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Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First—Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 3:00 p.m., at Little Colorado Behavioral Health, 470 W. Cleveland, St. Johns, AZ 85936.

Chair Webb called the meeting to order at approximately 3:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members Present:
Tom Barela, Claude Endfield, Mary Hammond, Leslie Meyer (3:30 p.m.), Rance Pullin, Margie Tapia, Cathy Taylor, Becky Towle, Mary Tyler, Melissa Webb and Michael Zimmerman

Members Absent: None

Others Present:
Joyce Alves, Rachel Daffara, Laura Denali, Kate Dobler-Allen, Jody Gaskill, Deborah Lewis, Mary Manzano, Sharon Pinckard, Brad Solomon, Maureen Theobald, Kathy Valencia

Member Reports and Updates

Member Towle announced she is now the Head Start Center Director in St. Johns and will be opening the Early Head Start Classroom where there will be eight children (ages 1 and 2).

Vice Chair Pullin reported on his attendance at the Chairs/Vice Chairs Meeting in Mesa on February 4, 2010:

A. Executive Director J. Elliott Hibbs' retirement was announced; the new Executive Director Rhian Evans Allvin will start on February 16, 2010.
B. Regional Partnership Council Members' two-year terms will end on June 30, 2010; new terms will be four years.
C. First Things First (FTF) State Board Chair, Steve Lynn, discussed the new bills SCR 1033 and HCR 2039 that could effect the Voter Protection Act.
D. Vice Chair Pullin also noted a quote: "Don't wait for the storm to clear, learn to dance in the rain."

Call to the Public

None

Disclosure of Conflicts

The following potential conflicts of interest were disclosed by the members (related to noted agenda items):

A. Member Barela (8h. Early Literacy); Board Member for American Academy of Pediatrics (Arizona Chapter)
B. Member Endfield (8c. Community-based Training); Employed by Northland Pioneer College
C. Member Hammond (8c. Community-based Training); on Community-based Training Committee
D. Vice Chair Pullin (8c. Community-based Training); on Community-based Training Committee
E. Member Tapia (8c. Community-based Training); on Community-based Training Committee
F. Member Taylor (8g. Healthy Steps); Employment with North Country HealthCare
G. Member Towle (8c. Community-based Training); on Community-based Training Committee

H. Member Tyler	(8e. Child Care Health Consultant, 8f. Oral Health and Dental Varnish, 8g. Healthy Steps); Employment with the Navajo County Public Health Services District
I. Chair Webb	(8a. ECE/ECD Professional Development Scholarship, 8c. Community-based Training); Employment with Northland Pioneer College (NPC)
J. Member Zimmerman	(8d. Employer-sponsored Child Care Technical Assistance/Mini-Grants); Future Grant Applicant

Adoption of Minutes

The January 13, 2010 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council were presented. Member Tyler moved that the minutes of the January 13, 2010 regular meeting be approved as presented. Member Tapia seconded; the motion passed 10:0:0.

Regional Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed her monthly report, noted upcoming community meetings and shared with the members that the new operational plan, reflecting FY 2011, will be available in March 2010. Coordinator Dobler-Allen informed the members the new FY 2011 Funding Plan was approved by the FTF Board and explained each of the sections to the members. Coordinator Dobler-Allen also informed the members that the agreement with Apache County Higher Education was signed. Member Zimmerman noted that the White Mountain Regional Medical Center's Board approved offering its employer-sponsored child care center to the public (in addition to employees' children) and that the budget for this program is expanding by 100 percent. Lastly, Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed the Council Member terms and what the application process will be to seat new Council members, and reminded the members the new terms will be for four years.

Presentation and Discussion of Grantee Data Reporting Format and Report Content

Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed the Grants Financial and Program Data Summary Report with the members and noted the financial data is as of January 26, 2010; however, the programmatic data runs a quarter behind the financials.

