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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Regular meeting of the First Things First White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at approximately 2:12 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members Present:

C. Bradley Brock, Laurel Endfield, Ranelda Hastings, Maura Riesop, Dawnafe Whitesinger and Kathy Wynn

Members Absent: Shine Burnette and Velma Kaytoggy

Others Present:

Krista Beazley, Kate Dobler-Allen, Mona Eleando, Rhonda Etsitty, Sue Logsdon, Maureen Theobald, Virginia Turner, Peggy Wojtal and Andrea Woolridge

Call to the Public

None

Disclosure of Conflicts

None

Discussion and Possible Approval of December 6, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Whitesinger moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council, held on December 6, 2011, as presented. Member Wynn seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Discussion of Offering the Following Contract Renewals for State Fiscal Year 2013

a. Oral Health – Navajo County Public Health Services District: Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director, Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council, informed the members that the grantee is on track with this program.

b. Parent Coaching – Whiteriver Indian Health Services: Regional Director Dobler-Allen indicated that the grantee is working on staff assignment changes to increase enrollment of families into this program.

Regional Director Dobler-Allen reviewed the timeline for renewals and stated the renewal packets will be sent to grantees on approximately March 9, 2012 and the Regional Partnership Council will then vote on the renewals in late April or early May 2012.

Discussion and Definition of Native Language Enrichment Strategy Intent

Regional Director Dobler-Allen recapped the general intent of this strategy and stated there is \$30,000 currently allotted for this strategy and asked for thoughts/suggestions from the members to further define the Regional Council's intent. After significant discussion, the Regional Council reached consensus on the following elements for the Native Language Preservation strategy:

1. Funds allotment will remain at \$30,000 for State Fiscal Year 2013
2. This will be an First Things First-Directed Strategy and a consultant will be identified to implement this work
3. Early Literacy materials focused on the White Mountain Apache Tribe language and culture will be developed utilizing existing materials and resources, and additional content will be developed to fill any gaps identified.
4. Elders from the community will be consulted, and honored for their knowledge
5. It is expected that the initial year of this strategy will be a planning phase, with any actual distribution of materials to occur in year two.

Regional Directors Beazley and Dobler-Allen will write the strategy in the upcoming week, pull together resources and bring back a proposal at the next Regional Partnership Council meeting.

Discussion and Definition of Service Coordination Strategy Intent

Chair Endfield discussed the intent of this strategy is to provide networking in the community for programs servicing the zero to five population. After discussion, Member Wynn moved to defund the Service Coordination Strategy for State Fiscal Year 2013. Member Riesop seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Discussion and Definition of Community Outreach Strategy Intent

In the past, this strategy funded an FTF-employee to conduct community outreach. After discussion, the consensus of the members was that more time needed to be given to Regional Director Beazley to become more involved with the community and to give her time to learn the aspects of her role. Regional Director Dobler-Allen confirmed that the \$21,500 slated for this strategy can be left as a placeholder.

Regional Director's Report

- a. **Financial Reports:** Regional Director Dobler-Allen reviewed the Funding Plan Summary and the Contract Detail reports.
- b. **Regional Partnership Council Seats Ending June 2012:** Regional Director Dobler-Allen reviewed the list of members whose terms are ending in June and asked for those members interested to re-apply by February 24, 2012.
- c. **Regional Director's Monthly Schedule:** Regional Director Beazley reviewed the list of trainings, meetings and presentations she's attended since she started with First Things First in November 2011. Regional Director Beazley noted that the March Regional Partnership Council agenda will include scheduling the meeting dates for the second quarter of 2012; however, she asked the members for preferred days of the week. The members' consensus was to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.
- d. **State Fiscal Year 2013 Funding Plan Approved:** Sr. Director, Northeast Region, Virginia Turner expressed how well Vice Chair Whitesinger did when presenting the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council's State Fiscal Year 2013 Funding Plan to the First Things First Board in January 2012.

Presentation of State Fiscal Year 2012 Quarter One Narrative and Data Reports

Regional Director Dobler-Allen reviewed the data reports by strategy and shared the narrative reports, which reflect the grantees' input.

Needs and Assets Update and Presentation, Discussion and Possible Approval of Report Outline

Regional Director Dobler-Allen gave an update on the status of the Needs and Assets report and stated there will be a conference call with Wholonomy, Inc., the consultant, on February 14, 2012. A draft of the report is expected in late April, edits will then be made and the report will be presented to the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council. It is then expected the report will be presented to the First Thing First Board in September 2012.

Adjournment

Chair Endfield reminded everyone of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Conference to be held on March 22, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Presenters are being sought for the conference; also, a planning meeting is being held Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941. There being no further business, Chair Endfield adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:59 p.m.



Laurel Endfield, Chair



Krista Beazley, Regional Director