



COUNTY-WIDE POLICY COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 3, 2026
 5:30 P.M. – Dinner
 6:00 P.M. – Meeting

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AGENDA

	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Page</u>
I. CALL TO ORDER	Meagan Esqueda Bonilla		
II. ROLL CALL	Jasmine Arreola		
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Meagan Esqueda Bonilla	Approval	
IV. FRESNO EOC PROGRAM REPORT – SCHOOL OF UNLIMITED LEARNING (SOUL)	Dr. Dion Varnado	Information	
V. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS FOR MARCH 2026	Community Reps	Information	
VI. FRESNO EOC COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2026	Aldo Alvarado Rebolledo	Approval	
VII. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2026	Joann Espinoza	Approval	
VIII. IN-KIND MONTHLY STATUS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2026	Alison Tatem	Information	
IX. ACTION ITEMS			
A. Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Reports For January 2026	Justine Avina	Approval	
B. Head Start 0 to 5 Program Update Report (PUR) For January 2026	Michael Balderas	Approval	
C. County-Wide Policy Council Appointment of the New Vice-Chairperson	Meagan Esqueda Bonilla/ Alfonso Lopez	Approval	
D. County-Wide Policy Council Appointment of the New Early Head Start Home Based Representative for the 2025-2026 Program Year	Meagan Esqueda Bonilla/ Alfonso Lopez	Approval	
E. Community Representatives for the 2025-2026 Program Year	Meagan Esqueda Bonilla/ Alfonso Lopez	Approval	
X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS			
A. Full Enrollment Initiative	Sara Juarez/ Olga Jalomo-Ramirez	Information	
B. Personnel Committee Report for January 2026	Domenica Goff	Information	
XI. PARENT COMMENTS			
(This is an opportunity for parents to address the CWPC and staff on related matters that are not listed on the agenda. Limit of three (3) minutes per speaker.)			
XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS	Raul Garcia	Information	
A. March 20, 2026 – All Staff In-Service – No School			
B. March 23, 2026 – Annual Budget Training			
C. March 30, April 1 to April 3, 2026 – CSPP Full Day Full Year and CCTR Full Day Full Year will be in session			
D. March 30 to April 3, 2026 – Spring Break for 3.5 hours, 6 hours, and CSPP Part Day Part Year			
E. March 31, 2026 – CSPP and CCTR – No School			
F. April 7, 2026 – Next County-Wide Policy Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. – Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.			
G. April 25, 2026 – Annual Parent Conference			
H. April and May 2026 – Food Distribution			
XIII. ADJOURNMENT	Meagan Esqueda Bonilla	Approval	



**COUNTY-WIDE POLICY COUNCIL (CWPC)
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 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: Adriana Cuevas, Ashley Mosqueda, Naomi Yanes, Meagan Esqueda Bonilla, Domencia Goff, Miriam Lopez, Joann Espinoza, Mariana Mena, Vernon Robinson, Diana Aniag, Elaine Melendez, Erica Ramos, Crystal Arrellano, Vanessa Lozano, Nicole Mittlebrunn, Galvia Juarez, Michela Castillo, Brianna Jaurique, Justine Avina, Alma Martinez, Jasmine Arreola, Dafne Rolon Loza, Destiny Campos, Prisila Ordaz, Aundree Rodriguez, Raul Garcia, Karina Padilla, Cynthia Espindola, Sonia Nunez, Maria Sagaste, Grisela Gonzalez Mercial, Jimi Roders, and Aldo Alvarado Rebolledo.
- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CWPC MINUTES** Motion to approve January 6, 2026, CWPC Minutes and the January 22, 2026, Executive Board as written and read was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Alma Martinez. Motion carried.
- FRESNO EOC PROGRAM REPORT – SANCTUARY AND SUPPORT SERVICES – HOMELESS SERVICES** Misty Gattie-Blanco, Director of Sanctuary and Support Services – Homeless Services, explained that the program consists of two primary tracks. The first is a short-term emergency shelter serving individuals ages 18–24 and their families, where participants may stay for 30 to 90 days. The second track provides bridge housing for individuals who need additional time and support, allowing participants to remain in the program for four to six months.
- Sanctuary and Support Services – Homeless Services also operates an outreach team that engages directly with the unhoused community. The team distributes food and hygiene kits while building relationships and connecting individuals to available resources.
- Youth in crisis can access services by boarding any bus or visiting a partner organization affiliated with Safe Place, where they can be connected to appropriate programs.
- In addition, the program offers permanent housing and long-term shelter for individuals who are chronically ill or living with disabilities.
- COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2026** Cynthia Espindola, WIC Representative, shared that the program is currently seeking to enroll additional participants and increase its caseload. A survey will be released soon, and current participants are encouraged to complete it to provide valuable feedback. The team is also planning to revamp the website to ensure it is more user-friendly and accessible.
- FRESNO EOC COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025** Meagan Esqueda Bonilla, CWPC Chairperson, informed the CWPC that the Fresno EOC Commissioners Report for December 2025 is in the packet for their review.

