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## White Mountain Apache Regional Partnership Council

### Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Whiteriver Unified School District Day Care

422 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave

Whiteriver, AZ 85941

*Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Council may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, to obtain legal advice regarding any matter on this agenda.*

*The Council may hear items on the agenda out of order. The Council may discuss, consider, or take action regarding any item on the agenda.*

*The Council may elect to solicit public comment on certain agenda items.*

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Shine Burnette, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m. Shine asked everyone to introduce themselves.  
**Members Present:** Shine Burnette, Deborah Clendon, Harrisen DeClay, Mary Kline (phone), Kirk Massey, Jr., Faye Smith, Dr. Tim Strand  
**Members Excused:** Laurel Endfield, Dennie Cromwell, Velma Kaytoggy  
Members Unexcused:
- 2. Review and Approval of October 23 Meeting Minutes:** Dr. Strand moved to approve the minutes as written; Deborah Clendon 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed 6:0:0.
- 3. Call to the Public:** None  
*Because of the diversity of issues presented during the "Call to the Public," Regional Council members generally do not respond to speakers during this comment period (White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Governance Policies, Section 1-105).*
- 4. December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> State Board Meeting:** The Regional Partnership Council Chair will present the Regional Funding Plan at the monthly State Board meeting for approval. In the case the Chair cannot present, the Vice Chair or other designated Regional Partnership Council member will be asked to present.

5. **Approval of Needs & Assets Report by State Board:** The State Board Approved the Needs & Assets Report for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council. Rochelle Lacapa, Coordinator will present final copies to the Tribal Council and the Health Board in coming months.
6. **Update on Conflict of Interest:** Rochelle Lacapa, Coordinator and AdiShakti Khalsa, Regional Manager provided clarification on conflict of interest and how Regional Partnership Council members can invoke their right to vote as well as when The Rule of Impossibility applies.
7. **Discussion of Updated Strategic Flow Charts:** Shine Burnette, Chair reviewed all of the Strategic Flow Charts for the Regional Partnership Council. The Regional Partnership Council discussed the strategy outlining increased safety and regulations (3b) and felt it did not meet the original intent of the Regional Partnership Council as it did not fit with the language/literacy development strategy. As a result, 3b was removed.
8. **Discussion and Possible Adoption of Regional Funding Plan:** Regional Partnership Council members were asked to disclose any potential conflicts of interest.
  1. Mary Kline: "Mary Kline, Whiteriver Unified School District declares a potential conflict of interest in terms of any funding available from First Things First."
  2. Faye Smith: "On behalf of Head Start I declare there is potential conflict of interest for First Things First funds."
  3. Shine Burnette: "As a Speech Language Pathologist I have a potential conflict with all funds."
  4. Harrisen DeClay: "As an employee of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and member of my church, there is potential conflict of interest."
  5. Deborah Clendon: "I Deborah Clendon may have a potential conflict of interest through my church and through the Hope Center."
  6. Kirk Massey, Jr: "I see that there will be a potential conflict of interest regarding two areas of work that I represent. My Church may apply for strategy #1."
  7. Dr. Strand: "There is a potential conflict of interest since I work for the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona and they could apply for First Things First funds, specifically Strategy #2. Also I see a potential conflict in terms of charging rent for the strategy #2 provider."

Given the declared conflicts of interest, Shine Burnette, Chair invoked the Rule of Impossibility.

a. **Possible Adoption of Prioritized Strategy Funds:** Harrisen DeClay moved to adopt the strategy funds with the following exceptions:

- 1) Strategy 2, Dental Disease Reduction target population be changed to 6 month through 5 years
- 2) Strategy 3b eliminated
- 3) Funding allocated for strategy 3b be moved to strategy 3a

Faye Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed 7:0:0

b. **Possible Adoption of Needs & Assets Funds:** Dr. Strand moved to adopt the Regional Needs & and Assets assessment of \$15,000 for Year 1; Kirk Massey, Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion passed 7:0:0.

c. **Possible Adoption of Fund Balance Funds:** Dr. Strand moved to approve the fund balance for the purposes of:

- 1) Potential decreases in the state-wide allocation

2) Increased annual funding for the dental disease prevention strategy  
Faye Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion passed 7:0:0.

9. **Items for the Good of the Order:**

- a. Shine Burnette, Chair reminded all Regional Partnership Council members to complete their online I-9.
- b. Next meeting date, Dec. 18.
- c. Rochelle Lacapa, Coordinator provided an update on the November Tribal Council meeting and asked to be re-scheduled for the December Tribal Council Meeting.

10. **Adjourn:** Shine Burnette, Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Aletha "Shine" Burnette, Chair

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Rochelle Lacapa, Coordinator