



**COUNTY-WIDE POLICY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

5:30 P.M. – Dinner

6:00 P.M. – Meeting

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**AGENDA**

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D. March 3, 2026 – Next County-Wide Policy Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. – Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.			
XII. ADJOURNMENT	Meagan Esqueda Bonilla	Approval	



**COUNTY-WIDE POLICY COUNCIL (CWPC)  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 6, 2026**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Meagan Esqueda Bonilla, CWPC Chairperson.
- ROLL CALL** Roll Call was called by Jasmine Arreola, CWPC Secretary. The following Representatives were present: Meagan Esqueda Bonilla, Naomi Yanes, Domenica Goff, Gisela Mercial, Destiny Campos, Justine Avina, Elizabeth Villareal, Alma Martinez, Jasmine Arreola, Verence Tenorio, Dafne Rolon Loza, Joann Espinoza, Ahmeesha Johnson, Prisila Ordaz, Raul Garcia, Margarita Diaz, Mariana Mena, Anahi Raiz, Diana Aniag, Elaine Melendez, Erica Ramos, Odallys Arteaga Winzer, Vanessa Lozano, Nicole Mittelbrunn, Galvia Juarez, Michela Castillo, Brianna Jaurique, Elizabeth Ortega, Laplashay Maxie, Elena Ortiz, Karina Padilla, Cynthia Espindola, Jimi Rodgers and Aldo Alvarado Rebolledo.
- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CWPC MINUTES** Motion to approve December 2, 2025, CWPC Minutes as written and read was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Elaine Melendez. Motion carried.
- FRESNO EOC PROGRAM REPORT – CENTRAL VALLEY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING** Evelyn Gonzalez, Case Manager, provided the CWPC with in-depth information about the services her program offers to individuals experiencing human trafficking. She explained that many individuals are often unaware that they are being trafficked. Ms. Gonzalez also clarified what human trafficking entails, noting that it can include labor trafficking, such as situations in which individuals are not compensated for their work.
- Her team offers 24/7 emergency response services, comprehensive case management, and support with record expungement, access to therapy, and goal setting, among other services. The primary goal of the program is to empower individuals and reduce the risk of future exploitation, recognizing that each case presents unique circumstances and needs.
- Ms. Gonzalez distributed discreet resource cards containing an emergency contact number and information for the national human trafficking hotline. She emphasized that all services are confidential, and collaboration with law enforcement occurs only if the client chooses to do so.
- Additionally, Ms. Gonzalez offered to provide a one-hour training session for the CWPC to further educate members on human trafficking and available resources, should they be interested.
- COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2026** Cynthia Espindola, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor and Nutrition Assistant, reported that the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program is fully funded and continues to expand. She encouraged CWPC members to help spread the word by informing friends and family about the availability of WIC services.

FRESNO EOC  
COMMISSIONERS  
REPORT FOR  
NOVEMBER 2025

Jimi Rodgers, EOC Commissioner, stated that the minutes from the November 17, 2025 meeting are included in the packet for review. She informed the CWPC that Rebecca Heinrich, Charter Impact Client Finance Director, will be overseeing efforts to ensure the organization remains fiscally sound. Additionally, she announced the hiring of a new Human Resources Director, who was previously employed at the EOC.

Aldo Alvarado Rebolledo, EOC Commissioner, shared that on January 30, 2025, all EOC Commissioners will attend an event to become more familiar with the programs they represent. This initiative aims to enhance their understanding and ability to better serve the community. He described this effort as a significant step in strengthening their capacity to effectively represent families in Head Start 0 to 5.

Motion to approve the Fresno EOC Commissioners Report for November 2025 was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Justine Avina. Motion Carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL  
STATUS REPORTS FOR  
NOVEMBER 2025

Joann Espinoza, CWPC Treasurer, stated staff recommends CWPC approval for the Monthly Financial Status Report for November 2025.

This report shows expenditures for the Head Start/Early Head Start Program Basic and Trainings & Technical Assistance budgets for the month of October 2025 which also includes credit card expenses for the month of October 2025 as required by the Head Start Act of December 12, 2007.

This funding supports personnel and operating expenses totaling \$47,579,061 (\$38,504,223 – HS, \$323,827 – Head Start T&TA, \$8,577,640 – Early Head Start, \$173,371 – Early Head Start T&TA, and the Non-Federal Share match is \$11,894,766. (\$9,707,013 – HS; \$2,187,753 – EHS) for the Fiscal year.

Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Status Reports for November 2025 was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Prisila Ordaz. Motion carried.

IN-KIND MONTHLY  
STATUS REPORT FOR  
NOVEMBER 2025

Audrey Metcalf, Family Engagement/Volunteer Services (FE/VS) Specialist, informed Representatives that the supporting documents attached is intended to keep the CWPC apprised of the In-Kind Monthly Status Report for November 2025.

The In-Kind Monthly Summary report for the month of November 2025 consists of \$716,794 for Head Start, which is accumulated by classroom and non-classroom volunteer services, consultants, goods, foster grandparents, PACT Time, and space. Early Head Start's In-Kind Summary for the month of November 2025 is \$210,799, which is accumulated by classroom/non-classroom volunteer services, home activities, literacy/growing readers, consultants, goods and space.

Year-to-Date Non-Federal share for Head Start and Early Head Start from January to November 2025 In-Kind is \$10,997,279 (\$6,021,417 HS; \$4,975,862 EHS). This indicates that Head Start 0 to 5 has met 92% of the \$11,894,766 Non-Federal share goal.

AVERAGE DAILY  
ATTENDANCE (ADA)

Justine Avina, EHS HB Representative, informed the CWPC of the ADA Reports for the month of November 2025 for Head Start 0 to 5. Head Start's monthly ADA for November 2025 for Center Based was 82.10%. Head Start Home Based visits

REPORTS FOR  
NOVEMBER 2025

completed were 361. Early Head Start's monthly ADA for November 2025 for Center Based was 78.17%. Total EHS Home Based visits completed were 959.

Motion to approve the ADA Reports for November 2025 was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Prisila Ordaz. Motion carried.

HEAD START 0 TO 5  
PROGRAM UPDATE  
REPORT (PUR) FOR  
NOVEMBER 2025

Michael Balderas, Head Start Director, presented highlights from the program for November 2025. He reported that the Health Services Manager and Health Specialist attended a Health Institute focused on best practices in Health Services. Additionally, follow-up meetings were held with federal representatives, and the review process concluded successfully with positive feedback.

Mr. Balderas shared that a job fair was held on November 15, resulting in offers extended to approximately 13–15 new employees. He also noted that the Quality Assurance team is in the process of finalizing a two-way communication module designed to improve communication. This system will allow for mass notifications or center-specific messages and will provide the option to receive alerts via text or email. For example, in the event of a plumbing issue requiring a center closure, notifications can be sent simultaneously to all affected families.

On November 20–21, staff attended Conscious Discipline training, which focused on adult self-regulation and strategies for managing emotions and behaviors to better support children. A week-long training course is planned for all direct service staff to further reinforce these practices.

Mr. Balderas also reported that the Mosqueda and Firebaugh centers are close to reopening. Lastly, he noted that the Head Start monitoring review went well, with a few corrective actions identified that are currently being addressed.

Motion to approve the Head Start 0 to 5 Program Update Report (PUR) for the month of November 2025 was made by Elaine Melendez and seconded by Erica Ramos. Motion Carried.

FULL ENROLLMENT  
INITIATIVE/CHANGE OF  
SCOPE UPDATES

Sara Juarez, ERSEA Coordinator, explained per HSPPS requirements, a program must maintain its funded enrollment and fill any vacancy as soon as possible – no later than 30 days. The recruitment data attached includes our recruitment efforts up to December 11, 2025.

Head Start Center Based has 1,066 children enrolled. Head Start Home Based has 82 children enrolled. Early Head Start Center Based has 75 children enrolled. Early Head Start Home Based has 246 children enrolled. This gives us a total of 1,469 children enrolled in Head Start 0 to 5.

The Change of Scope was not approved; therefore, funded enrollment will remain the same until end of the school year.

PERSONNEL  
COMMITTEE REPORT  
FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Domenica Goff, Personnel Committee Chairperson, stated the Personnel Committee report consists of a list of: Hiring/Personnel Action Positions, Resignations/ Separations, Promotion/Status Change, and Job Descriptions for Positions for the month. All promotions, transfers, separations, and new hires are to be presented to the CWPC monthly, as an informational item.

