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ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD
SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension in the Palo Verde Room located at 4341 East Broadway, Phoenix, Arizona 85040. Chair James Washington called the regular meeting to order at 4:52 pm.

Council Members in Attendance: Patricia Merk, Vice Chair and Educator Member; Jasmine Sanchez, Parent Member; Jennifer Quillin, At Large Member; James Washington, Chair and Health Services Provider Member.

Member in Attendance by Phone: Robert Donofrio, At Large Member; Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, At Large Member.

Member Not in Attendance: Karen Stewart, Faith Based Member; Riann Balch, Child Care Provider Member; Kristi Langley-Wells, School Administrator Member.

Quorum: Established.

Staff in Attendance: Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director.

A quick introduction of guests in attendance, Council Members, and staff was conducted.

2. CONSENT AGENDA: Included in an email prior to the meeting and in hard copy at the meeting were the regular meeting minutes of January 17, 2012.

Motion: Member Robert Donofrio moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 17, 2012, second by Member Eva Marie Shivers, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Omelda Ojeda from the American Academy of Pediatrics advised the Council that they are up and running.

4. RESEARCH & EVALUATION PRESENTATION: Dr. Amy Kemp provided the Council an update on research and evaluation studies at the request of the Council.

5. NEEDS AND ASSETS ADDITIONAL WORK UPDATE: Jonathon reminded the Council that Dr. Merk and Dr. Shivers were tasked as the representatives on behalf of the Council for Needs and Assets as well as data collection. Dr. Merk referred to the memo included in Council packets from Applied Survey Research (ASR) which outlined the meetings held between Council, staff and ASR about Needs and Assets Data and

then a presentation of the St. Lukes Data. Dr. Shivers advised that there will be an additional 1600 face to face surveys conducted for an additional amount of $8,000.00.
Motion: Member Robert Donofrio moved to increase the Needs & Assets allocation from $50,000.00 to an amount not to exceed $60,000.00. Second by Member Eva Marie Shivers. Member Donofrio then amended his motion to include the current fiscal year 2012 and the next fiscal year 2013, second by Member Eva Marie Shivers, all in favor; motion carried.

Vice Chair Merk expressed that she is confident that Applied Survey Research will be able to conduct the additional 1600 face to face surveys in the targeted areas.

6. MARICOPA COUNTY COORDINATION: Regional Director Jonathon Gonzales went through the power-point provided in Council packets surrounding Coordination and advised the Council that there are six Councils that are coordinating together. Each Council can chose to allocate $35,000 – $50,000. Director Gonzales also advised that part of the money allotted for Family Resource Centers in SFY2013 can be used for Family Resource Coordination. Jonathon will check to see if South Phoenix would be duplicating services for the support survey that the Council has already invested in.

Motion: Member Robert Donofrio moved to go out to RFGA for Maricopa County Coordination in an amount not to exceed $50,000.00 which will be allocated out of the SFY2013 Family Resource Center Budget, second by Member Jasmine Sanchez, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

Motion: Vice Chair Patty Merk moved to take a five minute recess, second by Member Jasmine Sanchez, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

Motion: Member Robert Donofrio moved to reconvene the regular meeting of February 21, 2012, second by Vice Chair Patty Merk, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Gonzales gave an update on the following: **Non-RFGA Resource Centers:** This is where the Maricopa County Juvenile Court, Juvenile Corrections, D.E.S. and C.P.S. are partnering. Judge Ballanger was presented with the opportunity to utilize a newer County space in the South Phoenix Region. Sheila Tickle with Juvenile Courts advised Director Gonzales that there is an opportunity to place therapeutic pre-schools at that site along with other services. First Things First one time investment can be spread out over multiple fiscal years but cannot go to direct appointed court services. First Things First could pay for construction to fit the needs of the Center, classrooms, playground equipment, curriculum, and the actual Family Coordinators. An Inter-Service Agreement would be done with the County over two fiscal years. Part of the agreement will be to identify external resources to continue funding beyond the initial funding provided by First Things First for start up. The name of the program will be Cradles to Crayons.

Jonathon advised that he is still working to set up a meeting with Lieutenant Connelly from the City of Phoenix Police and other stakeholders within the City of Phoenix to determine if there is a space between zip codes 85040 and 85041 that has been identified to deal with children of incarcerated parents and the high rate of recidivism in the identified zip codes population specific to children in foster care.

It was the decision of the Council for Director Gonzales to move forward with the Non-RFGA Resource Centers in the initial amount of four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000.00).

Council Member Recruitment: Provided in packets was a copy of the Greater Phoenix/Yavapai Region Council Term Vacancies. Jonathon advised the Council that there are currently six seats that have an ending term of June 30, 2012 – two of those are vacant (Business and Philanthropic). The following members terms are expiring: Dr. Shivers, Jennifer Quillin (who has re-applied), Chair Washington, and Karen Stewart. Council Members were asked to re-apply for their seats and encouraged to pass out the outreach cards that encourage people to apply to Councils. Jonathon also let the Members that are

currently in their seat until 2014 know that they will be asked to help in the interview process of potential Members.

8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/OPEN MEETING LAW: Director Gonzales did an overview of the conflict of interest and open meeting laws provided in a previous email to the Council and in Council packets. Jonathon encouraged the Council to abide by the State Statutes and reminded the Council that they are Public Officers for the State of Arizona.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES: Member Donofrio: Advised of a big movement that he may be a part of their finance committee. A group of alphabet people want to keep the 1% sales tax that is supposed to end in 2013 – they want to earmark the funds for education. Bob also brought up a few questions that the First Things First Board is starting to look at pertaining to larger regions not being staffed in their region as well as differential pay for Director's with larger regions, and sharing admin staff. Bob would also like to have the Council participate in the selection process for a new Director should Jonathon not return after his 6 month training for the military.

Dr. Merk: Advised that Roosevelt Family Resource Center is doing a program evaluation of an evidence based curriculum called Partners in Parenting Education for mothers of children 11-19 months old. Dr. Merk asked for help from the Council to recruiting mothers. This is a bit of a commitment - two times a week for an hour and a half each time during a 14 week period. The participants must be able to communicate in English. The family will receive diapers and food for their participation.

Chair Washington: The Funding Plan was presented and approved by the State Board on January 18, 2012. Chair Washington thanked Jonathon for all of his hard work. The South Phoenix Funding Plan was noted as a model by the State Board. James thanked Patty for hosting the Council for the regular meeting. Chair Washington thanked the members of the public for attending the long meeting.

Director Gonzales advised the Council to pass out the flyer in their packets for Pre-K Scholarship Grantees.

10. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 in the Palo Verde Room at the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, 4341 East Broadway Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85040.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Member Donofrio moved to adjourn the regular meeting, second by Member Robert Quillin, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Briggetta M. Hawks

Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director

COUNCIL APPROVAL:

James Washington, Chair