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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 February 14, 2013 at the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Health Department, 7490 South Camino De Oeste, Tucson, Arizona, 85757. Chair Cecilia Garcia welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Members Present: Chair Cecilia Garcia, Vice Chair Hector Youtsey, Juanita Ayala, Elvia Holguin, Bill Rosenberg, John Jensen, Theresa Cariño, Marilynn Correa Sando, Shanna Ioane-Tautolo.

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: First Things First Board Chair Steve Lynn, First Things First CEO Rhian Evans Allvin, Senior Director of Tribal Affairs Beverly Russell, Regional Director Tiburcia Yocupicio-Chambers, Southeast Senior Regional Director Erin Lyons, Administrative Assistant Amanda Perino.

Welcome/Invocation

Member John Jensen provided the invocation.

Approval of January 17, 2013 Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Member Elvia Holguin moved that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approves the minutes of the January 17, 2013 Regional Council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Member John Jensen. Chair Cecilia Garcia asked if there was any discussion. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

There were no calls to the public at this time.

FTF Updates and Discussion with CEO Rhian Evans Allvin

CEO Evans Allvin provided a First Things First agency-wide update. She discussed the upcoming Data Dashboards, providing both context and how their implementation will assist the Regional Council. The Dashboards will provide immediate, child-level data that will be instrumental in the stewardship activities of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council. The CEO also discussed the development of a Kindergarten Developmental Inventory (KDI). Discussions about KDI have been occurring over the past year – especially with the Virginia Piper Trust who is offering funds to develop the tool. FTF will also look into state partnerships for additional development assistance.

The State Board has initiated a Public and Private Partnership Taskforce. The Taskforce will be charged with investigating systematic supplementation of Regional Council funds with grants and other local fundraising-type efforts.

A Regional Boundary Taskforce has been convened over the last several months to take a deeper look at the current FTF regional boundaries. FTF is urging public opinion and a formal recommendation will be made to the State Board in June.

The CEO touched briefly on the Regional carry forward funds. Currently there are $91 million in total Regional carry forward; however the 2014 Funding Plans will successfully spend down that carryover.

An update on the Governor's State Budget was also provided. Currently FTF has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) where FTF supplies $90 million to the State in order to draw down additional Federal dollars – covering the

shortages where funds were cut in 2010 to home visitation, pre-school, and child care subsidies. Currently FTF has a request with the Governor's office to put in $27 million to eliminate the child care wait list. It was recently announced that the wait list request received $9 million dollars. FTF will also continue with their contributions.

CEO Evans Allvin recognized the one year anniversary for Members Bill Rosenberg and Elvia Holguin.

** Member Hector Youtsey entered the meeting at approximately 12:15pm **

State Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Plan

At the Regional Council meeting on January 17, 2013, Tribal Social Services staff asked the Regional Council for financial support to perform a Child Care Study that will be used to create a center on the reservation that will provide 24/7 services for Tribal children birth to 18 years old. Since that age span would cover children birth to five, funds from Needs and Assets could be utilized. The FTF Senior Staff recommended that $9,000 be moved from the 2014 Needs and Assets fund to the Community Partnership strategy to provide financial assistance for the study. Chair Cecilia Garcia brought the recommendation to the Regional Council for approval. Member Juanita Ayala moved that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the recommendation to shift the $9,000 from the Needs and Assets to Community Partnership strategy in State Fiscal Year 2014 and provide these funds to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe through a grant agreement for a Child Care Feasibility and Implementation Study. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Youtsey. Motion carried.

Selection of 2014 Regional Needs and Assets Report Vendor

Chair Garcia provided a brief context surrounding the history of the data collection for the PYT Needs and Assets Report. ALTA Consulting, LLC has conducted the 2008-2010, was also selected to conduct the 2012 Needs and Assets Report and was an optional Vendor for the upcoming 2014 Report. Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers also noted that the Vendor list for the 2012 Needs and Assets Report was still valid for 2014. There was brief discussion focused on what type of data would be collected and how the collection would proceed. Chair Garcia then put the recommendation to the Regional Council for discussion and vote. Vice Chair Youtsey recommended that they remain with ALTA because of the trust built between PYT and ALTA, as well as their familiarity with the Tribal data approval process. Member Theresa Cariño moved that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council select ALTA Consulting, LLC to conduct the 2014 Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council Needs and Assets Report, to include both the basic report and additional data collection as determined by the Regional Council. Motion was seconded by Member Holguin. Motion carried.

February 7, 2013 Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting Update

Chair Garcia provided a summary of topics covered during the February 7th meeting, especially those revolving around discretionary funding; with Regional Councils determining that the current methods and formulas use to allocate discretionary funding remain in place. The meeting also included discussions about the SFY13 FTF Communications plan, as well as ongoing conversations surrounding Systems Building within the organization. Finally, a presentation on the Regional Benchmarking process was provided and discussed among the Chairs and Vice Chairs.

Systems Building Conversation

Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers provided a brief presentation on Systems Building – referring to some of the slides presented at the Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting during their discussion on Systems Building. The Regional Director asked the Regional Council to think about and discuss how to leverage resources and bring in other service providers in order to put solid Systems into place that work for the Tribe and its children. She also asked them to think about which elements can be added to the System, what elements are working, and what elements they think are missing. Member Ioane-Tautolo stressed the importance of open communication and that recommendations be made that effectively

serve the Pascua Yaqui Tribal populations. Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers recommended that the Regional Council prepare for a full Systems Building discussion during the March meeting. The Regional Director will also be working with the Sewa U'usim Program on presenting during the March meeting to contribute to the Systems discussions.

Regional Director's Report

Chair Garcia highlighted the Southeast Area Regional Councils Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Plan presentations and dialog with members of the First Things Board that will be held at the Wheeler Taft Abbett Library in Marana on March 6th. Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers also asked the Regional Council to provide feedback on what they would like to share as well as any questions they might have for the Board.

The Regional Director pointed to Coordination and Communication updates that she provided in her Director's Report – highlighting the El Dia de los Niños event that First Things First will be partnering with the Tribal Community Library at the Head Start Building on April 27th. She also discussed the professional development site visit with a Tribal Child Care Home Provider as well as Mr. Hernandez's successful conference with the Child Care Home Providers.

The Regional Director then referred to the packet that was to be submitted during the meeting between First Things First leadership, Regional Partnership Council and the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council following the Regional Council meeting. She noted that the funding plan they were seeing was a draft, since there will be a revised copy presented to the FTF State Board for approval during the April meeting.

General Discussion

There was no general discussion held at this time.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Pascua Yaqui Regional Partnership Council is scheduled for March 14, 2013. Workgroup Session will begin at 11:30am, followed by the Regular Meeting at 12:00pm. The location will be determined.

Adjourn

Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm.

Submitted By Amanda Perino
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Approved By _____
Cecilia Garcia, Chair

Dated this 16th day of April, 2013.