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PUBLIC NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council

Pursuant to A.R.S. §8-1194(A) and A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the First Things First - Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board, the La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council, and to the general public that the La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council will hold a **Regular Meeting open to the public on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 9:30 am at the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Boys & Girls Club located at 1603 Plantation Road, Mohave Valley, Arizona 86440.** Members of the Regional Council may elect to attend telephonically.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (1), § 38-431.03(A) (2) and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (3) the Regional Council may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, to discuss records exempt from public inspection and/or obtain legal advice regarding applicants. The Council may hear items on the agenda out of order. The Council may discuss, consider, or take action regarding any item on the agenda. The Council may elect to solicit public comment on certain agenda items.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introduction of Guests** **Riley Frei, Chair**

- 2. Call to the Public** **Riley Frei, Chair**
This time is for the public to comment. Council Members may not discuss or take legal action regarding matters that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

- 3. Possible Approval of December 6, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)** **Riley Frei, Chair**

- 4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest** **Council Members**
Members will address potential conflicts of interest regarding items on this agenda.

- 5. Possible Approval of Vendor for 2014 Regional Needs & Assets Report (Attachment 2)** **Merritt Beckett, Regional Director**

- 6. Discussion & Possible Approval to Move Funds in SFY 2013 from Pre-Kindergarten Strategy to Start-up/Expansion Strategy (Attachment 3)** **Merritt Beckett, Regional Director**

- 7. Grantee Presentations & Possible Discussion on Family Support Strategies**
 - A. Fort Mojave Indian Tribe – Home Visitation
 - B. Child and Family Resources, Inc. – Healthy Families – Lisa Peters
 - C. Child and Family Resources, Inc. – Children with Special Needs – Vanessa Sandoval
 - D. Arizona Children’s Association – Parents as Teachers – Shelley Fischer
 - E. The Learning Center for Families – Home-Based Early Head Start – Debbie Justice

8. Grantee Presentations and Possible Discussion on Coordination Strategies

- A. Mohave County Superior Court – Court Team – Tonya Ford

9. Grantee Presentations & Possible Discussion on Early Learning Strategies

- A. Child and Family Resources, Inc. – Quality First – Shirley Cunningham
- B. Topock Elementary School District – Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships – April Thornton
- C. Bullhead City Elementary School District – Prekindergarten Scholarships – Catie Vondrak
- D. Mohave Valley Elementary School District – Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships – Mandy Waxler
- E. Lake Havasu City Unified School District – Prekindergarten Scholarships – Aggie Wolter
- F. Littlefield Unified School District – Prekindergarten Scholarships – Phyllis Leavitt
- G. Kingman Unified School District – Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships – Julie Beyer
- H. Bouse Elementary School District – Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships – Crista McGee
- I. Association for Supportive Child Care – Kith and Kin – Sarah Ocampo

10. Grantee Presentations & Possible Discussion on Professional Development Strategies

- A. Association for Supportive Child Care – ECE Professional Development Program – Margaret Taylor
- B. Association for Supportive Child Care – TEACH – John Cregg

11. Grantee Presentations and Possible Discussion on Health Strategies

- A. Child Care Health Consultation (FTF Staff-Directed) – Ann Kaskel
- B. Department of Health Services – Therapist Recruitment – Ana Lyn Roscetti
- C. Southwest Human Development – Scholarships for Mental Health Professionals – Amy Zak-Urban

12. Director’s Report and Possible Discussion

Merritt Beckett, Regional Director

- A. Week of the Young Child – April 14-20, 2013
- B. Selection of 2013 Champion for Young Children Award Recipient
- C. Update on Grantee Coordination and Development of System-Building Action Plan
- D. SFY 2013 Financial and Program Data Reports ([Attachments 4 & 5](#))
- E. Timeline for SFY 2014 Contract Renewals
- F. Please Note: There is no regional council meeting in March.

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting is at 9:30 am on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at the Arizona Western College Quartzsite Learning Center located at 695 Kofa Ave. in Quartzsite, Arizona 85346.

14. Adjourn

Riley Frei, Chair

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**Dated this 21st day of February 2013
La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council**



**Merritt Beckett, MPH, MSW
Regional Director**