



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes January 15, 2013 Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was held on January 15, 2013. The meeting was held at the Two Waters Building A, Wi:Hom Conference Room, 10061 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.

The meeting was called to order by Regional Council Chair Loring at approximately 11:51 a.m.

Members Present

Chair Virginia Loring, Vice Chair Chris McIntier, Toni Harvier, Deana Washington, Michelle Jameson, Frances Kaplan and Joyce Helmuth

Members Absent

Lance Silverhorn, Caroline Sekaquaptewa and Ron Ransom

Members of the Public

5 members of the public attended.

Invocation

Invocation was done by Member Harvier.

Call to the Public

Carla Sahr from the TEACH Program updated the Regional Council on recent and future graduates. She also informed the Council that all graduates and applicants are non-tribal members due to fact that Tribal members can have the cost of their education covered by the Tribe.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Council Member Helmuth moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Harvier seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion on Discretionary Funding

Regional Director Darlene Vinarskai informed the Regional Council that the First Things First Board is planning to review the formula used for distributing discretionary funding. In the past discretionary dollars were distributed in line with the formula based on the number of children 0-5 in poverty, with the exception of smaller Regions.



Ms. Vinarskai asked the Council for input and ideas. The Regional Council felt it would be in the best interest of the Region to leave the distribution the same if they continued to show a disproportionate amount of children in poverty.

Discussion of First Things First Data System

Regional Director Darlene Vinarskai presented information to the Regional Council on the First Things First Data Dashboard that would allow the public, First Things First and the Council instant access to data by Region. The data could include early learning maps, services or strategies in the Region, visual proclamations of children and families in need and demographic data including needs and assets, poverty and expenditures and awards by Region.

The Council informed Ms. Vinarskai that they had reservations about Tribal data being included in the data system. The Council did not feel comfortable having Tribal data available to the public and was not sure what the benefit would be to add Tribal data which can already be found in the Needs and Assets Report or by going to one of the Tribal Departments. In addition, the Council also did not want to show information that would allow others to identify families in the region and did not believe that the Tribal Council will approve this type of data to be included in the system.

The Council however, did agree that if data specific data was identified and approved to be on the dashboard, it would need to be secure and only accessible by the Tribe.

Financial Report and Data Report

Ms. Vinarskai also reviewed the Data Report for the Region covering 1st and 2nd quarter data as well as the Contract Detail Report expenditures for all strategy line items.

2012 Community Needs and Assets Distribution Plan

Regional Director Darlene Vinarskai facilitated a discussion with the Regional Council on a distribution roll out plan on the 2012 Community Needs and Assets Report to the Community. Regional Council Members suggestions included:

- Hold a Community Stakeholder meeting to review and distribute the Needs and Assets Report
- Have a brief meeting with the Tribal President to review the Needs and Assets Plan
- Send a letter informing Tribal Council how the report will be distributed and include a copy of the Needs and Assets Report
- Hold a brief meeting with Bryan Meyers, Community Manager
- Request to be that the Needs and Assets Report be discussed at a Tribal Directors Meeting
- Continue to share at District Council Meetings
- Put article in newspaper with picture of Regional Council, and on SRPMIC Website
- Distribute to Community Groups



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Regional Director Updates

- The First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Parenting Conference will be held March 12, 2013. There will be 2 keynote speakers along with breakout sessions including Exercise, Reading, Play, Healthy Eating and Nutrition.
- The Chair/Vice Chair meeting will be held February 7, 2013 in Phoenix.
- Council Member Ransom will be attending a meeting with the Director of Quality First to discuss issues in the Region.
- There will be new Government to Government agreement developed for the new Home Visitation Strategy and a Grant Renewal Food Security and Parent Education.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates

- Council Member Washington asked about possible reimbursement for training available in the Colorado River Tribe Region. Ms. Vinarskai informed her she would find out about the possibility of reimbursement.
- Council member Helmuth announced the Rocky Mountain spotted fever is in the area and a good avoidance method is to provide flea and tick collars for dogs.

Adjourn

SUBMITTED BY:

Joel Spurlock, Administrative Assistant II

Approved: _____
Virginia Loring, Chair