Motion to approve the Fresno EOC Commissioners Report for December 2025 was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Adriana Cuevas. Motion Carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL
STATUS REPORTS FOR
DECEMBER 2025

Joann Espinoza, CWPC Treasurer, stated staff recommends CWPC approval for the Monthly Financial Status Report for December 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 December 2025 was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Adriana Cuevas. Motion carried.

IN-KIND MONTHLY
STATUS REPORT FOR
DECEMBER 2025

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

The In-Kind Monthly Status Report for the month of December 2025 consists of \$774,200 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 December 2025 is \$708,897, which is accumulated by classroom and non-classroom volunteer services, home activities, literacy/growing readers, consultants, goods and space.

Head Start 0 to 5 Non-Federal share should be \$11,894,766 annually. Year to Date for Head Start and Early Head Start from January to December 2025, In-Kind is \$12,446,558 (\$6,761,799 HS; \$5,684,760 EHS). This indicates that Head Start 0 to 5 has exceeded the \$11,894,766 Non-Federal share goal.

AVERAGE DAILY
ATTENDANCE (ADA)
REPORTS FOR
DECEMBER 2025

Justine Avina, EHS HB Representative, informed the CWPC of the ADA Reports for the month of December 2025 for Head Start 0 to 5. Head Start's monthly ADA for December 2025 for Center Based was 82.08%. Head Start Home Based visits completed were 219. Early Head Start's monthly ADA for December 2025 for Center Based was 78.86%. Total EHS Home Based visits completed were 425.

Motion to approve the ADA Reports for December 2025 was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Joann Espinoza. Motion carried.

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

Michael Balderas, Head Start Director, presented the program highlights for December 2025. He noted that December was a shorter month due to the Christmas break. Mr. Balderas proudly shared that the Family and Community Services department distributed 2,208 toys to 932 Head Start and Early Head Start families, supporting children and families during the holiday season. Additionally, on December 18 and 19, 2025, Conscious Discipline training was held for all Supervisors, Specialists, Coordinators, Managers, and Directors to strengthen leadership and program practices.

Due to the government shutdown, several Head Start requests remained pending. On December 12, 2025, we were notified that some projects would not be approved. The Fresno Pacific project is still pending; however, we are continuing to move forward with planning efforts at this time. Enrollment continues to be a top priority. The program is currently under-enrolled, with approximately 400 slots needing to be filled to meet enrollment requirements. It was also noted that Head Start services for children ages 0–5 do not collect or report immigration status.

Motion to approve the Head Start 0 to 5 Program Update Report (PUR) for the month of December 2025 was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Joann Espinoza. Motion Carried.

FRESNO EOC HEAD
START 0 TO 5
RECRUITMENT AND
ENROLLMENT POLICY

Hope Aguirre, EHS HBS Supervisor, stated staff recommends CWPC approval for the Fresno EOC Head Start 0 to 5 Recruitment and Enrollment Policy.

