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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on December 1, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Housing and Development Office, 10488 Steamboat Street, in Somerton, Arizona, 85350.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Members Present: Jill McCormick, Dr. Michael Reed, Deal Begay, Gina Nierenhausen, Cristina Solorzano, LaDonna Crabb, Monica Torres, Paul Soto

Chair McCormick recognized the presence of First Things First Executive Director, Rhian Evans Allvin, and asked First Things First Tribal Liaison, Beverly Russell, to introduce herself.

Approval of November 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Reed moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2010, regional council meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Begay with the stipulation of amending the November 3 minutes as noted by Council Member Soto. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Executive Director's Update

First Things First Executive Director Rhian Evans Allvin shared an update on the goals and mission of First Things First with the Regional Council. It is the intent of Executive Director Allvin to integrate public and community awareness and establish a foundation for the children of Arizona, stating that there is still a great deal of work to be done. Director Allvin further stated indicators and an improved reporting system would soon be in place and would be a great tracking tool to assist in disseminating future data.

Summary of Meeting with Yuma Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair

Dr. Reed provided an update to the Regional Council in reference to the November 2010 meeting of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council and the Yuma Regional Partnership Council. Further stating it was an enlightening experience and learned of support services that would be of benefit to the Cocopah community. Meetings are scheduled to be held every other month, with the next meeting in January 2011.

FY2011 T.E.A.C.H. Allotment

Dr. Reed moved to approve the transfer of the FY2011 T.E.A.C.H. allotment to the carry forward. The motion was seconded by Regional Council Member Soto, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

FY2012 Regional Funding Plan

Coordinator Pascual reviewed the FY2012 Funding Plan Timeline and the Operational Plan Summary Budget and engaged the Regional Council in a discussion of the Funding Plan.

Discussion was held around the professional development strategies, and Member Torres stated her concern for not having funding allotted for the professional development conference scholarship strategy. Members discussed reasons the strategy was not implemented, and Dr. Reed recommended a subcommittee form for future consideration. Members had consensus to form a subcommittee to debate the need and other options for funding and implementation.

Dr. Reed moved to approve the FY2012 Regional Funding Plan with the stipulation to allow edits/embellishments as long as contents of the funding plan are not impacted. The motion was seconded by Regional Council Member Soto, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Coordinator's Report

The coordinator's report included a brief overview of the FY2011 Operational Plan. Other items included in the report were:

- Statewide Update
 - Weekly Updates-Chair/Vice Chair Conference Calls
 - First Things First Brand
- Regional Update
 - Regional Partnership Council Membership –Vacant Seats
 - Philanthropy
 - Health Service Provider
 - School Administrator
 - New Strategy Development
 - Early Steps Program and the Head Start Renovation Strategy Development
 - Food Assistance and Nutrition Strategy
- Upcoming Events
 - FTF Board Meeting-December 6th-7th 2010, Sierra Vista, AZ
 - Regional Partnership Council Meeting, January 5, 2011, Somerton, AZ
 - Cocopah Funding Plan presentation at the First Things First board meeting, January 25, 2011, Phoenix, AZ

Coordinator Pascual informed the Regional Council the Early Steps Specialists job position is currently vacant, however the job announcement has been advertised.

Announcements

Chair McCormick announced that Vicki Young, from Prescott College, will visit the Cocopah Community Center and meet the Regional Council Members on December 10, 2010, 2:00pm.

Member Nierenhausen announced the Christmas Community Party will be held on December 11, 2010, at 10:00am at the Cocopah Community Center.

Member Torres announced that Quechan Paradise Casino donated food boxes and toys for families at the Head Start. The Head Start was able to provide the extra food boxes to other families in the community.

Chair McCormick announced the premiere of the Bird Singers Movie, scheduled for December 11, 2010, at the Quechan Community Center, from 6:00pm-9:00pm.

Chair McCormick acknowledged Lorena Magana, with Child & Family Resources, and asked if she would make an announcement about other community events. Ms. Magana mentioned that the annual Angeles Del Barrio Children's Holiday Celebration is also scheduled for December 11, 2010, at the San Luis Joe Orduno Park, in San Luis, AZ, at 9:00am-1:00pm.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2010, at 3:00p.m., at the Cocopah Housing and Development Office, located at 10488 Steamboat Street, Somerton, AZ 85350.

Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 4:58p.m.

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

H. Jill McCormick, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Chair