

Tulare County
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
For Special Education

MINUTES
April 2, 2009

The Tulare County Community Advisory Committee for Special Education met in the Downstairs Conference Room of the Tulare County Office of Education at 1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Kenny, Stephanie Caldera,

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Filomena Rocha, Eric Sinclair, Shelley Dever, Dana Collins, Amy McMahon, Tiffany Stark, Ramon Cervantes, Tim Perrotta, Jeff Higgins, Claudia Garcia, Connie Acevedo

OTHERS PRESENT: Norma Erwin, Renae Bendix; Parent Liaisons/Tulare County Office of Education, Kevin Clements; members of the public

WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS: Chairperson, Stephanie Caldera opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were made.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March CAC meeting are pending approval via email.

D.O.S.E. REPORT: The March Directors of Special Education meeting report was tabled due to the DOSE representative not being available.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON REPORT: Norma Erwin presented copies of the current nominations for recognition. Norma suggested a CAC sub-committee be convened to review and select the recipient of the Linda Hess Award. Stephanie Caldera, Shelley Dever and Connie Acevedo were nominated to be a part of the sub committee.

STUDY TOPIC: Kris Larson, Program Specialist, gave a presentation about Transition services. He explained that Transition services should be in place when a child with an IEP turns 16. The services in the Individual Transition Plan (ITP) should facilitate the student's movement from school to post-school activities and should be based on the individual student's needs and interests. Students should be invited to attend meetings concerning their ITP. Elements of the plan should include measurable post-secondary goals based upon transition assessments and should be documented on the IEP. There should be a minimum of two measurable post-secondary goals; one in education/training, one in employment and possibly a third goal for independent living. Progress reports should be provided to parents. In addition, students and their families should receive information regarding age of majority, notice of graduation and a summary of performance upon exiting school. Kris provided copies of "Transition to Adult Living -

An Information and Resource Guide” that can be ordered at no charge from the California Department of Education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

“Impacting Behavior Using Video Modeling”- Autism Forum: April 29, 2009, at Fresno Pacific University from 1-4 pm. Call 228-2201 for more information.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children’s Carnival: Free Admission, April 4, 2009, at Tulare Fairground Building 5, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Martial Arts Fundraiser for St Jude’s Hospital: April 25th at the outlet mall in Tulare. Kids will be doing a kick-a thon and demonstrations at 10 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.