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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE

Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

Special Populations Committee

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

In the absence of appointed Committee Chair Riann Balch, Council Member Jeremy Woods called the South Phoenix Regional Council Committee meeting to order at approximately at 10:10 a.m. on **Thursday, February 14, 2013.**

Committee Members Present

Jeremy Woods
Jasmine Sanchez
Yolanda Robinson

First Things First Staff

Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director
Rosemary Galindo, Administrative Assistant

Committee Members Absent

Riann Balch, Council Member

2. Discussion and Review: Unmet Needs of Special Population

Regional Director Jonathon Gonzales provided a brief background and history of the strategy and current unmet needs in 85339, 85037, and 85009 zip codes. The original intent of the Regional Council was to fund family resource centers that were geographically dispersed throughout the region. This committee was convened to provide recommendation(s) to the Council on how to proceed in providing services to those families and children that are most at risk, such as those in foster care, children of incarcerated parent(s), or experiencing family homelessness. Director Gonzales also briefly reviewed the First Things First's Needs and Assets report as it relates to this issue of unmet needs for this population. Various model recommendations were discussed.

3. Review Current Research and Literature

Director Gonzales briefly shared and described the "Playspaces" model that the State of Massachusetts has implemented and how it may be implemented in South Phoenix Region.

4. Next Steps

Director Gonzales will provide strategy implementation recommendations and the implications to the Committee at the next meeting for a final recommendation to the Council on March 19th.

5. Next Meeting

March 7, 2013, 1:30 p.m.
Maryvale Hospital
Conference Rooms A and B
5102 West Campbell Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85031

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2013

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