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Arizona Early Child Development and Health Board Yavapai Regional Partnership Council **DRAFT** Minutes

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First Yavapai Regional Partnership Council was held on December 1st, 2010 at the Hassayampa Hotel, 122 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301.

Anne Babinsky Rawlings, Regional Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Members Present: Margie Beach, Barbara Jorgensen, Mica LaBellarte Williams, Sherry Birch, Sara Lienau, and Becky Ruffner.

Julie Clark and Heidi Atkinson attended telephonically.

Members Absent: Ophelia Tewawina

Review and Approval of the Regional Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Barbara Jorgensen made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2010 regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Mica Williams and passed unanimously. Council Member Margie Beach made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2010 special meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barbara Jorgensen and passed unanimously.

Council Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Council Member Sara Lienau declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning Quality First because her agency is a Quality First site. Council Member Lienau also declared a conflict of interest with TEACH because her agency and staff members are recipients of the scholarships.

Council Member Barbara Jorgensen declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning Nurse Home Visitation for High Risk Children in Foster Care and Child Care Health Consultation because she works for an organization that receives funding for these services.

Vice Chair, Mica LaBellarte Williams declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning Childcare Scholarships because she works for an organization that receives scholarships. Council Member Williams also declared a conflict of interest with TEACH program as one of her employees has applied to the TEACH program. Council Member Williams also declared a conflict of interest with Quality First as her agency is a site.

Council Member Sherry Birch declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning TEACH scholarships and Regional TEACH because she, as well as her staff members, are a recipient of

scholarships. Council Member Birch also declared a conflict of interest with Quality First because her agency is a Quality First site.

Council Member Heidi Atkinson declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning Parent Education because she works for an organization who receives funding for these services.

Council Member Becky Ruffner declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning Never Shake A Baby, Court Teams and Mental Health Consultation because she is the Executive Director of an organization that receives funding for these services.

Discussion of SFY2012 Funding Plan

Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch led the discussion by providing information in regard to the SFY2012 Prioritized Needs worksheet. Coordinator Deutsch acknowledged the need that many uninsured children are eligible for public health insurance, yet have not applied. Member Ruffner made a motion to adopt the prioritized needs review sheet labeled SFY2012 as presented today with a new amendment to number 15 which will now state the following: There is a lack of early literacy resources for families with young children in Yavapai County. The motion was seconded by Member Beach and passed unanimously.

Regional Council members reviewed all current strategies and discussed their intent for strategy continuation in fiscal year 2012. Within the Family Support goal area the Regional Council discussed the following strategies and funding levels:

Member Jorgensen made a motion to approve funding for the family support collaborative in the amount of \$35,000.00 for fiscal year 2012, parenting education at \$250,000 for fiscal year 2012, and food insecurity in the amount of \$100,000.00 for fiscal year 2012 for a total of \$385,000.00 for the family, parenting and food strategies. The motion was seconded by Member Williams and passed with a majority of votes. Members Ruffner and Atkinson abstained.

Member Williams made a motion to allocate \$850,000.00 for the home visitation strategy to maintain service levels in fiscal year 2012, \$380,000.00 for the prenatal health care outcomes for fiscal year 2012 and \$160,000.00 for nurse home visitation for fiscal year 2012 for a total of \$1,390,000.00 for home, prenatal, and nurse home strategies. The motion was seconded by Member Birch and passed with a majority of votes. Member Jorgensen abstained.

Member Birch made a motion to allocate \$62,000.00 for court teams for fiscal year 2012, \$60,000.00 for community partnership for fiscal year 2012, \$47,500.00 for literacy for fiscal year 2012 and \$50,000.00 to parent awareness for fiscal year 2012, for a combined total of \$219,500.00 for the court, community and parent strategies. The motion was seconded by Member Williams and passed with a majority of votes. Member Ruffner abstained.

Member Jorgensen made a motion to fund mental health consultation at \$312,500.00 for fiscal year 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Beach and passed with a majority of votes. Members Ruffner, Williams and Birch abstained.

Member Ruffner made a motion to fund child care health consultation at \$320,000 for fiscal year 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Beach and passed with a majority of votes. Members Jorgensen, Birch and Williams abstained.

