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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes

A Regular Council Meeting open to the public was held on Monday, February 4, 2013 beginning at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

Call to Order and Roll Call
Vice Chair Whitesinger called the meeting to order at approximately 1:42 p.m. She asked the members to introduce themselves and tell where they work and what seat they occupy.
Members present: Vice Chair Whitesinger, Michael Gaffney, Ranelda Hastings, Jandi Hernandez, Velma Kaytoggy, Nikina Whitaker, Kathy Wynn.
Members absent: Chair Endfield, Shine Burnette
Others present: Regional Director Krista Beazley, Virginia Turner, Kathy Bunker, FTF Program Director for Children's Health Karen Peifer, Becky Baldwin, Regina Rich, Tammie Gibson, Paula Hoyt.

Call to the Public
No calls to the public were received.

Disclosure of Conflicts
One disclosure of conflict was received from Member Wynn, for agenda item number 6 as she is employed by Indian Health Services.

Discussion and Possible Approval of January 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes
Vice Chair Whitesinger asked for action on the January 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Member Whitaker moved to approve the January 7, 2013 meeting minutes. Member Gaffney seconded, motion passed.

Presentation and Update on Oral Health Strategy
Vice Chair Whitesinger asked Regional Director Beazley to give the update on the Oral Health Strategy. Regional Director Beazley introduced Dr. Karen Peifer who is the Children's Health Director for First Things First. Dr. Peifer reported that there have been several conversations with Indian Health Services and the Arizona Dental Association regarding building capacity in the area. The suggestions are to do a planning period to see how FTF can facilitate coordination with Summit Health Care, Indian Health Services, Navajo County Health Department and the Arizona Dental Association. While there are still many details to work out, there are organizations that are interested in coordinating to build capacity and work will continue to put a plan together with the goal to bring more, but at least better coordinated, dental services to the region.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Funding Mechanism for Family Support, Children with Special Needs Strategy
Member Wynn recused herself from this discussion. Regional Director Beazley asked the Council to provide direction if the Council wants to pursue another Government to Government agreement with Indian Health Services to continue this contract for SFY2014 and SFY2015. The other option would be a Request for Grant Application process.
After discussion, Member Hastings moved that the approval of the funding mechanism for Family Support, Children with Special Needs Strategy for SFY2014 and SFY2015 be a Government to Government Agreement. Member Whitaker seconded, motion passed.

Update and Discussion Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy
Regional Director Beazley reported that the pre-application meeting for the Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy that was scheduled for January 29, 2013 was cancelled due to poor weather and road conditions. She is working to get the meeting re-scheduled for mid-February. She said that she had quite a few interested participants and is hopeful that they will all attend the re-scheduled meeting.

Presentation of First Things First Board Approved Benchmarks And Discussion of Preliminary Timeline and Process to Identify Regional Benchmarks

Regional Director Beazley provided the Council with information and timeline regarding the benchmarking process which the Council will be working on over the course of the coming year. Dr. Peifer answered questions from the Council regarding some of the proposed benchmarks and what types of data might be available for these benchmarks.

Discussion and Possible Action 2014 Needs and Assets and Selection of Vendor

Regional Director Beazley provided the Council with some background information about the 2012 Needs and Assets and what vendors are available to the Council for the upcoming 2014 Needs and Assets Report. She also provided some information on the available vendors and what they might be able to provide. After discussion, Member Whitaker made the recommendation that the Council move forward with U. of A. Norton School as a selection of our vendor for the 2014 Needs and Assets. Member Wynn seconded, recommendation passed.

Regional Director Report

Monthly Report

Regional Director Beazley reported on her activities for January and February. She said the highlight for January was the presentation of the funding plan to the State Board. She said that went very well and the funding plan was approved by the State Board.

Regional Director Beazley is also working to schedule another radio program. The council asked if she would advise them when she will be on the radio, and also about upcoming articles in the Scout.

Regional Director Beazley asked if any council members knew of any upcoming events and Member Whitaker said that the Pow Wow is scheduled for June 1-2, 2013 at Hondah and they are providing booth space for non-profit organizations at no charge. Regional Director Beazley said she would work with the grantees to coordinate coverage for a booth.

Financial Reports

Regional Director Beazley presented the monthly funding plan summary and contract detail report. She said that there are no unusual items to report.

General Discussion/Council Member Updates

Regional Director Beazley informed the Council that on March 4, 2013 there will be a meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Tiponi Conference room at the Northland Pioneer College in Holbrook with FTF CEO Rhian Evans Allvin, and some members of the State Board. Members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Navajo Nation, and Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Councils, and the public are invited to attend. She asked that council members please RSVP to her to let her know if they will be attending. Senior Director Virginia Turner encouraged members to attend.

Member Wynn reported that Indian Health Services will run an immunization clinic in the afternoons starting at 1:30 pm. She also mentioned that the TV's in the waiting area are now working and they will have health information playing.

Regional Director Beazley reported that due to expenditures being less than expected, the grantee for Quality First Child Care Scholarships, Valley of the Sun United Way, has reported there will be a larger than expected percentage of unexpended funds for SFY2013. This is a state-wide contract, and FTF and Valley of the Sun United Way have opted to make some additional child care scholarships, for the balance of SFY2013 only, available to selected Quality First Child Care Centers /Homes, including one in the White Mountain Apache Tribe Region.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Alternate Date for March 2013 Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was scheduled for March 4 which is the date of the meeting with FTF CEO Allvin and some State Board Members in Holbrook. After discussion Member Wynn moved that the Council cancel the March 4, 2013 Regular Meeting. Member Gaffney seconded, motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Next Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations

Vice Chair Whitesinger asked the Council to consider the meeting dates for April, May and June, 2013. After discussion Member Wynn moved to approve the meeting dates of April 8, May 6, and June 3, 2013 for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council to begin at 3:00 p.m. at the ABC Day Care in Whiteriver. Motion was seconded by Member Hastings, motion passed.

Adjourn

Vice Chair Whitesinger adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:45 p.m.

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Laurel Endfield, Chair

Krista Beazley, Regional Director