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Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board February 25, 2014 Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on February 25, 2014 at the Family Resource Center, 817 North Country Club Drive, Mesa, Arizona 85201.

Chair Sallquist called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She informed everyone that agenda item number six, Conversations with Family Support Grantees, would be moved to the March Council meeting. Appreciation for the Grantees that were present was noted.

Members Present

Chair Julie Sallquist, Christine Scarpati, and Detza Van Bogaert. Dee Tamminen, Maggie Pfaffenberger and Erica Alexander joined the meeting by teleconference.

Members Absent

Vice Chair Jack Dillenberg, Sherreis Moreland, David Wade and Anna David.

Members of the Public

There were twelve members of the public present.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2013

Member Scarpati motioned to accept the minutes of November 12, 2013. Member Bogaert seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously 6/0.

Call to the Public

There was no call to the public.

SFY 2015 Southeast Maricopa Funding Plan (Review and Possible Discussion)

Senior Director Sabatini apprised the Council that the SFY 2015 Funding Plan was approved by the Board in their January Meeting and it was very well received. She reviewed the Funding Plan and highlighted the region's allocation, secondary strategies, and the change in the Parent Education target service unit from duplicated and unduplicated adults.

Benchmarking Committee Update (Discussion and Possible Approval of Recommendations)

Chair Sallquist reported on the School Readiness Benchmarks for Indicators #2 and #10 recommended by the committee representatives from the Maricopa and Phoenix Regions, excluding Tribal Regions. There will be additional input with on-line surveys and two public town hall forums held March 19th in the evening at the Maryville Hospital and March 20th in the day at Burton Barr Library. Council Member Tamminen moved to proceed with the benchmark committee's recommendation to move them forward for public vetting. Council member Scarpati seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Conversations with Family Support Grantees

Chair Sallquist moved this agenda item until the March Council meeting.

Financial Report (Possible Discussion)

Senior Director Sabatini reviewed the Financial Report, as of February 18, 2014, and highlighted several items. Director Mentoring is a new strategy and there are startup costs. The Professional REWARD\$ strategy allotments have been awarded to scholars and were expended right away. Family, Friends and Neighbors strategy is also a new strategy and has ramp up time and costs. The \$790 in the To Be Determined strategy is waiting to be coded to the proper strategy. Senior Director Sabatini indicated that the Q2 Data Report is now in report format and she will bring it to the next Council meeting.



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Community Outreach Coordinator's Report (Report and Possible Discussion)

John Taylor, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported that he was able to reach 88 teachers and early childhood educators. He connected with Mesa Community College and Upper Iowa University and has been invited back on a reoccurring basis to their classrooms. He has been able to reach 48 members of the K-12 community, a targeted audience of the Strategic Communication Plan. Coordinator Taylor also shared that he spoke with elected officials about the importance of early childhood. He is training the Champions in core messages and talking points and shared a handout of that script with the Council. There are 6 applications for the Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council, some of which are direct contacts that he has made at the site tours. The Council received a handout with the next site tour details.

Director's Update (Report and Possible Discussion)

Senior Director Sabatini wanted to make everyone aware that each Regional Council now has an Annual Report and she distributed the Southeast Maricopa Region's report. These reports are also available electronically. First Things First Interim CEO Sam Leyvas has been sending information out to Council Members and community partners about legislative updates. CEO Leyvas also emailed about the passing of Beverly Russell, the Senior Director of Tribal Affairs.

All the Southeast Maricopa grantee contracts are up for renewal and the renewal packets will be sent in March. Renewals will be voted on by the Council in May and go to the Board in June. First Things First has a National Evaluation Panel that helps guide our work and will meet on March 13 and 14 and the public is welcome. The Needs and Asset Report is underway and the draft will be ready prior to April 10. Final decisions on this report will go to the Board for approval in September. Interviews for the open Southeast Maricopa Regional Director position will start this week.

Council Member Updates

Member Scarpatti shared highlights of her time at the Cradle to Crayons facility. Chair Sallquist told the group about some of the discussions at the Board and Council Member Forum that she attended.

Adjournment: Next Meeting: March 25, 2014

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Patty Morris, Administrative Assistant II

Approved:

Julie Sallquist, Regional Council Chair