Member Beach made a motion to fund child care scholarships at \$900,000.00 for fiscal year 2012, and Quality First at \$428,250.00 for fiscal year 2012, for a total of \$1,328,250.00 for the quality access

strategies. The motion was seconded by Member Ruffner and passed with a majority of votes. Members Lienau, Williams and Birch abstained.

Member Jorgensen made a motion to allot \$144,600.00 for fiscal year 2012 towards TEACH professional development. The motion was seconded by Member Beach and passed with a majority of votes. Members Lienau, Williams and Birch abstained.

Member Birch made a motion to allot \$50,000.00 to communications media for fiscal year 2012, \$95,000.00 for the outreach liaison for fiscal year 2012, and \$0.00 for leave behinds for fiscal year 2012 for a total of \$145,000.00 for public awareness. The motion was seconded by Member Williams and passed unanimously.

Member Williams made a motion to allot \$180,000.00 to evaluation to maintain service levels in fiscal year 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Birch and passed unanimously.

Member Ruffner made a motion to allocate \$35,000.00 to the 2012 Needs and Assets for fiscal year 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Jorgensen and passed unanimously.

2010-2011 Implementation Discussion

Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch discussed Quality First and the previous recommendation that the regional council use these funds for 4 year olds because they would be transitioning to kindergarten so there would not be an issue around continuity of care. Member Ruffner made a motion to rescind the prior motion impacting Quality First and not to use the funds in 2011 but carry the funding forward to 2012; scholarships could be increased when the carry forward amount is established in September 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Jorgensen and passed with a majority of votes. Members Birch, Williams, and Lienau abstained.

Coordinator's Report

Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch reported on the following updates: reading materials and updates from the state will be available upon request in paper format; the child care study is moving forward and was discussed in a Flagstaff meeting where it is anticipated a provider survey study final document will be available in May of 2011; for the child care study, a temporary surveyor position is available; the 0-3 conference will be taking place on December 9, 10, and 11, 2010 and Members Tewawina, Birch and AmeriCorps VISTA Hillary Goldstein will be in attendance and report back to council members in January; in terms of the funding plan, emails and questions may take place over the next month by December 23rd, and Amy Kemp or Lori Deutsch will be able to respond. The Little Kids Book is being processed and will be viewed as a flip book. Also, submissions are needed from community members and agencies in the Verde Valley; please contact Outreach Coordinator Cindy Pemberton. Recruitment for the at large regional council seat will begin once the position is approved by the state board.

Communications Update

Community Outreach Liaison Claire Louge reported on a number of updates, including; the number of champions thus far are 1,572; the number in Yavapai is 215; the number of people who have attended a First Things First presentation or outreach event in the last month is 360; the number of outreach events has been 11; the number of outreach opportunities for the future is 7; the number media opportunities in the past month is 5; and one speakers training has been conducted with 6 attendees. Outreach Liaison Louge is always looking for presentations, please contact her should you have suggestions.

Call to the Public

Community Member Barbara Wisler Waldock of the Yavapai Regional Medical Center provided a brief notice that the Yavapai Regional Medical Center – Healthy Families will be moving to Prescott Valley after 20 years of residency in Prescott.

Community Member Debra Veit of High Country Early Intervention asked the Yavapai Regional Council Members to consider a new idea for strategy 2c Home Visitation Programs by broadening the spectrum beyond prenatal care. In addition to nurses, developmental specialist, therapists, and different providers or programs should be afforded an opportunity to collaborate and submit a joint application to address the needs of young children with developmental delays.

Council Member Reports and Updates

Council Member Ruffner will be attending the 0-3 conference and presenting along with Attorney Jennifer Jordan and Richard Weis about Arizona Court Teams.

Review Meeting Calendar

Attachment 5 was reviewed by Yavapai Regional Council Members and served as a reminder for the 2011 calandered events.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Partnership Council is a regular meeting scheduled for January 26, 2011 in Cottonwood.

Adjourn

Regional Council Chair Anne Babinsky Rawlings entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Ruffner made a motion to adjorn the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Williams and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.



Lori Deutsch, Yavapai Regional Coordinator

Approved:

Anne Babinsky Rawling, Chair

January 26, 2011