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ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD

NORTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular meeting of the First Things First North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was conducted on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at the Washington Elementary School District in the Governing Board Room, 4650 West Sweetwater Phoenix, Arizona 85304.

Chair Cindy Hallman called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

Members Present: Cindy Hallman, Chair; Barbara Nicol, At Large; Billy Thrall, At Large; Connie Robinson, Vice Chair; Bill Adams, School Administrator; Jenna Goad, Parent Member; Willette Watts, Faith Based.

Members Not Present: James Emch, At Large; Mindy Zapata, Child Care Provider.

Quorum: Established.

Staff Present: Karen Yearwood, Regional Director; Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant; Tracey Craig, Senior Director; Marlene Moreno, Community Outreach Coordinator.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Provided prior to the Council Meeting in an electronic copy were the Special Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2011.

Motion: Member Jenna Goad moved to approve the consent agenda item, second by Member Billy Thrall, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Anne Varner and Melissa Sult from Maricopa County Department of Public Health provided the Council with an update on the hearing screening program funded by the North Phoenix Council.

4. **CALL TO THE PRESENTERS:** Matt Jewett, Director of Health Policy for Children's Action Alliance provided the Council with an update on Arizona Children's Health Outreach Coalition.

In the interest of time, Chair Hallman moved item 6, SFY2013 Implementation Plan to the next agenda item.

6. **SFY2013 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:** Director Karen Yearwood reviewed with the Council the life of a grant and pointed out the activities that require council involvement. Karen also let the Council know that the grantees that have been funded for three years are not eligible for renewal and those strategies will go out in the form of a request for grant application (RFGA) or inter-governmental agreement (IGA). The RFGA/IGA's will go out in cycles each month from February through April. The Council then decided which strategies will go out for RFGA and which strategies will go out in an IGA; and the target population that the strategy will serve. Karen advised the Council that the Greater Phoenix Yavapai team will have an informational meeting around the RFGA process on January 26, 2012 at the Burton Barr Library.

Court Teams: Target population is children removed from their homes by child protective services, the amount is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) and the Council Member that will review the RFGAs that come in will be Chair Hallman. The review will be in conjunction with the Yavapai Region and will be held at the Community Church in Black Canyon Arizona.

Home Visitation: Senior Policy Specialist K Vilay joined the meeting by phone and answered questions from the Council pertaining to Home Visitation. There are three programs that are on their third year of funding and are not eligible for renewal under Home Visitation. They are: Healthy Families Arizona, Parenting Arizona, and Choices for Families. The other program Nurse Family Partnership is in the second year of funding and can be renewed or go out in an RFGA or IGA. The consensus of the Council was to target children ages 0-3 and at risk population to include pregnant mothers. The Council would like the entire one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) available for Home Visitation to go out for RFGA. The decision of the Council also included not renewing Nurse Family Partnership for an additional year. The Council Member that will help with the review will be determined at the next meeting.

Parent Education Community Based Training/Literacy: There is one hundred thirty nine thousand dollars (\$139,000.00) in this strategy. Community Based Literacy used to be the name of the strategy. Community Based Literacy will change into three different components:

1. Parent Awareness: One time workshop/story time.
2. Parent Education: Training – Series.
3. Reach out and Read: On its own in Physician Offices

Target population is all parents of children ages 0-5 with specific outreach to children at risk. Member Jenna Goad requested that there be flexibility in the scheduling of training series – trainings tend to be in the middle of the day.

Parent Outreach Literacy: Director Yearwood advised that this was originally slated to go out February 1, 2012 but was moved to March 1, 2012. Member Jenna Goad will represent the Council for the review process. The consensus of the Council was to go through an inter-governmental agreement with the Library and to target all parents of children ages 0-5 with specific outreach to children at risk.

Reach out and Read: Target population is Physician offices in North Phoenix. Member Billy Thrall will represent the Council in the review process for RFGA's received for Reach out and Read.

Family Friends and Neighbors: Target population is Home Based Providers in the North Phoenix Region. The consensus of the Council was to go out to RFGA for Family Friends and Neighbors. Member Willette Watts will represent the Council in the review process for Family Friends and Neighbors.

Health Insurance Enrollment: The consensus of the Council was to go out to RFGA for Health Insurance Enrollment with the same target population as previously used for this strategy.

5. **SFY2013 NORTH PHOENIX FUNDING PLAN:** Tabled

8. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR REPORT:** Community Outreach Coordinator Marlene Moreno provided the Council with an update on her outreach efforts to the Council. Marlene will work with Briggetta to send out invites to Council Members for the Deer Valley Family Resource Center grand opening, and the site visit for the Teen Parent Support Program. The Council was encouraged to provide Marlene names of groups that they feel Marlene should reach out to.

9. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** February 14, 2012 at 4:30 pm. at the Washington Elementary School District in the Governing Board Room, 4650 West Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85304.

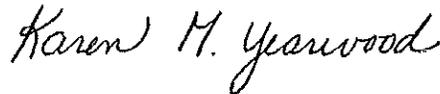
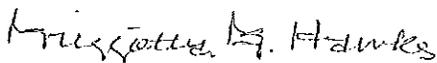
7. **2012 IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Regional Director Karen Yearwood provided the following information:

Funding Plan Presentation to the State Board: Chair Hallman will present to the State Board the North Phoenix Funding Plan Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 8:00 am. The Council was encouraged to attend. **Grantee Performance Quarter 1 Reports:** Provided in Council packets. The Council was encouraged to email Director Yearwood with any questions. **Deer Valley Family Resource Center:** Chair Hallman will represent the Council at the grand opening. Members of the Council were encouraged to attend. **Council Member Recruitment:** Information was provided in Council packets on which seats are open and which seats will expire on June 30, 2012. Director Yearwood encouraged the public to apply and to visit the First Things First website for more information.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Member Jenna Goad moved to adjourn the regular meeting, second by Member Billy Thrall, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

APPROVED



Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant

Karen M. Yearwood, Regional Director

COUNCIL APPROVAL



Cindy Hallman, Chair