lrb_G-BGPME3tqro0BcADi5wnxNg/viewform
- C. Stephanie also shared about the upcoming Bright Start Transition Resource Fair for families of children exiting early intervention services on May 18, 2022, at the Liberty Center

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nicole Delima and seconded by Stephanie Caldera. Meeting Stands Adjourned.