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ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on January 12, 2010 in the First Things First IT Conference Room; 4000 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85012.

Chair Robert Donofrio called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Welcome by Chair Donofrio and members in attendance took place.

Council Members Present by Phone: Robert Donofrio, Chair; James Washington, Vice Chair; Dr. William Ellert, Member; Dr. Patricia Merk, Member; Mary Thomson, Member; Cindy Segotta-Jones, Member; Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, Member; and Mauricio Martinez, Member.

Member Not in Attendance: Moises Gallegos, Member; Reverend Rosalind Polston, Member.

Also in attendance: Jonathan Gonzales, Regional Coordinator; Dana Browning, Sr. Financial & Program Analyst, Elsa Romero, Executive Assistant.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Tabled
3. **RESOURCE CENTER RFGA DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE:** Member Dr. Patricia Merk declared conflict and excused herself from the discussion. Chair Robert Donofrio also declared conflict, stayed on the phone but did not enter discussion or vote.

Cindy Segotta-Jones motioned to fund A, B & C organizations at recommended amounts in regards to RFGA First Things First for Family Resources Centers RC014-10-0234-00, motion second by council member Maurico Martinez, all in favor, motion carried.

NOTE FOR PUBLIC RECORD: Dr. Patricia Merk and Robert Donofrio declared conflict of interest.

4. **NEEDS AND ASSETS DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE:** Robert Donofrio, Chair asked under procurement regulations how was justification done to not go with lowest responsible bidder. Jonathan Gonzales did not have answer but would seek answer from Procurement, Finance and Arizona Department of Administration for justification. Chair Donofrio informed council members that the funding is not coming from the Regional budget; but from the State budget. Chair Robert Donofrio asked for motion to accept the recommendation that MGT America be selected as the vendor to provide the Needs and Assets report work. Member Dr. Eva Shivers motioned to accept the recommendation to have MGT America provide the Needs and Assets report work, seconded by Member Cindy Segotta-Jones, no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

5. **CROSS REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE:** Chair Robert Donofrio reconfirmed the inclusion of the Gila River Indian Community be part of the scholarship program in the South Phoenix RPC strategy. Member Dr. Patricia Merk motioned that the South Phoenix RPC collaborate with the Gila River Indian Community Council for all programming in 85339, which is to include T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships, Member Cindy Segotta-Jones seconded, no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

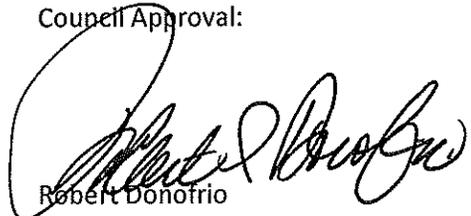
NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: January 19, 2010 meeting to be canceled, Jonathan Gonzales to notify by email.

6. **ADJOURN:** Member Dr. William Ellert motioned for adjournment of the regular meeting, Vice Chair James Washington seconded, no discussion, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 4:16pm.

Approved:


Jonathon Gonzales
Regional Coordinator

Council Approval:

 1/12/10
Robert Donofrio
Chair