



TULARE COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

MINUTES

December 5, 2019

**The Tulare County Community Advisory Committee for Special Education
met December 5, 2019 @ 1:30 pm at 6200 S Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cyndi Ward, Louise Kenny, Sally Fernandes, Anthony Martin, Tiffany Stark, Connie Acevedo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Standridge, Timberly Romero, Rashella Avalos, Marilyn Malloy, Amy McMahon, Stephanie Caldera,

OTHERS PRESENT: Joy Voita, Jessica Ceja, and Norma Erwin, Parent School Liaisons with Tulare County Office of Education; Irma Peralta, Parent and members of the public; Ray Buchanan, BHS Clinical Supervisor TCOE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: CAC Facilitator, Norma Erwin welcomed CAC members and called for self-introductions.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: CAC Facilitator, Norma Erwin called for the approval of the minutes for November 7, 2019. A motion was made by Cyndi Ward. It was seconded by Anthony Martin. The motion carried by simple majority.

REPORTS:

A. DOSE Meeting Report – Tiffany Stark, Program Manager TCOE

- Jody Arriaga, Director of internal Business reviewed the Fiscal Report
- Tammy McKean, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services and SELPA Administrator reviewed the SELPA Student Disability Summary
- Joe Martinez, Director, Psychological Services provided an update on the Restorative Justice Practices Training and Equity Conference at TCOE. It is now scheduled for January 27, 2020.

B. CAC “Meeting Challenges” Calendar Distribution Report- Jessica Ceja, Parent School Liaison TCOE

- Jessica reported on her experience trying to document "Project Based Learning" and how it benefits students receiving special education services. Jessica described a continuous process that culminated in a presentation for which she had to return to the school site. Jessica had boxes and bundles for Community Agencies all labeled and ready for delivery. CAC members volunteered to deliver the calendars and were pleased with the outcome.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Guest Presenter - "Behavior Strategies in the Classroom" - Rashella Avalos was unable to join us. This topic will be moved to the January agenda.

- B. Discussion on New Study Topics - The CAC brainstormed the following topics they would like to review and learn more about:
- Self-Determination - What is it?
 - Central Valley Regional Center - Information on services provided to adult students in/out of home
 - Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) - What is it and how does it work to support SPED students?
 - Social Emotional Learning - What is it?
 - High School Transition Plans
 - Tiered Supports
 - Co-Teaching - What is it?
 - Mock IEP: Review an IEP
 - Residential Programs for high functioning young adults
 - Review Collaboration between AcCEL and the local districts; review who is in charge, fundraisers, parent communication & full inclusion
 - Is there a school protocol for working with local law enforcement? What is it and how can this be communicated to parents? Are police officers / YSO's trained to work with students who may have mental health concerns or in crisis?
 - Transitioning to Jr High/ High School - What is the transitional process? How are classroom changes addressed, etc.?
 - Independent Study - What does the program look; teachers, students, services?
 - What are the Parent Liaison responsibilities?
 - What does the IEP process look like?
 - To be continued.....

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES PROVIDED:

- A. **Next CAC Meeting: January 9, 2020 at 1:30 pm in Redwood C**
- B. Handouts:
- December 5, 2019 CAC Agenda
 - November 7, 2019 CAC minutes
 - "Save the Date" CAC SPED Luncheon - May 12th, 2020

Meeting Adjourned.