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Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Northland Pioneer College White Mountain Campus, in the Learning Center Room 110, located at 1001 W. Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, Arizona 85901.

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order
Chair Mannis called the meeting to order at approximately 3:10 p.m.

Members attending: Chair Mannis, Vice Chair Meyer, Kristalei Baskins, Claude Endfield, Kirk Grugel, Nestor Montoya, Jeffrey Northup, Betsy Peck, Margie Tapia, Cathy Taylor and Linda Thompson. No members absent.

Others attending: Regional Director Dobler-Allen, Virginia Turner, Kat Bunker, Renee Hartje, Regina Rich, Mary Tyler, Kathy Valencik, Robin House, Pam Flake, Sarah Nolan, Margine Bowden, Becky Benda-Dodd, Juanita Wait, DeAnn Davies, Marina Powdermaker.

Member Report and Updates
Chair Mannis asked for updates from members. Regional Director introduced and welcomed new Council Member Nestor Montoya.
Member Grugel informed the Council that there will be a training on Urine Analysis on March 19 2013 from 11 am to 1 pm.
Member Tapia said that Springerville Head Start is taking applications for fall 2014 enrolment.
Member Thompson reported that there will be a fundraiser for Naomi House in Flagstaff February 23, 2013.
Chair Mannis announced the Science Fair will be March 9, 2013 at Blue Ridge High School in Lakeside. The judging will be on March 8, and he still needs judges if anyone is interested. The Science Fair Program is a Signature Rural Event for the State, and there will be displays from organizations from around the State.
Regional Director Dobler-Allen announced that she is expecting in August and will be unable to attend the FTF Summit. She said that any Regional Council meetings she is unable to attend Virginia and Kat will fill in.

Call to the Public
Chair Mannis said that he had received two Calls to The Public. He introduced them in no particular order, beginning with Renee Hartje from Easter Seals Blake Foundation in Tucson, AZ. Ms. Hartje presented information about the Project "Me Too" program. She said that Project "Me Too" is a statewide program through the Easter Seals Blake Foundation and is funded by DES. They provide professional development opportunities as well as technical assistance to DES licensed family childcare, group home and center based and school age programs. They develop goal plans with staff, provide on-site consultation to target a specific issue or just work with the providers to enhance their knowledge and skills working with children. Their target ages are 0-12. The services are provided free of charge.

Chair Mannis then introduced Pamela Flake from Reach Out and Read. Ms. Flake presented the Council with information about the Reach Out and Read program. They cooperate with doctors at well-child visits, the doctors provide a book to the children and an opportunity to talk to the parents about encouraging their child to read. She said that they are currently working with several doctors in Navajo and Apache counties because both the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Councils provide funding for Reach Out and Read. Their goal is to reach even more of the children in Navajo and Apache counties.

Disclosure of Conflicts
No conflict disclosures were received.

Approval of January 9, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes
Chair Mannis asked for a motion on the minutes. Member Grugel moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2013 Regular Meeting. Member Meyer seconded, motion passed.

Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Professional Development Sub-Committee Update
Chair Mannis reported that they had a productive conversation at the sub-committee meeting. They got lots of information that they are now working through. He said that it is a challenge to come up with a workable plan, the group will continue to work on it and the goal is to have a recommendation to the Council at the next Regular Meeting in March. There are two additional meetings scheduled, on February 14, 2013 and on February 21, 2013 both from 12pm to 2 pm at the Navajo County Health Complex in the large conference room.

Oral Health Tele-dentistry Update and Presentation
Chair Mannis introduced Regina Rich who is the Teledentistry Coordinator for Navajo County Public Health Services. Ms. Rich presented a power point presentation about the implementation of Teledentistry in Navajo and Apache Counties. Ms. Rich told the Council that one third of 3 year olds have decay present. She said that the accepted standard is that all children should see a dentist prior to age 1. She said that Teledentistry is a method to gather X-rays and pictures at community sites, thereby reaching more infants and children. The children must have consent forms completed and signed by parents prior to participation. The advantages are that the program dentist or the family dentist can view the X-rays and pictures and formulate a treatment plan prior to the patient being in the dentist office which saves a trip, reduces travel time and costs, and the program dentists, if authorized by the parent, will follow up with the patients to schedule treatment.
Ms. Rich invited the Council Members to a Teledentistry Demonstration at Taylor Elementary School on April 4, 2013 at 9:00 am. Those interested should RSVP by March 29, 2013 to Regina Rich at Regina.Rich@navajocountyaz.gov or 928-532-6050.

