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Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board

Coconino Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Coconino Regional Partnership Council was held on February 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was located at the United Way of Northern Arizona Conference Room, 1515 E. Cedar Ave. Suite D-1, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Julianne Hartzell, the Chair for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Members Present:

Mary McLellan, Julianne Hartzell, Noreen Sakiestewa, Samantha Cowan, Beth Johndrow, Barbara Worgess (joined at 4:22 p.m.), Seobaghn Arambula (joined at 4:13 p.m.)

Members Present by Phone:

Debbie Winlock, Tony Gonzales

Members Absent:

Agnes Chamberlain, Colette Cox

First Things First Staff Present:

Coconino Regional Coordinator Ellen Majure, Northeast Administrative Assistant Amanda Kristinat, Community Outreach Liaison Amy Callahan

Call to the Public

Ruth Thomas, Director for Little Ropers Child Development Center, addressed the Coconino Regional Partnership Council in regards to the exceptional work that Renee Hobbs, Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC), is doing and the impact Ms. Hobbs' support has had on her program. Ms. Thomas explained how much she uses ASCC and Ms. Hobbs as a resource for training and guidance. Ms. Thomas spoke about the babysitting Club program at Sinagua Middle School. This program is the largest club at the school, training 160 middle school students every nine weeks. She spoke again about the wonderful job Ms. Hobbs and ASCC is doing for their center. Ms. Thomas also expressed her appreciation for the Regional Council for their funding and how impressed she is by the Regional Council and what they have done for early childhood.

KariJoy Thomas, a student at Sinagua High School who is part of the Babysitting Club, expressed her thanks for the training and community service opportunities she has experienced through the Babysitting Club due to Ms. Hobbs' and ASCC's support and guidance.

Disclosure of Conflicts

Member McLellan declared a conflict regarding the Havasupai Tribal Agreement discussion and vote.

Member Cowan declared a conflict regarding discussion and vote to offer a FY2012 Grantee Renewal Packet for the Access and Affordability grant with United Way of Northern Arizona.

Chair Hartzell declared a conflict regarding discussion and vote to offer a FY2012 Grantee Renewal Packet for the Healthy Families grant with the Coconino Public Health Services District.

Consent Agenda

Member Sakiestewa moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Winlock seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Coconino Regional Expenditure Reports and Quarterly Data Reports Discussion

Ms. Majure presented the data reports to the Regional Council and explained all changes and updates from the previous month and the frequency of each report.

Discussion and Possible Approval to offer FY2012 Grantee Renewal Packets

Chair Hartzell informed the Regional Council that it is time for renewal packets to go out to grantees and the Regional Council needs to approve whether or not a packet should be sent out. Ms. Majure gave a brief overview of each grantee's current work and progress.

Member Arambula moved to approve offering a grantee renewal packet to United Way of Northern Arizona for Access and Affordability. Vice Chair McLellan seconded the motion. Member Cowan abstained from the discussion and vote. Motion approved.

Member Johndrow moved to approve offering a grantee renewal packet to Coconino Health Services District for Oral Health. Member Cowan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Member Sakiestewa moved to approve offering a grantee renewal packet to Coconino Public Health Services District for Healthy Families. Member Johndrow seconded the motion. Chair Hartzell abstained from the discussion and vote. Motion approved.

Member Arambula moved to approve offering a grantee renewal packet to Parenting Arizona for Parent Connection Program. Member Cowan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Member Worgess joined the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Havasupai Tribal Agreement Update

Chair Hartzell updated the Regional Council regarding the Havasupai Tribal Agreement. She and Ms. Majure met with the Havasupai Tribal Council on February 11, 2011 and had a thoughtful engaging discussion and the Tribal Council approved the agreement. Chair Hartzell also reported that the revised program budget is now \$119,721 which is below the original estimated amount. The strategy allocation increase that was approved at the last meeting needs to revert back to the original allocation amount of \$125,000.

Member Johndrow moved to approve the original allotment of \$125,000 for the Havasupai Agreement. Member Seobaghn seconded the motion. Member McLellan abstained from the discussion and vote. Motion approved.

Chair Hartzell read a statement to the Regional Council addressing the concerns some members expressed at the last meeting regarding the feeling that they were not consulted about the Havasupai budgetary issues before it was presented to the Havasupai Tribe. Her statement clarifies the issue that no funds were committed or promised to the Havasupai Tribe prior to the Regional Council's discussion around this issue.

Discussion and Possible Actions Regarding Community Awareness Strategy and Sponsorships

Chair Hartzell informed the Regional Council that the proposal Ms. Majure submitted to First Things First for sponsorship of the Early Childhood Fair for \$850 to go towards printing, advertising and books, was approved. Ms. Majure explained the purpose of the Early Childhood Fair. This event is for parents and child care providers and should reach the audience the Regional Council hopes to target. Ms. Majure requested the Regional Council to approve sponsorship of this event.

Vice Chair McLellan moved to approve \$850 to sponsor the Early Childhood Fair from the Communications Allotment. Member Cowan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Discussion and Possible Approval to modify FY2012 Funding Plan Strategy Allotments for Quality First Teach and Quality First Child Care Health Consultation

Ms. Majure reported that there was an error in the FY2012 Funding Plan that no one caught. The amounts listed for the Quality First TEACH strategy and the Quality First Child Care Health Consultation strategy were transposed and need to be corrected by the Regional Council.

Member Arambula moved to approve the allotment for Quality First TEACH of \$52,300 and the allotment for Quality First Child Care Health Consultation of \$76,000. Member Winlock seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Council Member Updates

Member Gonzales exited the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Community Outreach Liaison Update

Chair Hartzell let the Regional Council know that Ms. Callahan, Community Outreach Liaison, would like to be on the agenda each month. Ms. Callahan updated the Regional Council on her activities since her return from family leave on January 24, 2011. She informed the Regional Council that she will be sending out a survey to each member about what they would like to have her report on monthly and events/activities they would like her to spend her time on. Ms. Callahan also invited all the Regional Council Members to the First Things First Regional Area Forum on Community Outreach in Show Low, Arizona on April 6, 2011.

Coordinator Report

Ms. Majure presented a written Coordinator report to the Regional Council and reviewed all events, presentations and updates for the region. She reminded the Regional Council that next month they will need to approve a vendor for the 2012 Needs and Assets Report and that \$45,000 has been allocated for the project. The newspaper in Page wants to put up a banner on their website for free. The new position, Program Collaboration Specialist, has been approved. The job description needs to be reviewed and then the job will be posted within the next week.

Ms. Majure attended a meeting regarding the Hopi Lavayi Early Childhood Assessment on February 15th with Hopi Tribal Chairman Shingoitewa and his assistant, Sam Shingoitewa, Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa, and Dr. LaVerne Jeanne. Chairman Shingoitewa agreed to sponsor the Assessment Agreement and he agreed to bring the agreement to the Tribal Council for their review and vote in April.

The Kaibab Paiute Assessment Agreement has been signed by both parties and approved by the First Things First State Board. The assessment began this month.

Discussion of Possible February Meeting Date: March 28, 2011

The next Coconino Regional Partnership Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the United Way of Northern Arizona Conference Room, 1515 E. Cedar Ave. Suite D-1, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Meeting Adjourned

There being no other business, Chair Hartzell adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:22 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Ellen Majure, Coconino Coordinator

APPROVED BY:

Julianne Hartzell, Chair