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Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council took place on February 8, 2014 at the Vaya Chin Head Start and Early Learning Center, North of Indian Route 34 and State Highway 86, Vaya Chin, Arizona 85634. Chair Louis Johnson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair Louis Johnson, Vice Chair Mildred Manuel, Janine Prewitt, Kymberlii Tenario, Joseph Mease, Cheryl Conde

Members Absent:

Ella Begay, Dionne Ramon, Dr. Albert Adler

Invocation

Member Prewitt provided the invocation.

Approval of January 11, 2014 Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Mease that the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the January 11, 2014 Regional Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Conde. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

Kit McIlroy, Tohono O'odham Nation Community College- Gave update on the Community of Practice at the college. Highlights included student Vivian Lewis completing B.A. at Prescott College, and students visiting kindergarten classes to have a chance to observe instruction and work with children directly.

Regional Director's Report

Chair Johnson turned the floor over to Regional Director Travis Le Duc. Mr. Le Duc provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2014 1st Quarter Expenditure Report, 1st Quarter Data Report, Fiscal Year 2015 Funding Plan, and Fiscal Year 2013-2015 Funding Cycle and Timelines. Some discussion was had about spending carryover dollars. Members discussed ideas about programs that could be started in order to expend carryover dollars.

Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council Grant Agreement GRA-RC026-14-0679-01 Expansion, Start-Up and/or Capital Expense with the B.U.S.D.

Mr. Le Duc reminded the regional council of the Baboquivari Unified School District's request at the meeting on January 11, 2014 to move the funding from the grant agreement from FY 14 to be available in FY 15. He let the regional council know that if they took action and approved the change, it would go to the State Board for approval in April, and the funding would be available to the B.U.S.D. on July 1st if it was approved.

Chair Johnson turned the floor over Edna Morris, Principal for the Indian Oasis Elementary School, who explained that the regional council approved their funding in July, 2013, which started the process of developing the grant application; however, the school district needed the funding to be available to them in July in order spend it on what they had intended it for. If they would have accepted the money after that time, they couldn't go back and use it for its original

intent without it becoming an issue of supplanting. They are now asking that the funding be moved to Fiscal Year 2015 in order for it to be available in July of 2014.

Some discussion was had as to whether or not the Expansion, Start-up and/or Capital Expense was the appropriate strategy under which to fund this grant, due to the fact that the school district was not planning on expanding the program with the money.

Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council Grant Agreement GRA-RC026-14-0674-01 Quality First Child Care Scholarships with the Tohono O'odham Nation

Chair Johnson turned the floor over to Mr. Le Duc who informed the council that there was no update since the last council meeting, and that the grant agreement is still sitting at the Attorney General's office.

Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council SFY14 Funding Plan

Member Prewitt made a motion to move \$227,000 from Expansion, Start-up and/or Capital Expense to "unawarded" for State Fiscal Year 2014. The motion was seconded by Member Conde and carried by vote.

Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council SFY15 Funding Plan

Member Conde made a motion to move \$227,000 from "unawarded" to Early Childhood Care and Education Scholarships for State Fiscal Year 2015. The motion was seconded by Member Tenario and carried by vote.

Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council Strategy Expansion, Start-up and/or Capital Expense with the Tohono O'odham Nation

Mr. Le Duc stated that he had nothing to add for this agenda item due to it having been addressed in the previous agenda items.

General Discussion

Mr. Le Duc let the council know that he attended First Things First's Technical Tribal Advisory Group, which he said was a very positive meeting. He also thanked the regional council for the meeting and the stories they provided him.

Member Manuel let the council know of several upcoming events including the last session of the literacy series that will be this month at the Sells Rec Center. Additionally, a Children's Play Day event is being planned and they would welcome any regional council member's involvement.

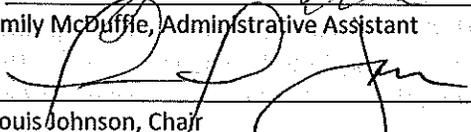
Call to the Public

Kit McIlroy, Tohono O'odham Nation Community College- Mr. McIlroy asked for clarification on an item on the Funding Plan, as well as whether or not the regional council had any means to improve retention in the field. Mr. Le Duc let him know that these items would be addressed at the next regional council meeting.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Submitted By 
Emily McDuffie, Administrative Assistant

Approved By 
Louis Johnson, Chair

Dated this 12 day of April, 2014.

