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## Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

### Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council

#### Meeting Minutes

##### **Call to Order**

The meeting of the First Things First – Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on **February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010** at 9:00 a.m. at Peach Springs School, 403 Diamond Creek Road in Peach Springs, AZ.

Chair Imus called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.

##### Members present:

Rev. Pete Imus, Sandra Irwin, Steve Condict, Helen J. Watahomigie, Candida Hunter, Penny Renfro, Jessica Powskey-telephonically, Lucille Watahomigie-telephonically

##### Members Absent:

Cheryle Beecher, Carrie Imus

##### **Approval of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Member Condict moved to approve the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting minutes. Member Hunter provided the second. The motion passed by all members present.

##### **Call to the Public**

There were no responses to the call to the public.

##### **2010 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment**

Coordinator Pascual updated the Regional Council on the action taken by the Hualapai Tribal Council on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 by approving the Needs and Assets data collection. Coordinator Pascual shared with Applied Survey Research Consultants the permissions required to collect data. Applied Survey Research Consultants will be visiting the community on March 9<sup>th</sup> and plan to attend the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council meeting scheduled March 10<sup>th</sup> in Peach Springs.

Telephonically, Susan Brutschy, President of Applied Survey Research, introduced herself and team members, Tracey Keenan and Abbey Stevens, and expressed her thanks for the opportunity to work with the Regional Council. Ms. Keenan reviewed the data indicator selections with the Regional Council such as demographics, family income, and unemployment statistics, and asked the Regional Council what priorities they would like to see in the Needs and Asset Report. Ms. Keenan informed the Regional Council that ASR plans to have a Needs and Assets draft completed by June 2010 for Coordinator Pascual's review, and then would be reviewed by the Regional Council at the July 2010 Regional Council meeting. Abbey Stevens summarized the indicator list and the additional data needed to enhance the report for the Hualapai region. Vice Chair Irwin asked ASR to obtain baseline data for past and present years from Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and the algorithm data developed by the Hualapai Maternal Child Health Nurse, Lynn Bergeson.

### **First Things First Grantee Program Updates**

Alyce Crozier, Maternal Child Health Advocate, updated the Regional Council on the monthly progress of the regionally funded program. Ms. Crozier summarized working with AzEIP, Head Start, and the Hualapai Behavioral Health Family Therapist. Ms. Crozier reported on the collaboration with the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind to provide audiology screenings. The Maternal Child Health Program had 10 parents, including one father attend the New Moms on Monday meeting, where participants were educated in oral health for infants, young children, and prenatal. The Maternal Child Health Program held the Toddlers on Tuesdays meeting, where participants were provided a car seat with car seat safety training. Also through the car seat safety program, 30 seats were distributed to families in the community. Ms. Crozier shared the new brochure that was created to educate the community on the Hualapai First Things First Maternal Child Health program. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) employee continues to assist in the Maternal Child Health program.

### **Hualapai Child Care Planning Committee**

Member Powskey named the other members on the planning committee, which includes two other Regional Council Members, Member Hunter and Vice Chair Irwin, as well as Coordinator Pascual. Member Powskey stated that the Tribal Child Care Center will need to operate on its own and the child care funds would need to be approved if used for the operations of the day care. Member Powskey asked that a written request be sent to the Child Care Committee to set up a meeting in March to discuss further plans for the day care center.

### **Regional Partnership Council Banner Design**

Coordinator Pascual mentioned that during her presentation to the Hualapai Tribal Council on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 she requested and received approval to use the Great Seal of the Hualapai Tribe on the First Thing First banner and communications materials. Regional Council Members then commented on the sample design of the banner. Coordinator Pascual will take their suggestions and work with the First Things First graphics designer to see what can be accommodated. Coordinator Pascual will email the design to the Regional Council Members for the opportunity for final comments.

### **Regional Partnership Council Membership**

Chair Imus reviewed the two year term seats expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Coordinator Pascual explained that the process that was suggested includes electing a nominating committee that could interview new applicants. Member Hunter suggested that a nominating committee would not be necessary. Chair Imus agreed. Chair Imus suggested outgoing members recruit for their own position, and also acknowledged that, because of regional council member positions in the community, some may be required to be part of the Regional Partnership Council.

### **Coordinator Update**

Coordinator Pascual reviewed with the Regional Council the Statewide Initiatives document describing the status of the development of the strategies that are being implemented statewide. Coordinator Pascual introduced Shirley Cunningham, the region's Quality First Coach, and Ms. Cunningham then introduced her new coworker, Roz French. Coordinator Pascual provided a grantee financial update and reviewed the Advocacy Kit with the Regional Council.

### **Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements**

Member Hunter reported that she attended the Chair/Vice Chair meeting in Phoenix on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and explained how important it is to talk to people to let them know and be aware of how budget cuts would affect First Things First funds. Coordinator Pascual reminded the Regional Council of the weekly legislative updates provided via conference call scheduled every Friday at noon by Sandy Carpenter, the First Things First Governmental Affairs Specialist.

### **Next Meeting –March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9am**

The next meeting will be held March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at Peach Springs School. Member Hunter announced that she would unfortunately not be present at the March meeting.

**Adjourn**

Chair Imus adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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**Della Gray, Administrative Assistant**

**Approved by:**

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**Pete Imus, Chair**

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