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Meeting Minutes

#1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council was held on Monday February 03, 2014 at the Santa Cruz County Complex, Courtroom A, 2150 North Congress Drive, Nogales, Arizona 85621. Chair William Kirkpatrick welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. He welcomed and thanked Senior Director Erin Lyons, Dr. Amy Kemp and Pima South Regional Director, Eleanor Droegemeier for attending. He asked each member to introduce themselves, identifying their seat.

Members Present

Chair William Kirkpatrick, David Verdugo, Danna Gallardo and Lee Vellom

Members Attending Telephonically

Veronica Santillo, Anna Lepa and Karen Guilmette

Members Absent

Vice-Chair Karen Woodford, Dr. Melisa Lunderville

#2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Kirkpatrick directed everyone to the draft of the minutes of January 6, 2014 and asked if there was a motion to approve. Member Gallardo so moved, Member Verdugo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#3. Call to the Public

None

#4. Discussion & Possible Action: Regional Benchmarking School Readiness Indicator #10

Chair Kirkpatrick turned the agenda item over to Regional Director Francisco Padilla. He reviewed the Regional Council's previous selection of their 3 School Readiness Indicators: 1, 2 and 10. He then turned the Agenda Item over to Dr. Amy Kemp. She referred the Regional Council to Attachment 2 and explained that the Benchmarks are goals for 2020 and that there will not be any financial consequence if not met in the region. She explained that the reported data came from the First Things First 2012 Family and Community Survey; it was statewide and telephonic with 76 Santa Cruz Regional respondents and 3,707 respondents across the state. Indicator 10 is "Percentage of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well-being." The intent of indicator 10 is to "increase the number of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health, and well-being." The resulting survey provided a final baseline of 32% of parents who are confident and competent in the Santa Cruz region. Discussion followed. Following the Regional Council's decision there will be public vetting. Member Gallardo made a motion to establish 42% as the benchmark for this indicator. The motion was seconded by Member Verdugo. Motion carried.

#5 Presentation and Discussion: Quality Assurance Site Visits Update

Regional Director Padilla referenced Attachment 3, explaining the Quality Assurance cycle, process and regional update. Thus far, the Quality Assurance team from the First Things First Phoenix office have completed the visit and reporting on both Recruitment into the Field (Cochise College) and Oral Health (Mariposa Community Health Center). They had positive reports with suggestions for development. A Quality Assurance Site Visit is scheduled with Child Care Health Consultation, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Santa Cruz, for April 2014.

#6. Presentation on Family Resource Centers in the Santa Cruz Region

Chair Kirkpatrick introduced the Family Resource Center Director, Debbie Curley of University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Santa Cruz. She provided a handout that clarified the data submitted quarterly to First Things First compared to their monthly data. The differences in the reported numbers often become duplicated numbers in the region's quarterly reports received by the Regional Council. She informed the Regional Council that the core classes, considered the most important ones, are continuing to be well-attended. Questions regarding outreach to the Elgin area were asked and answered.

#7. Regional Director's Report

Director Padilla reviewed the SFY2014 Expenditure Report with the Regional Council explaining that grantees are on track for their expenditures. He spoke of the State Board meeting in January where the Regional Council's SFY15 Funding Plan was approved. He reported that he had attended Pipe Class graduations at the Family Resource Centers and spoke of the positive emotions expressed by parents. He referred to his written report, Attachment 5. In it, the upcoming options available to the Finance Department for future regional funding levels are mentioned. He reviewed the January through June calendar for what will happen at each upcoming monthly meeting. He noted that the Tucson First Things First office had come down for a day to work on material preparation for the February 8th community event.

#8. Regional Council and Staff Announcements

Chair Kirkpatrick asked each member and staff if they had any announcements. Susan Faubion, Administrative Assistant thanked Member Gallardo for sending 3 young women from her Team Anonymous group who worked on activity preparations one morning. Member Verdugo said that he would unfortunately not be able to attend the event due to an Honor Society field trip that day.

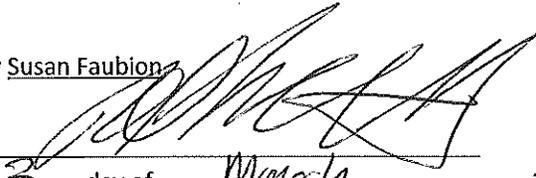
#9. General Discussion

None

#10 Meeting Reminder/Adjourn

Chair Kirkpatrick reminded everyone that the next meeting would be held on March 03, 2014 at 3:30 p.m., at the Calabasas Middle School Library, 131 Camino Maricopa, Rio Rico, AZ 85648. Member Gallardo made a motion to adjourn seconded by Member Verdugo, motion carried, the time was 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Faubion

Approved by 

Dated this 3 day of March, 2014