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**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Pinal Regional Partnership Council**

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 19, 2013**

Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order

The Pinal Regional Partnership Council Special Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at the Central Arizona College – Signal Peak Campus, Residential Life Building, 8470 North Overfield Road, Coolidge, Arizona 85128.

Regional Council Chair Powell called the meeting to order at approximately 9:32 a.m.

Council members in attendance: Kameron Bachert (arrived 9:40 a.m.), Julie Dale-Scott (via phone 9:32 a.m. – 9:46 a.m.), Pauline Haas-Vaughn, Christina Jenkins (via phone), Michael Kintner, Angela Philpot (via phone joined at 10:30 a.m.), Bryant Powell, and Richard Saran DDS

Council members not in attendance: Stuart Fain and Louis Manuel Jr.

First Things First Staff in attendance:

Aimee Kempton, Pinal Regional Director; Cindi Alva, Central East Senior Regional Director; Lois Homewytewa, Administrative Assistant III - Pinal and Central East Region; Katrina DeVinny, Program Collaboration Specialist; Laura Devany, Parent Community Outreach Consultant.

Public in attendance:

19 member of the public in attendance

Chair Powell welcomed all in attendance and thanked the grantees for attending and providing updates to the Regional Council on their programs.

General Discussion

Chair Powell recognized Aimee Kempton, Pinal Regional Director who explained to the Regional Council and audience that the general discussion will entail the grantees to provide a five minute overview of their grant, success stories, and barriers which will help the Regional Council with future planning.

Chair Powell recognized Linda William – Tuenge, Program Specialist for Recruitment into the Field at Central Arizona College. Ms. Williams –Tuenge provided an update on the Recruitment into the Field Strategy to the Regional Council Members, she also provided a brochure and items from the program to the Regional Council Members.

Member Bachert arrived and joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Member Dale-Scott left the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Chair Powell recognized Beverly Prueter, Director of United Way of Pinal County who introduced Kim Hampton, Family, Friend and Neighbors Coordinator and Liz Santiago – Hallberg, Home Provider Specialist. Ms.

Hampton and Ms. Santiago – Hallberg provided a brief update on the Family, Friend and Neighbors program along with presenting the Regional Council Members with a bag of items that are given to families in the program.

Chair Powell recognized Esther Turner, Program Coordinator, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension and Robert Cardona, Program Assistant, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension who provided the Regional Council with updates and stories about the children they serve in the region with the Developmental and Sensory Screening program.

Chair Powell recognized Diane Nystrom, Mobile Dental Unit Program Manager, Sun Life Family Health Center and Myrna Aredondo, Oral Health Screening Coordinator, Sun Life Family Health Center who presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Oral Health Screening to the Regional Council Members. Ms. Nystrom informed the Regional Council Members they have completed at least 2,200 dental screenings throughout the Pinal region. Ms. Aredondo provided a brochure to the Regional Council Members on the Dental Screenings and mobile unit.

Chair Powell recognized Shelley Tellez, Program Supervisor, Parents As Teachers – Arizona's Children Association, she presented the Regional Council with a packet of information including staff bios, program flyers. Ms. Tellez provided the Regional Council Members with a brief introduction of her staff, including their new mascot Ellie the elephant.

Chair Powell recognized Noël Hennessey, Program Supervisor, Child and Family Resources who shared the step by step process for families to obtain services through their program. Ms. Hennessey provided an informational card to the Regional Council Members on the Healthy Families program.

Chair Powell recognized Megan Wills, Associate Director, Easter Seals Blake Foundation, she provided a brief overview and update on the High Risk Infant and Pediatric Home Visitation Program. Ms. Wills informed the Regional Council Members they are at full capacity with the recent increase in expanding eligibility during the renewal process. She shared a few stories from the nurses about the families they serve in the Pinal Region.

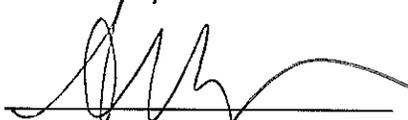
Chair Powell recognized Mary Lou Rosales, Executive Director, Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA) who provided a brief overview to the Regional Council Members on the current status of the Food Security Program they provide to the children in the County. Ms. Rosales continues to get positive feedback and appreciation from families who used the services. She shared with the Regional Council Members several grocery stores can provide a generalization of what the families are getting with their food vouchers.

Chair Powell recognized Tracie Curtis, Supervisory Librarian, Apache Junction Library and Julie Reeves, Fun Van Team Teacher, Apache Junction Library who presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Regional Council Members. Ms. Curtis shared with the Regional Council Members the program has gained well acceptance throughout the Pinal Region, they are in the process of reaching out to a few other towns in the Cooper Corridor. Ms. Curtis provided a brief introduction to the Fun Van staff and a flyer to the Regional Council Members.

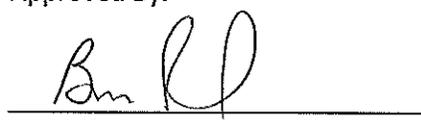
Adjournment

With no further business before the Regional Council, Chair Powell adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Submitted By:


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Approved By:


Bryant Powell
Chair, Pinal Regional Partnership Council