Discussion and Possible Council Action Related to Contract Renewals and/or Alternate Funding Mechanisms for Regionally Funded Strategies Continuing into FY 2011

A. ECE/ECD Professional Development Scholarship
   1. Conflict of Interest: Chair Webb
   2. Member Endfield moved that the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council offer a renewal package to Apache County, through the Apache County Higher Education Committee, for a contract for SFY 2011. Member Hammond seconded; the motion passed 10:0:1.
B. T.E.A.C.H.
   1. Conflict of Interest: None
   2. Member Barela moved that the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council re-obligate FY 2010 remaining funds to FY 2011 for T.E.A.C.H. Member Endfield seconded; the motion passed 11:0:0.
C. Community-based Training
   1. Conflicts of Interest: Members Endfield, Hammond, Tapia, Towle, Vice Chair Pullin and Chair Webb. Because the majority of members have a conflict of interest, the Rule of Impossibility was invoked.
   2. Member Tapia moved that the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council offer a renewal package to Northland Pioneer College for SFY 2011. Member Zimmerman seconded; the motion passed 11:0:0.
D. Employer-sponsored Child Care Technical Assistance/Mini-Grants
   1. Conflict of Interest: Member Zimmerman
   2. Member Endfield moved that the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council offer a renewal package to Applied Economics for SFY 2011. Vice Chair Pullin seconded; the motion passed 10:0:1.
E. Child Care Health Consultant
   1. Conflict of Interest: Member Tyler
   2. No action required because this is a state-wide strategy and the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council has already voted to continue this strategy for FY 2011.
F. Oral Health and Dental Varnish
   1. Conflict of Interest: Member Tyler
   2. Member Towle moved that the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council offer a renewal package to the Navajo County Public Health Services District for SFY 2011. Member Tapia seconded; the motion passed 10:0:1.
G. Healthy Steps

1. Conflicts of Interest: Members Taylor and Tyler
2. Member Endfield moved that the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council offer a renewal package to North Country HealthCare for SFY 2011. Member Hammond seconded; the motion passed 9:0:2.

H. Early Literacy and Parent Education
1. Conflicts of Interest: Member Barela
2. Member Endfield moved that the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council offer a renewal package to The Arizona Academy of Pediatrics, for the Reach Out and Read Project, with clarifications to adhere to the target population of families identified within the Scope of Work, for SFY 2011. Member Taylor seconded; the motion passed 10:0:1.

I. Expanded Home Visiting
1. Conflict of Interest: None
2. Member Zimmerman moved that the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council place the entire $195,000 into a Request for Grant Application (RFGA) for Expanded Home Visiting for FY 2011. Member Barela seconded; the motion passed 10:1:0.

Program Updates

A. Salvation Army (No report)

B. Town of Springerville: Ms. Sharon Pinckard shared a handout showing the status of the Springerville/St. Johns areas and the numbers of boxes distributed and children served. Ms. Pinckard noted there is one package of diapers per child being included in the boxes now.

C. Healthy Steps: Ms. Deborah Lewis stated she is working with 138 families and is seeing an average of 27 families per month in the Holbrook, Round Valley and Show Low areas. Ms. Lewis noted there are many families in survival mode who are very grateful for the services. Ms. Lewis informed the members that Living Hope in Round Valley is distributing Mommy Dollars for well-child visits.

D. Oral Health and Dental Varnish: Ms. Mary Tyler shared a handout, fact sheets, sample letters to parents (in both English and Spanish), consent forms, a summary of findings form, as well as a school summary form, a nurse referral form and an oral health assessment form. Ms. Tyler noted this program will be coming to Apache County locations.

E. Beautiful Beginnings: Jody Gaskill and Laura Denali gave a brief program presentation.

Child Care Study Update, Discussion and Possible Approval to Move Forward with the University Consortium to Conduct a Child Care Study

Coordinator Dobler-Allen informed the members that Northern Arizona University (NAU) has rescinded their Child Care Study Proposal and further informed the members that at this point, this Regional Partnership Council could elect to be a part of the Statewide Child Care Study that the University Consortium is proposing to conduct. After significant discussion, Member Zimmerman moved that the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council instruct FTF staff to obtain more information prior to the Council making a decision. Member Endfield seconded; the motion passed 11:0:0.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., at the Show Low Public Library. There being no further business, Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:29 p.m.

Rance Pullin, Vice Chair

Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Coordinator