Discussion of 2014 Needs and Assets Timeline and Potential Vendor Selection and Approval
Chair Mannis asked Regional Director Dobler-Allen to present the 2014 Needs and Assets information. Regional Director Dobler-Allen provided some background information about the Needs and Assets Report and the upcoming timeline for the new report. She said that this region has not had any major concerns with the 2012 vendor. They have done the last two reports and she feels they already have much of the data which a new vendor would have to spend more time gathering. Concerns were addressed about data sources and Regional Director Dobler-Allen said that the new contract would specify that the vendor clearly state what the data is based on and the geographical area it includes. After discussion Member Northup moved that FTF staff be directed to work with Applied Survey Research for the 2014 Needs and Assets Report. Member Grugel seconded, motion passed.

February 2013 FTF Regional Chair/Vice Chair Meeting Update
Chair Mannis asked Vice Chair Meyer to provide a report on the Regional Chair/Vice Chair Meeting. Member Meyer reported that a discussion was held about the discretionary funding. She said that the results of the conversations with Regional Partnership Councils showed that overall the Councils prefer that the current method remain in place. They believe it is fair and equitable and a change could be a significant challenge for the rural areas. She said that an ad hoc committee will be formed, and there is an open offer to anyone interested in participating. She also said that any action is probably a couple of years down the road.
Chair Mannis thanked Vice Chair Meyer for attending and providing her report.

Presentation and Discussion of Renewal Offers for Eligible State Fiscal Year 2013 Contracts and Related Timeline
Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the timeline for renewal of SFY2013 contracts. She said that there are 5 Regional contracts funded by Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council that the Council will consider. The packets will go out to the grantees on March 8, 2013 and responses are due back by April 1, 2013. The Council will receive packets to review prior to the May 8, 2013 meeting when approvals will be on the agenda. She asked that all members try to attend this meeting to ensure quorum is maintained as items are presented for approval.

Regional Director's Report
Monthly Report
Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented her monthly report of her completed and upcoming activities. She highlighted the BUILD Initiative Professional Workgroup meetings and told the members that she is a member of the task force and is also a member of the Workforce Knowledge and Competency sub-committee. She asked that members please respond to the surveys that the sub-committee is sending out.
Financial Reports
Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the monthly Funding Plan Summary and Contract Detail Reports. She indicated to the Council that strategies showing low expenditures could be just the result of not being posted at the time the report was printed. She said that most of the grantees are doing a good job of keeping up on getting expenditures submitted.

Quality First Child Care Scholarships
Regional Director Dobler-Allen told the Council that because Quality First Scholarship costs have been lower than estimated statewide, there is a significant amount of unexpended funds for SFY2013. As a result, additional Quality First Scholarships have been offered to participating centers and homes statewide. These are temporary scholarships, for the remainder of SFY2013 only.

There are 10 additional short term scholarships available in the Navajo/Apache Region, and participating programs have been contacted and families identified.

Quality First Website and Rating Public Launch

Regional Director Dobler-Allen reported that the timeline for the launch of the Quality First Website is being pushed back to August, 2013 to better clarify the messaging before going public. At that time centers and homes with three consecutive assessments will have their ratings posted. Those with fewer assessments will have the option to have their rating posted.

Regional Boundary Task Force Update

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the summary of findings of the Survey and Key Informant Interviews related to the Navajo/Apache Region boundary and the question of including the City of Winslow. At this time, the findings support the City of Winslow staying in the Coconino Regional Partnership Council area. Regional Director Dobler-Allen will keep the Council informed of further updates.

Community Outreach Report

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the monthly Community Outreach Report prepared by Michelle Pansulla, Community Outreach coordinator of her schedule and activities for the past month.

General Discussion

Chair Mannis asked if any Council Members had any items they wanted to introduce for new business or items to report to the Council. Member Thompson reported that Indian Health Services has announced that they will be re-focusing their outreach on children under 5 years old.

Member Northup reported that Summit Health Care will be providing psychiatric services in the near future.

Adjourn

Chair Mannis asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Thompson motioned to adjourn. Member Taylor seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:07 p.m.

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