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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First-Yuma Regional Partnership Council was held on February 16, 2012, 4:30 p.m. at the Yuma Main Library, 2951 S. 21st Dr., Yuma, AZ 85364. Vice Chair Garza participated via conference call and conceded the order of the meeting to Member Watkinson.

Member Watkinson called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

Members Present:

Vice Chair Irene Garza participated by means of a conference call and disconnected from the meeting at 4:54 p.m.
Council Member Pilar Moreno participated by means of a conference call and disconnected from the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Council Member Rebecca Ramirez

Council Member Kim Fanning

Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra

Council Member Watkinson

Council Member Laurie Gail Senko joined the meeting at 4:54pm.

Council Member Mary Beth Turner

Members Absent:

Chair Rev. Darren Hawkins

Council Member Gloria Cisneros

Council Member Ricardo Perez

Consent Agenda

The items on the consent agenda included the minutes of the December 15, 2011, Yuma Regional Partnership Council regular meeting. A motion was made by Member Ramirez to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Member Turner and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Regional Director's Report

Regional Director Carmen E. Hurtado and Sr. Director Gary P. Arnold engaged the Regional Council in a discussion of the upcoming grantee renewals. The Regional Council was satisfied with the performance from the Yuma Grantees and was supportive of renewal packets for the grantees. Sr. Director Arnold stated the renewal packet will be made available to grantees in March 2012 and the Regional Council will review the renewals at the April 2012 council meeting.

Financial Reports

Regional Director Hurtado provided a financial report which included target service units, allotted and awarded amounts as well as year to date expenses by grantee. The Regional Council would like to receive the contract details report for review on a quarterly basis.

An informal meet-n-greet has been tentatively scheduled on March 15, 2012, Somerton Public Safety Building, Somerton, AZ. The meet-n-greet will provide the opportunity for the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council and the Yuma Regional Partnership Council to meet and share ideas. Regional Council members were encouraged to reapply for the upcoming expiring terms in the Yuma Regional Partnership Council.

Data from Applied Survey Research

Regional Director Hurtado reviewed the ASR (Applied Survey Research) FACE –TO – FACE PARENT SURVEY and the HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SURVEY with the Regional Council. The surveys provided the Regional Council with the data collection by ASR for the Yuma region.

Vice Chair Garza and Member Moreno disconnected from the meeting at 4:54 p.m. and it was determined that quorum was maintained and proceeded with the meeting.

RFGA Mechanisms

The Regional Council viewed a playback recording of the January 2012 State Board meeting which included the Yuma funding plan presentation to the Board by Chair Rev. Hawkins. The Board approved the 3 year funding plan (SFY2013-SFY2015).

A presentation of the RFGA (request for grant application) process was provided to the Council. There was a discussion regarding the possibility of multi-regional RFGAs and the advantages and disadvantages were discussed. It was the consensus of the council to participate multi-regionally for the Family, Friend and Neighbor and Reach Out and Reach Strategies.

Community Outreach

Regional Director Hurtado stated Parent Kit Display boxes were provided to Elementary School District One.

Call to the Public

None

Announcements

A community based training is scheduled on Saturday, February 18, 2012 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Arizona Western College in Yuma, AZ. The training is provided by WACOG. ADE (Arizona Department of Administration) is conducting a series of trainings in the Yuma region. Superintendent John Huppenthal First Things First Chief Executive Officer Rhian Evans Allvin and will be visiting Yuma (Quality First sites) on February 28, 2012.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Member Ramirez to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Senko and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY:



Irene Garza, Yuma Regional Partnership Council Vice Chair

March 15, 2012