Annually, the Head Start 0 to 5 Recruitment and Enrollment Policy is reviewed and updated by the CWPC ERSEA Committee and presented as attached. This process ensures that the program continues to recruit and enroll children and families who are most in need of Head Start 0–5 services.

Ms. Aguirre reviewed the policy updates and explained that strikethrough text indicates words or sentences that have been removed, while text shown in blue reflects additions to the policy.

Motion to approve the Fresno EOC Head Start 0 to 5 Recruitment and Enrollment Policy was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Joann Espinoza. Motion Carried.

FRESNO EOC HEAD
START 0 TO 5
ATTENDANCE POLICY

Christine Davis, Family/Community Services Coordinator, stated staff recommends CWPC approval of the Fresno EOC Head Start 0 to 5 Attendance Policy. The Attendance Policy is reviewed and updated annually by the CWPC ERSEA Committee in accordance with Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) 45 CFR §1302.16. This review ensures that the program implements effective strategies to promote regular attendance, identifies and addresses barriers to consistent participation, and makes appropriate efforts to reengage families when attendance concerns arise.

Ms. Davis presented the changes to the attendance policy for CWPC review.

Motion to approve the Fresno EOC Head Start 0 to 5 Attendance Policy was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Joann Espinoza. Motion Carried.

FRESNO EOC HEAD
START 0 TO 5
SELECTION CRITERIA

Janet Corona, Family/Community Services Coordinator, stated staff recommends CWPC approval for the Fresno EOC Head Start 0 to 5 Selection Criteria.

The Head Start 0 to 5 Selection Criteria is reviewed and updated annually by the CWPC ERSEA Committee, in accordance with HSPPS 1302.14 (a)(1) which allows our program to identify and enroll the children who are most in need of Head Start 0 to 5 services.

Mr. Balderas reiterated that applications are reviewed and children are selected using a point-based system. Enrollment is not determined on a first-come, first-

served basis, but rather on the demonstrated needs of the child and family to ensure services reach those most in need.

Motion to approve the Fresno EOC Head Start 0 to 5 Selection Criteria was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Joann Espinoza.

FULL ENROLLMENT INITIATIVE

Sara Juarez, ERSEA Coordinator, stated this information is presented to keep the CWPC apprised of the Full Enrollment Initiative Updates.

This report includes Head Start, Early Head Start Center Based Sites, Home Based areas, and CCTR/CSPP. The recruitment data attached includes our efforts up to January 15, 2026. Head Start Center Based has 1082 children enrolled. Head Start Home Based has 84 children enrolled. Early Head Start Center Based has 72 children enrolled. Early Head Start Home Based 246 children enrolled. This gives us a total of 1484 children for Head Start 0 to 5.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 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 December 2025 there were 19 Hiring/Personnel Action Positions (5 pending), 3 Promotions/Status Changes, 4 Resignation/Separation and no updated Job Descriptions.

ERSEA PRESENTATION

Sara Juarez, ERSEA Coordinator, stated the information presented is intended to keep the CWPC apprised of the Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance (ERSEA) Presentation.

Ms. Juarez delivered her PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the process used to determine eligibility for Head Start 0–5 services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raul Garcia, Historian, made the following Announcements:

- A. February and March 2026 – Food Distribution
- B. February 9, 2026 – Lincoln’s Day Holiday – No School
- C. February 16, 2026 – President’s Day Holiday – No School
- D. March 3, 2026 – Next County-Wide Policy Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. – Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Esqueda Bonilla asked Representatives to please call their alternate to represent their center at the CWPC meeting if unable to attend.

Aldo Alvarado Rebolledo, EOC Commissioner, reminded the CWPC that the Family Engagement/Volunteer Services department will be hosting an event in April. He shared that he has invited the EOC Board of Commissioners to attend in order to highlight and observe the importance and impact of the Head Start 0–5 program.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Submitted By:

Brionna Warren
Secretary I

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