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Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board
Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/ Welcome
The meeting of the First Things First – Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on **January 9, 2013** at 9:00 a.m. at the Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources, at 880 W Route 66, in Peach Springs, Arizona, 86434.

Chair Imus called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Members Present
Reverend Pete Imus, Chair; Candida Hunter, Vice Chair; Joyce Holgate; Charlene Imus; Sandra Irwin; Bella Miller; Helen J. W. Querta

Members Absent
Madelena Cesspooch; Lucille Watahomigie

Approval of Meeting Minutes
Member Irwin requested an addition to the December 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes to include the actual expenditure percentage of 20.9% for the FY2013 Financial Expenditures Report update. Vice Chair Hunter made a motion to approve the December 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes, with the addition requested by Member Irwin. Member Holgate seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously among voting members. Member Miller abstained.

Call to the Public
There were no responses to the Call to the Public.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates and Announcements
Chair Imus and Vice Chair Hunter will be attending the Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting in Phoenix on February 7. There is no First Things First Regional Partnership Council meeting scheduled in February. Chair Imus' office is sponsoring a prayer run this Saturday to support Idle No More, and clarified that it was a typographical error on the flyers stating the run was on Friday.

FY2014 Funding Mechanisms and Scopes of Work
Director Pascual reported the FY2014 Funding Plan has been sent to the State Board for action at their January 22 meeting. The Regional Partnership Council discussed funding mechanisms and Director Pascual recommended continuing funding the food security strategy through the procurement process. Vice Chair Hunter made a motion to approve the funding for the food security strategy with the procurement process. Member Querta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Imus welcomed Bella Miller as the philanthropic representative.

Possible Recommendation on Regional Council Parent Representative Seat
Chair Imus stated that everyone was familiar with the discussion surrounding this, but that the Regional Partnership Council could go into executive session if desired to discuss further. Chair Imus reviewed that the member had been sent a letter with a deadline for response, but none was received. Vice Chair Hunter made a motion to recommend to the State Board that the parent representative be unseated. Member Irwin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Regional Director's Report

Regional Director Pascual also welcomed new member Bella Miller.

Director Pascual said she provided the 2012 Needs and Assets Report to the Tribal Council last week. The Regional Partnership Council will be mailed copies, and it will be available soon on the website. The Regional Partnership Council members were pleased with the cover photo. Director Pascual reviewed a one-page summary of some of the highlights, asking members if there were any specific numbers they would like included.

Director Pascual also presented the FY2014 Funding Plan to Tribal Council last week and they approved it. The Tribal Council expressed great interest in completion of the Native Language books.

Director Pascual reviewed the FY2013 Financial Expenditures update, noting that St. Mary's Food Bank still has not requested reimbursement – even though they continue to provide the service. The percentage expended will change dramatically once St. Mary's submits a request. The Native Language Preservation strategy grant has been signed by the Tribal Council chairwoman, so they will be billing as well.

Director Pascual asked for direction from the Regional Partnership Council regarding discretionary funding. Member Holgate asked for clarification whether the funding was going to be reduced. Director Pascual explained the State Board was asking for ideas regarding the allocation of the discretionary funds, and that would not necessarily reduce the amount. The difference in what was allocated for Fiscal Year 2014 versus previous years was approximately $3,500. Overall, there was consensus on maintaining the formula funding. Member Irwin suggested the discretionary funding be decided for three years at a time, possibly after the evaluation. Member Irwin also discussed addressing the "gap," where children are identified as having some special need(s) or developmental delay, but do not qualify for services, and also to utilize the funding to overcome barriers to access. Vice Chair Hunter asked whether other tribal regions are focused on the same strategies. Director Pascual can provide that information for the West Region. Other suggestions for the discretionary funding included funding Quality First in the region and evaluation of programs.

The Regional Partnership Council discussed the Needs and Assets Report summary sheet, with some members commenting that some statistics were too negative. Director Pascual pointed out that the Needs and Assets Report that is released to the public will not include numbers under twenty five. Member Miller asked if all tribes had a summary sheet, as it may help to have tribes working together on common issues. Vice Chair Hunter discussed that the ten tribes with their own regions might be able to collaborate, as well as tribes that are part of larger regions.

Director Pascual explained that the meeting scheduled in Lake Havasu City on February 26 will be a chance for an informal dialogue between the Regional Partnership Council and members of the State Board, and will include the Hualapai Tribe, La Paz/Mohave and CRIT regional partnership councils, as well as the CEO, Rhian Evans Allvin. The meeting will take place at the Lake Havasu Unified School District Board Room, 2200 Havasupai Boulevard, Lake Havasu City, AZ from 10am-12:30pm.

Director Pascual reviewed upcoming events that include the Arizona Early Childhood Summit August 25–27 in Phoenix; the Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting February 7 in Phoenix; and the Board/Regional Partnership Council dialogue meeting February 26 in Lake Havasu City. The next Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council meeting will be March 13.

Director Pascual advised an early childhood collaboration meeting is scheduled directly after this meeting. Vice Chair Hunter asked if the discussion would include funding for the new child care facility, but was advised the meeting will focus on services and collaboration only.

Director Pascual informed the members that the La Paz/Mohave Community Outreach position has been filled, and Erin Taylor will start January 22. The position is based out of the Lake Havasu City regional office.

Senior Regional Director, Gary Arnold, informed the members that he had been working with the CRIT Regional Partnership Council since the loss of Lanna Flood this past summer. After reviewing staffing, he felt it made sense to bring Director Pascual to work with CRIT in place of her current work with the Cocopah Tribe. Senior Director Arnold assured the members this change would have no effect on Director Pascual's work with the Hualapai Tribe Regional Council, and everyone breathed a sigh of relief. Senior Director Arnold also advised the members that CRIT, as part of their Parent Outreach and Awareness strategy, was offering kith and kin workshops beginning January 23, and these are open to all river tribes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on March 13, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the Peach Springs Unified School District, 403 Diamond Creek Road, Peach Springs, Arizona 86434.

Adjourn

Chair Imus adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Sandy Smith

Sandy Smith, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:

Reverend Pete Imus, Chair