For the month of November 2025 there were 12 Hiring/Personnel Action Positions (10 pending), 8 Promotions/Status Changes (3 pending), 1 Resignation/Separation and no updated Job Descriptions.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
(CDSS) CCTR 2026-  
2027 CONTINUED  
FUNDING APPLICATION

Joyell Anda-Catone, CSPP Braided Funding Coordinator, stated the program was notified by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) California Child Care and Development Division (CCDD) that monies are available for existing General Child Care (CCTR) contractors to request continued funding for fiscal year 2026-2027.

The CCTR contract operates five (5) full-day/full-year classrooms. Two (2) at Franklin (Clinton/Blythe) in Fresno, two (2) at Eric White in Selma, and one (1) at Amor in Mendota. These five (5) classrooms will operate 240 days July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, serving 40 children.

MENTAL HEALTH  
INCLUSION SERVICES  
AREA

Isabel Marmolejo, Mental Health and Inclusion Services Coordinator, delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing detailed information about the services offered through Inclusion Services. She reviewed the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) and explained how these standards align with and support Inclusion Services. Additionally, she introduced the Toribio Psychological Services team and outlined the consultation services available to both staff and families.

Ms. Marmolejo also reviewed the required referral forms used when submitting a child for observation and evaluation related to potential disabilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raul Garcia, Historian, made the following Announcements:

- A. January 4, 2026 – Food Distribution
- B. January 19, 2026 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- C. February 3, 2026 – Next County-Wide Policy Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. – Dinner will be served at

Olga Jalomo-Ramirez, Family/Community Services Manager, reminded members to ensure that reimbursement forms are completed legibly and to include the correct address, as some reimbursement checks were returned. She also announced that the two-way communication system is expected to begin as early as next week. Additionally, she displayed the email link for downloading the ChildPlus communication app.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Erica Ramos. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted By:

Brionna Warren  
Secretary I



**COUNTY-WIDE POLICY COUNCIL (CWPC)  
EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2026**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Meagan Esqueda Bonilla, CWPC Chairperson.
- ROLL CALL** Roll Call was called by Jasmine Arreola, CWPC Secretary. The following Representatives were present: Meagan Esqueda Bonilla, Jasmine Arreola, Joann Espinoza, Laplashay Maxie, Justine Avina, Destiny Campos, Adriana Cuevas, Ahmeesha Johnson and Raul Garcia. A quorum was present.
- REVISED BUDGET REVISION FY 2025 AND CARRYOVER FOR FY 2026 – FPU LAND ACQUISITION** Michael Balderas, Head Start Director, informed the Executive Board Committee that the Budget Revision and Carryover for FY 2025 was previously presented to the CWPC Executive Board for review and approval on September 22, 2025. The original Budget Revision and Carryover for FY 2025 proposed reallocating unspent funds from Personnel to Construction to support infrastructure needs, including the acquisition of land and site preparation for modular units.
- The Budget Revision and Carryover for FY 2025 have since been updated to reflect that the program can no longer utilize previously approved carryover funds totaling \$1,025,000. These carryover funds were not approved by the regional office and are therefore no longer available. As a result, the full funding amount will instead be reallocated from Early Head Start/Head Start Personnel and Fringe Benefits into Construction from FY 2025, with approval intended to move these funds into FY 2026.
- The modular units previously purchased under a carryover dated October 1, 2021, were originally intended for placement at the Clinton/Blythe site; however, that location was later determined to be unsuitable. The Fresno Pacific University (FPU) site has since been identified as a viable alternative for the permanent placement of the modular units.
- The reallocated funds will be used to purchase property from FPU, and prepare the site for modular buildings, including grading, utility connections, foundational work, and transportation.
- Nidia Davis, Assistant Head Start Director, clarified that the previous Executive Board approved the FY 2025 Budget Revision and Carryover in September 2025. The only change is that the funding source has shifted from FY 2022 to FY 2025. These funds will be used to purchase the land and complete the project at FPU.
- Motion to approve Revised Budget Revision FY 2025 And Carryover for FY 2026 – FPU Land Acquisition as written and read was made by Justine Avina and seconded by Joann Espinoza. Motion carried.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jasmine Arreola and seconded by Joann Espinoza. Motion Carried.
- ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.
- Submitted By:
- Brionna Warren  
Secretary