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## **Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Call to Order/ Welcome**

The meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on February 1, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Community Center, County 15 and Avenue G, Somerton, Arizona, 85350.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

Members Present: H. Jill McCormick, Chair; Dr. Michael Reed, Vice Chair; Gina Nierenhausen; Cristina Solorzano; Paul Soto; Patricia R. Weissenberg; Ines Pampara; Christie Stevens

Members Excused: Rev. Deal Begay

### **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Chair McCormick provided the Regional Council with the opportunity to declare a conflict of interest regarding any items on the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

### **Approval of December 7, 2011 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes**

Member Soto moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2011, Regional Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Nierenhausen, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

### **Presentation on Home Visitation and Family Support**

First Things First Sr. Program Specialist, Dr. Judy Walruff, shared a power point presentation and engaged the Regional Council in a discussion on Home Visitation and Family Support.

Chair McCormick excused herself from the remainder of the meeting at 3:55pm. Quorum was maintained and Dr. Reed presided for the remainder of the meeting.

### **Review of Scope of Work FY2013 Home Visitation Strategy**

Regional Director Ashley Pascual reviewed the Scope of Work for the Home Visitation Strategy with the Regional Council and asked if the Regional Council agreed with the direction for this strategy. It was the decision of the Regional Council that more time was needed to review the information provided to them before making a final decision on the Scope of Work.

### **Early Steps Program Update**

The Early Steps Specialist, Heather Acosta, provided an informational report on the Early Steps Program. Ms. Acosta shared the program's goals and barriers, and included plans for future trainings.

### **Regional Update**

Regional Director Pascual provided a brief recap of the Applied Survey Research Talking Circle event hosted at the Cocopah Community Center on January 21, 2012. Further stating that a draft of the Needs and Assets Report will be available to the Regional Council as soon as it becomes available.

Regional Director Pascual also reviewed the Data Report and the FY2012 Contract Detail Report with the Regional Council. A tentative date of March 15, 2012 was set for a cross-regional meeting between the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council and the Yuma Regional Partnership Council. The Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting will be held directly after the cross-regional meeting.

### **Announcements**

No announcements were made by the Regional Partnership Council members.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Soto, seconded by member Nierenhausen and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present. Dr. Reed adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on March 7, 2012, at the Cocopah Community Center, located at County 15 and Avenue G, Somerton, AZ 85350.

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Dr. Michael Reed, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Vice Chair