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Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order
The Regular meeting of the First Things First Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., at the Apache County Health Department, 309 South Mountain Avenue, Springerville, Arizona 85938.

Chair Barela called the meeting to order at approximately 3:08 p.m. and thanked Vice Chair Meyer for overseeing the meetings in his absence.

Members Present:
Tom Barela, Claude Endfield, Kalman Mannis (via phone), Leslie Meyer, Jeffrey Northup, Margie Tapia, Cathy Taylor and Amy Tregaskes

Members Absent: Sheila Chairez

Others Present:
Robin Aguero, Margine Bawden, Krista Beazley, Becky Benda-Dodd, DeeAnn Davies, Kate Dobler-Allen, Pam Flake, Laurie Hext, Linda Morrow, Karen Peifer, Keli Sine-Shields, Charlene Surber, Maureen Theobald,

Member Reports and Updates
None

Call to the Public
Linda Morrow, Navajo County Superintendent of Schools, introduced the new Lab School Project Director, Becky Benda-Dodd, who began her employment in this role on January 1, 2012.

Disclosure of Conflicts
None

Discussion and Possible Adoption of November 9, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes
Member Tapia moved to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council, held on November 9, 2011, as submitted. Member Tregaskes seconded; the motion passed.

Member Endfield arrived at 3:17 p.m.

Discussion and Possible Adoption of November 9, 2011 Executive Session Minutes
This agenda item was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Regional Partnership Council Meeting Dates and Times for 2012
Member Taylor moved to hold the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council meetings for 2012 on the second Wednesday of the month. Member Endfield seconded; the motion passed.

Member Northup arrived at 3:20 p.m.

Regional Director's Report

a. Monthly Report: Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented her upcoming meetings and presentations and introduced Krista Beazley, the new Regional Director for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council. Regional Director Dobler-Allen informed the members that Chair Barela will present the State Fiscal Year 2013 Funding Plan to the First Things First State Board on January 18, 2012.

b. Financial Reports: Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the State Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Plan Summary and the State Fiscal Year 2012 Contract Detail reports.

c. Community Outreach Report: Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the November and December 2011 Community Outreach reports and noted that Community Outreach Coordinator Michelle Pansulla will be presenting at the Northland Pioneer College Early Childhood Advisory Board and will also attend the Navajo/Apache Grantee Coordination meeting, along with the Director of Brand Management, Tiffany Erickson, who will present the First Things First branding requirements to the grantees.

d. Regional Partnership Council Seats Ending June 2012: Regional Director Dobler-Allen reviewed the list of members whose terms will end on June 2012 and shared the application process with the members. Regional Director Dobler-Allen also reviewed the timeline for the application and interview process and referred members to the First Things First website: www.azftf.gov. These are all four-year terms.

e. Northeast Regional Science Fair: Regional Director Dobler-Allen informed the members of the First Northeast Arizona Regional Science Fair and Science Carnival to be held on March 2 and 3, 2012, in the Show Low City Gym, 620 E. McNeil Drive. Member Mannis is coordinating this event, which will encompass the Science Fair judging on March 2, 2012 and a Carnival on March 3, 2012, involving hands-on science projects. Regional Director Dobler-Allen recommended the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council sponsor this event at the level of $500, which was previously approved in the Community Awareness budget for State Fiscal Year 2012. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners will include internships with local organizations or agencies. Chair Barela and Member Taylor volunteered their time as judges.

f. Family Resource Fair: Regional Director Dobler-Allen informed the members that this event will partner with the Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center's Annual Health Fair, which is scheduled for June 9, 2012, and which will provide resources for families. Regional Director Dobler-Allen recommended the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council sponsor this event at the $500 level.

g. White Mountain Bike Rodeo: Regional Director Dobler-Allen informed the members that this year's Bike Rodeo will be held on May 12, 2012 and recommended the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council sponsor this event at the $500 level. Regional Director Dobler-Allen also informed the members that the Northland Pioneer College Director's Institute will take place on April 21, 2012; however, there is no sponsorship fee needed.

Presentation of State Fiscal Year 2012 Quarter One Narrative and Data Reports

Regional Director Dobler-Allen reviewed the Narrative Reports from the first quarter of State Fiscal Year 2012 and noted the excellent collaboration efforts that are taking place throughout the region. Regional Director Dobler-Allen then reviewed the Data Reports for the same fiscal period and highlighted salient points for each strategy.

Review of State Fiscal Year 2013 Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Funding Plan

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the highlights that will be shared with the First Things First State Board on January 18, 2012 and discussed the capacity and infrastructure development that has taken place as well as the community relationships and partnerships that have been formed during State Fiscal Years 2010-2012 and then discussed the vision going forward for State Fiscal Years 2013-2015 for Professional Development, Family Support and Parent Education and Health. Regional Director Dobler-Allen thanked the members of the Regional Partnership Council as well as the attendees/grantees for their efforts and accomplishments. Regional Director Dobler-Allen then shared the comparison of the community surveys done in 2011 and 2010, as relates to the priorities of the community. Lastly, Regional Director Dobler-Allen shared the Needs and Assets Report Outline and discussed the current status.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, and is tentatively scheduled to be held at Northland Pioneer College, 2251 North Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, Arizona 86025. There being no further business, Chair Barela adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:25 p.m.

Tom Barela, Chair

Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director