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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

South Phoenix Regional Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council of the – Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on February 17, 2009 4:30pm at Cartwright School District Offices, Governing Board Room located at 3401 N. 67th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85033.

Members Present:

James Washington, Moises Gallegos, Dr. Robert Donofrio, Dr. Rosalind Polston, Dr. Patricia Merk, Christopher Canelake, Mary Thomson.

Absent:

Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, Dr. William Ellert, Cindy Segotta-Jones.

Chairman Donofrio welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:35p.m.

Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2009

Chairman Donofrio called for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2008. Member Thomson motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2009. Seconded by, Member, Polston.

Call to the public

No Public Comments.

Council Members Update

Chairman Donofrio updated the council on the Chair/Vice Chair Meeting that he and Vice Chair Washington attended. It was very organized and put together very well. Member Merk announced that Project Tapestry paperwork is completed and good to go, also that the U of A is hiring and there are 10 positions posted. Member Donofrio announced that his agency ASU is going to have to take mandatory furlough days. Member Thomson announced that the charitable campaign that she is a part of lost 30% of value; they now have to redefine priorities in helping those in the community to survive. Member Washington announced the article that was ran in Sundays paper regarding Abrazo health care's school based clinics. Member Gallegos announced that the city budget has a \$163 million dollar deficit. Earned Income Tax Credit sites are booming.

Regional Coordinator's Update; Review Outreach efforts in community

Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales gave the council a monthly report from the month of January 2009 on what he has done, meetings he has attended, who he has been talking to and actions he has been taking to get FTF

information out in the community. Chairman Donofrio commended Coordinator Gonzales on the hard work and outreach he has done since 1-1-09.

Funding Plan Implementation Update: logic models, phases, and timeline, work groups, statewide initiatives

Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales went over a Quality First Update with the council in letting them know how many centers and homes have applied, council is to let Coordinator Gonzales know by email if there are any other people/organizations that he can connect with for outreach; Coordinator Gonzales went over the strategies that fall within the same strategies as other councils; Coordinator Gonzales presented a statewide initiative update on the Parent Kits, Quality First, Child Care Health Consultation, Compensation and retention Initiative and T.E.A.C.H. Arizona.

Evaluation Update

Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales presented to the council a PowerPoint presentation of the Evaluation piece of FTF.

Legislative Update

Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales gave the council a South Phoenix Legislative Contact List which includes the legislators in their district.

Establish/Discuss future agenda items

Chairman Donofrio requested to work with Coordinator Gonzales on creating language to set a motion /agreement to stop the legislature from taking monies from FTF.

Adjournment

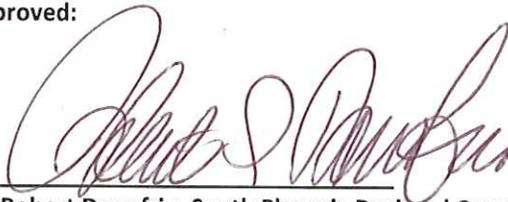
There being no further business, South Phoenix, Chairman Donofrio call for a motion to adjourn the South Phoenix, Regional Council Meeting at 6:43p.m. A motion made by Member Gallegos. Seconded by, Member, Thomson.

SUBMITTED BY:



Jonathon Gonzales, South Phoenix Regional Council Coordinator

Approved:



Dr. Robert Donofrio, South Phoenix Regional Council Chair