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Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting Special Telephonic Meeting

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Yuma Regional Office
100 E. 24th Street Suite 2
Yuma, Arizona 85364
December 30, 2009

Minutes

Welcome/Introduction/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair Sarah Seneker.

Members Present:

Council Member Irene Garza, Council Member Judy Watkinson, Council Member Susan Pond, Council Member Lisa Lemos, Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra and Vice-Chair Sarah Seneker.
First Things First Staff: Regional Coordinator Roselia Ramirez, was also present.

Members Absent:

Chair Madeleine Coil, Council Member Pilar Moreno, Council Member Ricardo Perez, Council Member Francisco Vargas, and Council Member Coranne Swift Arrow.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest regarding items on this agenda

Chair Madeleine Coil did not participate in this Special Telephonic Meeting due to a declared conflict of interest regarding the item on this agenda.

Discussion of Emergency Child Care Scholarships

Regional Coordinator Roselia Ramirez reminded Council Members of the December 17, 2009 decision of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council to allocate an additional \$500,000 to the Emergency Childcare Scholarship funding. The motion indicated for the additional scholarships to be distributed to "Quality First and Accredited Centers" only with consideration for programs undergoing accreditation to be considered. Due to the number of programs that would meet this criteria, there would be a large number of scholarships distributed with the allocated amount. Further discussion indicated the Councils desire to allocate \$500,000, however to include all the programs currently participating in the program as proposed.

Council Member Susan Pond made a motion to distribute additional allocation of \$500,000 for Childcare Scholarships to all programs currently participating in the Emergency Childcare program as proposed. Seconded by Vice-Chair Sarah Seneker. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Madeleine Coil, Yuma Regional Partnership Council Chair

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant II

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