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### Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council

#### **Call to Order**

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council took place on January 17, 2013 at the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Head Start Multi-Purpose Room, 5060 West Calle Tetakusim, Tucson, Arizona, 85757. Chair Cecilia Garcia welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

*Members Present:* Chair Cecilia Garcia, Vice Chair Hector Youtsey, Juanita Ayala, Elvia Holguin, Shanna Ioane-Tautolo, John Jensen, Bill Rosenberg.

*Members Absent:* Theresa Cariño, Marilyn Correa Sando.

*Staff Present:* Regional Director Tiburcia Yocupicio-Chambers, Senior Regional Director Erin Lyons, Administrative Assistant Amanda Perino.

#### **Welcome/Invocation**

Vice Chair Hector Youtsey offered an invocation.

#### **Approval of November 8, 2012 Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes**

Member John Jensen moved that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012 Regional Council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by member Shanna Ioane-Tautolo. Chair Cecilia Garcia asked if there was any discussion, no discussion held. Motion carried.

#### **Call to the Public**

There were no calls to the public at this time.

#### **State Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Plan Discussion**

Chair Garcia provided a brief re-cap of the discussion during the Workgroup Session, outlining the issue around the Pre-Kindergarten strategy and the recommendation to move to Quality First.

Per the conversation during the Workgroup Session, the Regional Director stated that she will update the draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that she plans on presenting to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) to include language regarding holidays, enrollment, and data collecting.

Member Ioane-Tautolo then recommended that the Regional Council table the decision until the Tribal Oversight group could be fully informed of the changes. The Regional Director then explained that tabling the decision could cause delays – potentially pushing back the presentation date of the revised funding plan to the State Board this spring, as well as delaying Tucson Unified School District. The Regional Director offered to request a meeting with Dr. Lopez, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Education Division Director, to inform them of the changes that would follow the approval of the recommendation.

Member Jensen motioned that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council eliminate the Pre Kindergarten Scholarships Strategy in Fiscal Year 2014. Motion was seconded by Member Elvia Holguin. Motion carried 5 to 1.

Member Holguin motioned that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the Quality First strategy for Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of \$181,426 to support 2, home-based providers and 1 center through an amendment to the statewide contract. The Regional Director could make technical changes to the dollar amount if necessary before the Regional Council presents the revised Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Plan to the State Board. This strategy also includes Quality First Child Care Scholarships and Child Care Health Consultation services. Motion was seconded by Member Rosenberg. Motion carried 5 to 1.

### **Regional Needs and Assets 2012 and 2014**

During the Workgroup Session, Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers provided an update on the 2012 and 2014 Needs and Assets Reports. The Regional Council also heard from Maria Paisano and Rosie Gutierrez, with Pascua Yaqui Tribe Social Services Division, a request for financial assistance from the Regional Council for a feasibility study that Social Services will be performing in preparation for the building of a Childcare Center. Because the Center would provide support for Tribal children 0 to 5, part of the Needs and Assets funds could potentially be used for that assistance. Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers asked the Regional Council if she should move forward on discussing this with First Things First Senior and Evaluation staff in Phoenix and if they had any other recommendations. Member Jensen recommended that they officially call the feasibility study a "Feasibility and Implementation Study", to get all of steps completed at one time. The Regional Council concurred and agreed that Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers should move forward with discussions about including the parameters of the feasibility study in the Needs and Assets reporting, as well as the vendors used, and the data that would be collected.

### **Research and Evaluation Plan – Data Dashboards**

In the Workgroup Session, Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers provided a detailed presentation on the First Things First Data Dashboards – components that are part of the First Things First Research and Evaluation Plan for Fiscal Year 2013-2017.

The Regional Director asked the Regional Council if they had recommendations or feedback for what kind of data they would like to see on the Data Dashboards. She also noted that the recommendations would be made by Chair Garcia and Vice Chair Youtsey at the next Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting in Phoenix on February 7, 2013. Chair Garcia recommended that the Regional Council review the information on the Data Dashboards and email their recommendations and feedback to Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers. The Regional Council agreed.

### **Discretionary Funding**

Chair Garcia provided an overview of the discretionary funding conversation held during the Workgroup Session. The State Board has requested that all 31 Regional Partnership Councils give input on how the discretionary dollars should be spent. Chair Garcia requested that any recommendations regarding discretionary funding be sent to the Regional Director.

### **Regional Directors Report**

Both Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers and Chair Garcia have been attempting to coordinate a meeting between CEO Allvin Evans and the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council while the CEO is on the reservation for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council meeting on February 14, 2013.

Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers asked the members of the Regional Council if one or two participants would consider being members of the Southeast Regional Benchmarks taskforce. The Regional Council agreed. She requested that any interested individuals email her.

Vice Chair Youtsey then closed the Regional Council meeting with an update on First Things First awareness efforts statewide and throughout the Pascua Yaqui Tribe as well as recommendations going forward.

**Adjourn**

Chair Garcia asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Vice Chair Youtsey moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by member Holguin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:25 p.m.

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda Perino, Administrative Assistant

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_  
Cecilia Garcia, Chair

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.