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Pima North Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pima North Regional Partnership Council was held on February 11, 2015 at Emily Meschter Early Learning Center, 4605 North La Cholla Boulevard Tucson, Arizona 85705.

Chair Peg Harmon welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:01 p.m.

Members Present:

Peg Harmon, Scott Ingram, Dorothy Johnson, Amber Jones, Susan Shinn, Annabel Ratley, Sharon Taddeo, Jil Feldhausen and Marcia Klipsch

Members Not Present:

Wade McLean and Ann Mastergeorge

II. Consent Agenda

Chair Peg Harmon stated that all items on the agenda that are in italics, underlined, and marked with an asterisk are consent matters that will be considered by a single motion with no discussion (unless a member wished to pull an item off of consent agenda for further discussion, which did not occur).

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the consent agenda, seconded by member Susan Shinn. Motion carried.

III. Tour of the Emily Meschter Early Learning Center

Sue Shinn, Director of Emily Meschter Early Learning Center, shared that the preschool was in their 5th year in the current building. The school holds an accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Ms. Shinn invited the Pima North Regional Partnership Council and members of the public to tour the building.

IV. Call to the Public

Fania Bevill, Casa de los Niños

Ms. Bevill shared a new parent-child interaction assessment tool that Nurse Family Partnership is using with the families they serve. It requires an extensive training and provides parents with additional resources once assessed.

Shanna Kukla, Pima Community College

Ms. Kukla spoke about TEACH scholars currently enrolled in Pima Community College. She is supporting current TEACH scholars during the transition to the new scholarship model. Ms. Kukla informed the Regional Council that there would be a TEACH informational meeting on Thursday February 19, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

V. Update: State Fiscal Year 2016 Pima North Funding Plan Presentation

Chair Peg Harmon informed the Regional Council and members of the public that Vice Chair Scott Ingram presented the Fiscal Year 2016 Pima North Funding Plan to the First Things First State Board on January 21, 2015. Vice Chair Scott Ingram mentioned some highlights from his presentation.

VI. Update and Discussion: Community Outreach

Lisette DeMars, Parent Awareness and Community Outreach Coordinator, referred to Attachment #2-December and January Community Outreach Report. She highlighted some events and target audiences that she has been able to make connections with.

VII. Presentation: Request For Grant Application Process

Ms. Brisson presented Attachment #3-Request for Grant Application Process and outlined the role of the Regional Partnership Council members in the process. Ms. Brisson also provided Attachment #4-State Fiscal Year 2015 Activity Timeline for members to review.

VIII. Update and Discussion: State Fiscal Year 2016 Unfunded Approaches

Chair Peg Harmon reviewed the unfunded approach, in which the Regional Council will work with Pima South Regional Council in connecting families with First Things First funded services and supports, that was included in the Fiscal Year 2016 Funding Plan. She mentioned that members also talked about two additional possibilities of unfunded approaches, including how to maximize public-private partnership efforts as a Regional Council and disseminated universal child development and parenting information. Ms. Brisson provided Attachment #5-Public Private Partnership as a resource for members. Member Dorothy Johnson mentioned a website, <http://eceinformation.weebly.com/> that is a resource currently available in our community.

IX. Regional Director's Report

Ms. Brisson shared regional and state updates, as well as provided Attachment #6-Expenditure Report for SFY2015.

X. Discussion and Possible Action: Next Regional Partnership Council Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 4:00 pm. The location is yet to be determined.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by member Amber Jones to adjourn the meeting, seconded by member Jil Feldhausen. Motion carried. There being no further business, Chair Peg Harmon adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:26 p.m.

Submitted By V. Verdugo

Approved By Margaret X. X. X.

Dated this 8 day of April, 2015