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### Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board

#### Coconino Regional Partnership Council

##### **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the First Things First Coconino Regional Partnership Council was held on January 31, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was located at the United Way of Northern Arizona Conference Room, 1515 E. Cedar Ave. Suite D-1, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Julianne Hartzell, the Chair for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

##### Members Present:

Mary McLellan, Julianne Hartzell, Noreen Sakiestewa, Samantha Cowan, Beth Johndrow, Tony Gonzales, Barbara Worgess (joined at 4:12 p.m.), Seobaghn Arambula

##### Members Present by Phone:

Debbie Winlock, Colette Cox

##### Members Absent:

Agnes Chamberlain

##### First Things First Staff Present:

Coconino Regional Coordinator Ellen Majure, Northeast Regional Manager AdiShakti Khalsa, Northeast Administrative Assistant Amanda Kristinat

##### **Call to the Public**

None

##### **Disclosure of Conflicts**

Member McLellan declared a conflict regarding the Havasupai Home Visitation program strategy discussion and vote.

##### **Consent Agenda**

Member McLellan moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Arambula seconded the motion. Motion approved.

##### **FY2012 Funding Plan Update**

Chair Hartzell provided a brief recap on the Coconino Funding Plan presentation she gave at the State Board Meeting on January 24, 2011.

Ms. Khalsa presented a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of First things First Statewide Funding Plan comparison between SFY 2011 and SFY 2012 to show what all regions are doing across the board.

Ms. Majure shared that the final approved version of the Coconino Regional Partnership Council SFY 2012 Funding Plan is now online and available for public access.

##### **Coconino Regional Expenditure Report Discussion**

Chair Hartzell posed a question to the council regarding what types of reports they find helpful and would like to be presented with on a regular basis. Ms. Majure reviewed the following new reports: Coconino Funding Plan Summary,

Coconino Contract Detail with Service Units, First Things First Statewide Program Goal by Strategy, First Things First Statewide Areas for Strategies by Goal Area. The members of the Coconino Regional Partnership Council directed First Things First staff that the Coconino Funding Plan Summary and Coconino Contract Detail with Service Units reports would be useful on a regular basis. The First Things First Statewide Program Goal by Strategy, First Things First Statewide Areas for Strategies by Goal Area should be distributed no more than quarterly.

Chair Hartzell stressed that the Coconino Regional Partnership Council members need to be familiar with these reports because they will soon be online and available for public access.

#### **Discussion and Possible Approval of Additional Allocation to the Havasupai Home Visitation Program Strategy**

Ms. Majure and Chair Hartzell traveled to Havasupai to meet with the Tribal Council. During their discussion they learned that the budget for the Home Visitation Program fell short in some areas. The money for travel needs to be increased due to the number was based on an incorrect amount of miles to provided serve to Supai Camp. Also, Ms. Majure felt that the pay was too low for the position after consulting with First Things First Family Support and would like to increase the pay to \$15.00 hour. These increases show the need for approximately \$13,000 more to be added to the budget.

Member Sakiestewa directed First Things First staff to look into the tribal pay rates and to make sure that the Home Visitation position is paid in line with the tribes pay rates.

Member Worgess expressed her concerns that the council is treating this different than other agreements and that we cannot service everyone in other areas, so why do we have to accommodate the request here. Member Arambula and Worgess expressed their concerns regarding the process that was taken by Ms. Majure and Chair Hartzell in presenting the increase with the Tribal Council prior to Coconino Regional Partnership Council's discussion.

After an extensive discussion, Member Sakiestewa moved to approve the additional allocation for the Havasupai home Visitation Program Strategy from \$125,000 up to \$138,000. Member Cowan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### **Discussion and Possible Approval of Coconino Region Event Sponsorships**

Chair Hartzell introduced the First Things First Regional Sponsorship Guidelines and an event for potential sponsorship. There is a request to sponsor the Flagstaff Early Childhood Fair. The target audiences for the event are families of young children and early child care providers.

After a brief discussion, this item has been tabled until the next meeting and the event sponsorship information has been defined.

#### **Coordination/Collaboration Strategy Update**

Ms. Majure updated the Coconino Regional Partnership Council on the State Boards approval of \$50,000 for SFY 2011 and \$150,000 for SFY 2012 for the Program Collaboration Specialist. The process to go through ADOA will take two to five weeks. Once the approval has been received, the position will be advertised and the hiring process will take about four to six weeks. The expectation is to have the position filled by mid March.

#### **Coconino Region – 2010 Needs and Assets Report Update**

Chair Hartzell announced that the Needs and Assets Reports were now posted online. However, there are some issues with the report and they are in the process of being corrected. The cover photo will be changed, typos will be corrected and the blurry charts will be fixed.

#### **Council Member Updates**

Member Gonzales announced that he and his wife are expecting their third child, due in August.

Member Winlock's place of work, Page Public Library, was the recipient of an award as one of the best libraries in the nation.

Member Cowan exited the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Member McLellan exited the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

**Coordinator Report**

Ms. Majure presented a written Coordinator report to the Coconino Regional Council.

Quality First has one new center and no new homes (no homes applied for available slot). Total number of filled slots is now 22, leaving 2 slots unfilled.

Coconino Health Department Healthy Families program funds have been cut by 41% and are the highest cuts to the program in the state.

The Quality First Child Care Scholarships will be distributed soon. One provider has declined participation in the scholarship program, so those scholarships will be distributed to other providers.

The Grantee renewal process will start at the next regional council meeting in February.

A meeting has been scheduled with Hopi Chairman Shingoitewa for February 8, 2011 regarding the Hopi Lavayi Early Childhood Assessment. After this issues related to the agreement have been worked out and approval from the Tribal Council is received, the assessment will hopefully move forward in March of 2011.

Ms. Majure and Chair Hartzell visited Havasupai on January 10, 2011 and met with the Tribal Council regarding the agreement. A projected start date is March of 2011.

The Kaibab Paiute Assessment agreement has been signed and approved by the First Things First State Board and will begin in February of 2011.

Ms. Majure updated the Coconino Regional Council regarding the communications. The Spring Media buys will start in February. All ads will run the same as in the fall. The billboard ad is currently still up, but will not be renewed for the spring. A new ad has been included at local grocery stores. The radio stations will also include KNAU and KUYI.

Communications Outreach Liaison, Amy Callahan, returned to work on January 24, 2011.

**Discussion of Possible February Meeting Date: February 28, 2011**

The next Coconino Regional Partnership Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the United Way of Northern Arizona Conference Room, 1515 E. Cedar Ave. Suite D-1, Flagstaff, Arizona.

**Meeting Adjourned**

There being no other business, Chair Hartzell adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:12 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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**Ellen Majure, Coconino Coordinator**

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Julianne Hartzell, Chair**