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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on January 13 at Barness Family Jewish Community Center, 908 N. Alma School Rd., Chandler 85224.

Jackie Garner, Regional Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m.

Members Present

Andrea Colby, Frank Narducci, Genoveva Acosta-Bueno, Hope Dillon, Jackie Garner, Karen Emery, Kathy Halter, Maureen Duane, Trinity Donovan

Member Absent

Angela Capone
Glenn Waterkotte

Guests

Ten members from the public

Approval of Minutes

Regional Council Vice Chair Dillon motioned to approve the November 18, 2009 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Member Capone. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

Members from the public shared information about their programs, open positions, their outreach efforts, and the number of families they are serving.

Needs and Assets Report Vendor Selection

Member Duane reported to the Regional Council regarding her representation on the Needs and Assets vendor review committee. A discussion took place to ensure that a vendor could carry out the job at hand and she reviewed the process that was taken to select the recommended vendor, MGT. It was confirmed with MGT that they could meet Central Maricopa Regional Council's deadline for completing their Needs and Assets Report. Member Duane motioned to accept the recommendation that MGT of America be selected as the vendor for the 2011 Needs and Assets Report, seconded by Member Emery. Vote was taken and motion accepted.

Funding Plan Summary

Coordinator Floth shared with the Regional Council a summary of their funding plan decisions and pointed out that the \$1,284,739 showing as carried forward from 2010 is the fund balance that is scheduled to be used for the fourth year of T.E.A.C.H. or toward increasing funding amounts for other

strategies as the Regional Council may deem necessary based upon review of data from current strategies. Regional Council Chair Garner will present the funding plan summary to the First Things First

Board on January 26. Next Steps: Scope of Work for RFGAs. The goal is to get all of the scopes of work for the new strategies, and the strategies that have to go out again due to additional monies being added, out to the public to get the awards done. The deadline for this goal is in February. The Regional Council agreed to form small task groups to carry out this charge.

Regional Council Chair Garner shared some of the State's ideas to divert First Things First's funds away from early childhood education and development to help balance their budget and asked the Regional Council and the public in attendance to contact their legislators on a regular basis, to educate those in their communities about the importance of early childhood education and development, and the impact that First Things First has had on providing services for families and young children. It was again stressed about the importance and impact of having families who have directly benefited from First Things First funding to share their personal stories. Coordinator Floth will provide the Regional Council with talking points and regular First Things First updates to assist them in speaking with their legislators and the community.

Regional Council Updates

- Member Narducci:
 - Shared that the Department of Health Services (DHS), in some instances, had delayed issuing payments to childcare centers and that the economic situation is not getting better in this area.
- Member Donovan
 - Thanked Regional Council Chair Garner for her November 30 interview with Chandler in Focus, where she shared information about First Things First and its impact in the Central Maricopa Region.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Regional Council Vice Chair Dillon adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

February 10 – Tempe District Office

SUBMITTED BY:

Sharon Smith, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED:

Jacqueline F. Garner, Regional Council Chair