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Regional Partnership Council Meeting
January 14, 2014

Welcome and Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on January 14, 2014 at the St. Patrick's Catholic Community Administration Building, 10815 North 84th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260.

Chair VanMaanen called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m., and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Members Present

Chair Patricia VanMaanen, Vice Chair Marie Raymond and Council Members Joanne Meehan, Bill Myhr, Mary Permoda, Jenny Stahl, Stu Turgel and Dana Vela.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2013

Council Member Permoda moved to approve the November 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Stahl seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously 6-0, Council Members Meehan and Vela not yet being present.

SFY 2015 East Maricopa Funding Plan

Senior Director Wendy Sabatini reviewed the funding plan with the Council members.

Council Members Meehan and Vela arrived at 4:04 p.m.

Senior Director Sabatini continued to review the funding plan with the Council members. She noted that with the final numbers for Quality Frist, the overall difference in the plan was a net increase of \$18,851. Senior Director Sabatini encouraged Council members to attend the funding plan presentations to the First Things First Board on January 22.

Quarter 1 Grantee Data/Narrative Reports

Senior Director Sabatini informed the Council that all contracts are up for renewal for one year, with the exception of the City of Scottsdale which will be a one-year extension through a government-to-government agreement. The Council will only be voting on regional-specific grants. Renewal packets will be sent to grantees in March. She asked the Council to let her know as they review the data and narrative reports if there are any specific questions they wish to be asked of the grantees. Responses are due back from the grantees by April 1, reviews are then completed, with votes by the Council in May, and then recommendations going to the State Board in June.

Senior Director Sabatini reviewed the reports with the Council members and noted that there are many collaboratives. She noted that Ft. McDowell will be presenting at the March Council meeting. Chair VanMaanen said she would like to know how long families participate in the program with Ft. McDowell. As to Family Support Children with Special Needs, Chair VanMaanen stated that she would like to know if the meeting which was held has been beneficial with the grantee receiving additional referrals. Council Member Meehan stated that McDowell Mountain in Fountain Hills have made it a requirement for parents to obtain scholarships that they attend the

Parent University. Chair VanMaanen asked for a Quality First report for the next quarter with a regional breakdown.

Financial Report

Senior Director Sabatini reviewed the report with the Council members.

Presentation by City of Scottsdale

Ann Lynn DiDomenico, Lead Early Literacy Program Specialist with the City of Scottsdale, provided information about their Knowing and Growing University which includes Books Can, Brain Times, Get Ready to Read, Stay and Play, Common Sense Parenting, and Fun with Math and Science. She stated that their programs are literacy based. She further stated that the programs can be adapted to the specific demographics at different locations. Families also take a book home with them. In response to a question from Council Member Turgel, she stated that they will be at or above their contract service level. She stated that they track families by programs and in that way, they can see what classes parents are taking and where they are taking the classes. She noted that a challenge is that the programs have been so successful, they cannot add any more classes at this time. Council Member Turgel asked to see the survey results to see how effective the programs are. Chair VanMaanen asked that the information be included in the next data reports. Ms. DiDomenico shared success stories with the Council Members. Chair VanMaanen thanked Ms. DiDomenico for their services and stated that they have exceeded the Council's expectations for this strategy.

Presentation by Maricopa County Department of Public Health

Kimberly Richards, Program Coordinator with First Teeth First, gave a PowerPoint presentation about their services. She stated that all services are provided by registered dental hygienists and bilingual site assistants. She stated that they go to child care centers and libraries and participate in multiple events with January through March being the busiest, to include the Ultimate Play Date. They also go to all of the elementary schools. She said that numbers have been lower because they had lost a health educator, as well as the first and second quarters being the slowest time of the year. She noted that they return to schools and child care centers every six months. Challenges have been finding a permanent location within the region. Additionally, they have a challenge with parents following through with referrals for dental care. She said that they follow the families until they either set up appointments for dental care or are being served by an agency that will coordinate dental services. In response to a question from Senior Director Sabatini, Ms. Richards explained that a very small space would be needed in order provide a permanent location; essentially two tables and two chairs, with screens between the two stations.

Community Outreach Report

Community Outreach Coordinator Tina Oluyi reviewed her Community Outreach summary report for the months of July through December, 2013.

Senior Director Updates

- Senior Director Sabatini referred the Council members to the annual report and asked Council members to let her know if they would like copies. Council Member Turgel asked for the report to be emailed as well as an electronic link for the report if available.
- Senior Director Sabatini and Chair VanMaanen asked Council members to let First Things Staff know if they had any questions about the present legislative proposal or receive questions from the public they would like assistance with in answering.
- Senior Director Sabatini stated that the new Council member applications are on the website and encouraged present Council members to apply as well as to help recruit for the positions. Council members were presented with recruitment cards. Council Member Turgel asked that they be sent out



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electronically. Senior Director Sabatini said that she intends to interview in late March through mid-April, with recommendations going to the Board in June.

- Senior Director Sabatini said that on February 11 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., a grantee meeting will be held at the Granite Reef Senior Center and invited Council members to attend. The invitation email will be forwarded to the Council members.
- Senior Director Sabatini stated that a First Things First Board and Council Member regional area forum will be held on February 20 with a time and location yet to be determined. She asked them to start thinking about topics they would like to discuss with the Board members.
- Senior Director Sabatini stated that the benchmarking recommendations will be brought back to the Council at the March meeting for review, with final approval in May. Additionally, public forums will be held on the evening of March 19 and during the day on March 20. A survey will also be sent out to garner additional public input.

Regional Council Member Updates

- Council Member Stahl stated that two indicators were agreed upon for all of Maricopa County.
- Council Member Permoda stated that two email blasts have been sent out to the faith-based community.

Call to the Public

No forms were submitted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair VanMaanen adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Approved by:

Patricia VanMaanen, Chair
Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council