



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

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**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board  
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council  
January 12, 2015**

### **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council was held on January 12, 2015 in the Early Literacy Room at the Safford Public Library, 808 South Seventh Avenue, Safford, AZ 85546.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Regional Council Members present in person:

Chair Laurie Smith, Vice Chair JoAnn Morales, Ryan Henry, Donna McGaughey, Susan Norton, Kasey Ekman, Christie Rivera and Pam Patt

Member Morales joined the meeting at 1:05

Member Ekman joined the meeting at 1:10

Regional Council Members Absent:

Stacy Morris

### **Call to the Public**

Chair Smith announced Call to the Public. Judy Fischer addressed the council expressing concerns about children who have 50/50 custody with their divorced parents and their lack of attendance at the Methodist Day Care Center making it difficult to meet the minimum attendance standard for the Quality First Scholarships.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting was made by Member McGaughey, seconded by Member Henry. Motion carried (8-0-0).

### **Discussion, Update and Approval of Quality First SFY16 Allotment**

- Member Patt moved to amend the motion from the November 10, 2014 meeting to approve the funding of the Quality First package for SFY2016 up to the amount of \$153,046 to fund up to 6 medium centers and 3 homes through a statewide RFGA with adjustments made by Regional Director as needed based on council intent. Seconded by Member Norton. Motion carried (8-0-0).

**Update on Quality Assurance Grantee Site Visit**

Chair Smith tabled this agenda item until the March 9<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**Regional Director Report**

Director Elkins shared her January Director’s Report highlighting recruitment for the vacant faith based and one of the At-Large seats on the council. She encouraged council members to reach out to those they thought would be a good addition to the council and who they thought would be interested. She also highlighted information from the Quarter 1 Data Report.

**Community Outreach Update**

Outreach Coordinator, Paulette LeBlanc, reported on her activities from November and December, highlighting the media hits in the 2 largest publications in the region. She also shared part of the “Write Way” training, sharing ways to capture quality photos and encouraged council members to capture photos of young children and their families and to share them with her. She let them know of two upcoming site visits to Mt. Graham Child Care Center and Bulldog Boulevard.

**Next Meeting Date, Time and Location**

The next regular meeting will be held on March 09, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Safford Library.

**Adjournment**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:55 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**



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**Shari Elkins,  
Graham/Greenlee Regional Director**

**Approved:**



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**Laurie Smith,  
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council Chair**