



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council
March 09, 2015

Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First – Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council was held on March 09, 2015 in the Early Literacy Room at the Safford Public Library, 808 South Seventh Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call and Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Regional Council Members present in person:

Chair Laurie Smith, Donna McGaughey, Susan Norton, Kasey Ekman, Christie Rivera and Pam Patt

Regional Council Members Absent:

Stacy Morris, Vice Chair JoAnn Morales and Ryan Henry

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Call to the Public

Chair Smith announced Call to the Public. There was no response.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2015 Regular Meeting was made by Member McGaughey, seconded by Member Norton. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Update on Quality Assurance Grantee Site Visit

Chair Smith shared the results of a Quality Assurance Site Visit to Child & Family Resources, Inc. that took place in November 2014. There were three areas of suggested overall quality improvement that were all completed on January 22, 2015. She commended the grantee on the fine work they were doing with young families in the region through home visitation.

2015 and 2017 Regional Needs and Assets Report Update

Graham/Greenlee Regional Director Shari Elkins shared with the council that a shortened version of the 2015 Needs and Assets Report would be completed by the University of Arizona for all regions in the state with a traditional full report being completed in 2017 to align with the next 3 year strategic planning process.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Proposed Date Changes For 2015 Regional Partnership Council Meetings

Director Elkins proposed the possibility of changing the April Council Meeting to the third Monday of the month in order to accommodate the decision of some possible funding for child care scholarships that would require an amended budget for Fiscal Years 16, 17 and 18. She also proposed changing the council meetings to the second Wednesday of the month in order to accommodate two new regional

council member applicants that cannot meet on Mondays. A motion to approve the proposed meeting dates was made by Member Patt, seconded by Member Ekman. Motion carried (6-0-0).

The new approved council meeting dates are:

- Monday, April 20, 2015
- Monday, May 11, 2015
- Wednesday, June 10, 2015
- Wednesday, August 12, 2015
- Wednesday, October 14, 2015
- Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Regional Director's Report

Director Elkins shared her March Director's Report highlighting the upcoming Early Childhood Coalition meeting, the Home Visitation Coalition meeting and the Community Baby Shower. She also highlighted information from the Quarter 2 Data Report.

Community Outreach Update

Paulette LeBlanc, Outreach Coordinator, reported on her activities from January and February, highlighting the media hits in the 2 largest publications in the region. She also highlighted the site visits to Mt. Graham Child Care Center and Bulldog Boulevard that took place in February. She shared information on the Champion for Children Award as well as introducing Louise Welker, who will be representing Graham/Greenlee for this award at the First Things First Early Childhood Summit in August.

Regional Council Member Updates

- Member McGaughey shared information on the upcoming Early Childhood Coalition meeting as well as the Southeastern Arizona Teacher's Academy Conference.
- Member Patt shared information about her volunteer work with the Safford Library in representing First Things First.
- Members Norton and Rivera requested First Things First Photo Release Forms in response to last month's Write Way Training on photo taking.

Next Meeting- April 13, 2015

The next regular meeting will be held on April 20, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Safford Library.

Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:50 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Shari Elkins

**Shari Elkins,
Graham/Greenlee Regional Director**

Approved:

Laurie Smith

**Laurie Smith,
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council Chair**