



Tulare County Community Advisory Committee for Special Education

Date | time Dec 8, 2022 | 9:00 am - 10:30 am | *Meeting location* TCOE Dream Center, 1730 W Walnut Ave., Visalia

[Zoom Link](#) | Meeting ID: 953 8024 7915

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephanie Lopez, Sally Fernandes, Stephanie Caldera, Tiffany Stark, Tina Shirley, Irma Peralta, Phillip Rios, Eric Lindberg, Josefina Manríquez, Bryce Flores-Meeks

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Martin, Connie Acevedo, Nicole Delima

OTHERS PRESENT: Malinda Furtado, Jessica Ceja and Joy Voita, Parent Liaisons with Tulare County Office of Education; Kevin Jessee, TCOE SELPA Compliance Officer; Jennifer Reimer, TCOE Administrator Mild/Moderate Program; John Vining, TCOE BHS Clinical Supervisor; Nicolette Martins, School Psychologist Tulare City School District; Veronica Magallanes, Program Specialist with State Council on Development Disabilities; Katherin Allen, Elvira Santillan, Ruth Salas, Viveny Aceves, Myrna Acuna, Lynn Martin Del Campos - Parents and Members of the Public

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Sally Fernandes, CAC Vice Chair, welcomed everyone and called for self-introductions.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sally Fernandes called for approval of the minutes for November 10, 2022. A motion was made by Tina Shirley and seconded by Stephanie Caldera to accept the minutes as presented. The minutes stand.

REPORTS:

DOSE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022 was provided by Tina Shirley, Director of Special Education, Visalia Unified School District. Updates were provided regarding TCOE revenue and expenditures for the SELPA. Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) has been an ongoing conversation; districts shared they are in support of continuing to operate with TCOE managing the ERMHS funding. Directors discussed what would be beneficial to support students who are having challenging behavior and TCOE discussed possibly looking into a behavior team to go out and support districts. CAC luncheon nominations were also discussed.

CAC "MEETING CHALLENGES" CALENDAR DISTRIBUTION: Jessica Ceja, Parent Liaison shared calendars are ready for members to pick up after today's meeting and distribute throughout the County.

BYLAWS SUBCOMMITTEE: Sally Fernandes, CAC Vice Chair, shared the subcommittee met last month to review and discuss current bylaws and changes that will need to be made. Potentially looking at having the bylaws done by February 2023

NEW BUSINESS:

DIPLOMA VS. CERTIFICATE TRACK IN HIGH SCHOOL: Jennifer Reimer, Administrator Mild/Moderate Program, TCOE presented the similarities and differences between a diploma and a certification of completion. [Diploma vs. Certificate](#); [Diploma vs. Certificate-Spanish](#)

LUNCHEON SUBCOMMITTEE: Malinda Furtado, Parent Liaison shared the CAC Annual Luncheon will be held on May 11, 2023, and a subcommittee would start planning in January 2023. Subcommittee members are Stephanie Lopez, Eric Lindberg, Phillip Rios, Sally Fernandes, Irma Peralta, and Josefina Manríquez

MIRACLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Malinda Furtado, Parent Liaison shared about the opportunity for CAC members to volunteer on the field during a game, as well as have a CAC informational booth. Out-on-the field volunteer date will be April 28, 2023, and the CAC informational booth will be on March 25, 2023. On March 9, 2023, we'll have a sign-up sheet for both dates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. **Next CAC Meeting:** January 12, 2023, at 9:00 am at TCOE - Redwood A, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia or virtually (link at tulareselpa/cac.org)
- B. Sally Fernandes shared the upcoming ["Holiday of Inclusion" flyer](#) which will be December 19, 2022, from 5pm-8pm at The Woodlands, 4211 W. Goshen Ave., Visalia
- C. Sally Fernandes shared the Miracle League of Visalia registration will begin December 11, 2022. Register at: <https://www.miracleleagueofvisalia.org/>
- D. Malinda Furtado shared "Night to Shine" event for persons aged 14+ with disabilities at Visalia First Assembly, February 10, 2023: Register online at: <https://ntsvisalia1st.com/>
- E. Malinda Furtado shared the [ELK's Fishing Derby flyer/registration form](#) which will be December 10, 2022, from 8am-10am at the Del Lago Park, Tulare

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Phillip Rios and seconded by Tina Shirley. Meeting Stands Adjourned at 10:29am.