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

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on **December 14, 2011** at 9:00 a.m., at the Hualapai Department of Health, Education and Wellness, located at 488 Hualapai Way, Peach Springs, Arizona, 86434.

Chair Irwin called the meeting to order at 9:27 a.m.

Members Present: Sandra Irwin, Chair; Rev. Pete Imus, Vice Chair; Charlene Imus; Joyce Holgate; Scott Dunsmore; Lucille Watahomigie

Members Excused: Helen Watahomigie; Candida Hunter

Members Absent: Madelena Cesspooch

Address Potential Conflicts of Interest Regarding Items on the Agenda

Discussion ensued regarding Conflict of Interest, and it was determined there were no Regional Council Members with a conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda.

Approval of Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Member Dunsmore made a motion to accept the November 9, 2011, and November 28, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Member C. Imus seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by the Regional Partnership Council.

Call to the Public

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates and Announcements

Regional Partnership Council members did not make any updates or announcements.

Grantee Program Updates

a. Maternal Child Health Program (Home Visitation) – Jennifer Pope, R.N., gave an update on the Maternal Child Health Program. Nurse Pope informed the Regional Partnership Council that she and Alyce Crook attended the Zero to Three Conference in Washington, D.C., where they were able to attend different sessions and network. Nurse Pope also informed the Regional Partnership Council that the Maternal Child Health Program continues to coordinate with Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) for infant formula distribution and breastfeeding education. Nurse Pope explained that she has a meeting planned with the new Special Education coordinator at the elementary school to work on screening the two-year-old children in the community. Nurse Pope also explained the Maternal Child Health Program continues with home visitation services. Nurse Pope informed the Regional Partnership Council the Maternal Child

Health Program has requested more Welcome Home Baskets from the National Relief Charities Program, and the Maternal Child Health program has received an emergency supply of diapers and wipes to help parents in the community. Vice Chair Imus inquired about resuming Mommy and Me classes. Nurse Pope explained that due to lack of involvement at this time, the Maternal Child Health Program is focusing on one on one visits with parents and children.

Presentation on Reach Out and Read

Jennifer Hernandez, with Reach Out and Read- Arizona, gave an overview of the Reach Out and Read- Arizona program, which is a program of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Ms. Hernandez explained the mission of the program is to make literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric practice. The doctor promotes literacy and family involvement during well-child visits beginning at age 6 months and continues until age 5 years, giving a new book out at each well-child visit. Currently, the Indian Health Services clinic in Peach Springs is participating in the program.

Possible Approval of the SFY2013-2015 Funding Plan Recommendation

Regional Director Ashley Pascual gave an overview of the SFY2013-2015 Funding Plan and explained each section. Director Pascual explained the changes made to the Funding Plan since the first draft was introduced to the Regional Partnership Council, including a reduction in the target service number from 1,400 to 600 for the Food Security strategy to match the current contracted service number with St. Mary's, and also consider the inclusion of the Emergency Infant Formula portion in the Home Visitation -Maternal Child Health strategy rather than the Food Security strategy. Director Pascual explained to the Regional Partnership Council that while the Funding Plan currently shows a deficit of \$1,000 in the Fiscal Year 2013 budget, the deficit will be removed once the Board approves of the change in the Fiscal Year 2012 allotment for the Native Language Enrichment strategy to match the actual amount awarded, which will free up the \$1,000 that covers the deficit. Member Holgate inquired if there were any preferences regarding who could utilize the T.E.A.C.H. scholarships. Director Pascual clarified the intent of the Regional Partnership Council, , and the T.E.A.C.H. scholarships involved in the Funding Plan are mostly to allow the two current early childhood educators utilizing the scholarships to continue their program. Director Pascual informed the Regional Partnership Council that a summary of the Funding Plan went to the Hualapai Tribal Council, and Tribal Council's support and approval was given by consensus. Member Dunsmore made a motion to accept the SFY2013-2015 Funding Plan. Vice Chair Imus seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the Regional Partnership Council.

First Things First Regional Boundaries Recommendation to Tribal Council

Director Pascual explained to the Regional Partnership Council that every two years, Tribes are asked to consider their regional boundaries and whether the Tribe would like to continue as a separate region or join in the bigger geographical region. The Regional Partnership Council considered making a recommendation to the Tribal Council. Vice Chair Imus made a motion to recommend remaining as a separate region. Member Holgate seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Regional Partnership Council. The Regional Partnership Council confirmed that a letter would go to the Tribal Council to inform them of the Regional Partnership Council's recommendation.

Regional Director Update

Director Pascual informed the Regional Partnership Council members a breakdown of monthly expenditures by grantee was included in the packet. Director Pascual also informed the Regional Partnership Council members the line item budget for the Maternal Child Health Program was included as requested, and that copies of the complete FY2012 grant renewal for the Maternal Child Health Program were available. Director Pascual reminded the Regional Partnership Council members that some of the seat terms would expire on June 30, 2011. Director Pascual thanked the Regional Partnership Council members for their dedication and service to young children of the region and encouraged them to reapply for a seat on the Regional Partnership Council. Senior Regional Director Gary Arnold informed the Regional Partnership Council that any member whose seat is expiring would receive a letter explaining the reapplication process.

Quorum was momentarily lost when Member C. Imus left the room at 9:59 a.m., and was regained at 10:04 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will take place at 9:00 a.m. on January 11, 2011, at the Hualapai Cultural Center.

Adjourn

Vice Chair Imus made a motion to adjourn. Member Dunsmore seconded the motion. Chair Irwin adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Approved by:

Julia Cosmano, Administrative Assistant II

Sandra Irwin, Chair

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