

South Pima Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order/Welcome and Council Introductions

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First South Pima Regional Partnership Council was held on January 17, 2013 at Desert Senita Community Health Clinic, 410 North Malacate Street, Ajo, Arizona 85321.

Chair Fran Driver called the meeting to order at approximately 10:06 a.m. She announced member Rosanna Gabaldón's resignation from the Regional Partnership Council and wished her well.

Members Present: Connie Espinoza, Cyndi Barningham, Tony Bruno, and Fran Driver

Members Present Telephonically: Cheryl McGlothlen, Nathan McCann, Paul Ohm

Members Absent: Debbie Palmer and Susan Pace

Others Present: Eleanor Droegemeier, South Pima Regional Director; Erin Lyons, Senior Regional Director; Mona Qafisheh, Quality Assurance Specialist and Siobhan McDonald, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Minutes of the November 15, 2012 South Pima Regional Partnership Council Meeting

A motion was made by member Tony Bruno that the South Pima Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the November 15, 2012 South Pima Regional Partnership Council meeting as presented, seconded by member Cyndi Barningham. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

Jennifer Hurtado, Association for Supportive Child Care, *T.E.A.C.H. program*: Ms. Hurtado thanked the Regional Council and stated she had come to provide an update and introduce Becca Abel. Ms. Abel is filling a new position in Pima County. Her role will be to assist scholars with the processes of enrolling in college credit courses at Pima Community College. She then provided a few updates and thanked the Regional Council for their support.

Susan Guinn-Lahm, *Desert Senita Community Health Clinic*: Ms. Guinn-Lahm thanked the Regional Council for and provided them with updates on the hiring of a Registered Nurse to fill the role of the family educator for the home visitation program at the clinic. She stated that she will continue to provide updates.

Coordination of Services Grant Update

Chair Driver introduced Ms. Vanessa Felty of the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona. Ms. Felty provided handouts for a conference that recently took place and on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, announcing that the program was being expanded to Ajo. She then showed six community perspective videos from different community partners in the communities of Sahuarita, Sunnyside, Summit View and Sasabe. The videos showcased the opinions of different community partners on the strengths and barriers in their community, as well as First Things First's role in their community. Members thanked her for her presentation.

Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Plan: Review and Discussion

Chair Driver introduced the Agenda item and turned the floor over to Regional Director Eleanor Droegemeier. Ms. Droegemeier provided the Regional Council with an overview of her planned presentation to the State Board and asked for any feedback. She stated she would provide an overview of the geographic area and collaborations across the area. Members concurred.

Evaluation Plan-Key Data for Regional Mapping: Discussion

Chair Driver introduced the agenda item and turned the floor over to Ms. Droegemeier. Ms. Droegemeier reminded the Regional Council that First Things First had received recommendations from a national panel of experts on creating and implementing an effective Evaluation Plan, and that a report was recently provided to First Things First. She took the members through a presentation of a proposed plan which provided examples of the data dashboards that were recommended to accompany a large database. Ms. Droegemeier then asked the Regional Council to look at a list of early childhood indicators taken from the South Pima 2012 Needs and Assets Report to help the members to determine what kind of additional data might be useful for decision making. She asked the members to provide feedback on their top ten or fifteen data pieces and any additional data they might deem useful. Members concurred they will send her their feedback in the next two weeks.

Community Awareness and Outreach Update

Chair Driver introduced the Agenda item and turned the floor over to Ms. DeMars. Ms. DeMars thanked the Regional Council for the opportunity to present to them. She shared two stories included in her report both from South Pima grantees, one about South Pima’s oral health strategy, First Smiles Matter and the second one about the positive unintended impact a Parent Connection Stay and Play was having with elderly church members in Sahuarita. She informed the members of the success of the site visit to Cottonwood Early Learning Center and stated that more site visits will be occurring in the near future. She thanked members for their leads and encouraged them to continue giving her leads and contact her with any questions or child care centers they might like to visit.

SFY13 Quarter 1 Data Report: Discussion

Chair Driver introduced the agenda item and turned the floor over to Ms. Droegemeier. Ms. Droegemeier turned their attention to the Data Packet, which was Attachment #7 (a separate packet for community members due to staple depth.) She highlighted some places where data was being examined further.

Systems Building: Discussion

Chair Driver introduced the agenda item and turned the floor over to Ms. Droegemeier. Ms. Droegemeier took the members through an overview presentation on Systems Building, explaining that First Things First was trying to determine their role in the system being created here in Arizona. Ms. Droegemeier provided some concrete examples of system issues that have been addressed with the help of community partners and grantees, such as barriers to access to college credit for Community-based Professional Development participants, and the T.E.A.C.H. liaison being hired to help students and participants navigate the college systems.

Regional Director’s Report

Ms. Droegemeier began by highlighting the expenditure report and informing the Regional Council that the RFGA for Coordination of Services would be released February 1st. She asked members without a conflict to consider participating on the review committee. Ms. Droegemeier provided updates on Regional Benchmarks and the Quality Assurance Framework, for which she provided Attachment #11, a graphic representation of the Quality Assurance Framework, and introduced First Things First Quality Assurance Specialist, Mona Qafisheh, in the audience. She also provided updates on the 2014 Needs and Assets process, upcoming visit by the Rhian Evans-Allvin, CEO in April, and the Regional Boundaries task force. Ms. Droegemeier ended with upcoming events information.

General Discussion

Member Nathan McCann stated he would like to congratulate Paul (Member Ohm) for receiving the Golden Bell award for the Sunnyside Ocotillo Early Learning Center at the State School Board reception in December. Members congratulated Member Ohm. Ms. Droegemeier made an announcement about an email they would receive the next day with instructions on two required courses for each member and any documents that may still be needed for their files. Chair Driver announced that the Regional Council had received a letter from the Cochise Regional Council inviting South Pima members to their meetings. She also provided an update on the Federal Home Visitation grant in Ajo, and informed the members of two upcoming events in the community of Ajo.

Call to the Public

Dr. Robert Dooley, Superintendent, Ajo School District: Mr. Dooley thanked the Regional Council on behalf of the pre-school teacher and children in the program.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Vice Chair Connie Espinoza to adjourn the meeting, seconded by member Tony Bruno. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:06 p.m.

Submitted By _____
Siobhan McDonald, Administrative Assistant

Approved By _____
Fran Driver, Chair

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20____.