



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A meeting of the First Things First, Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Executive Committee was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the First Things First Offices located at 4000 N. Central Avenue, 8th Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Chair Decker called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Members present:

Janice Decker

Members present via teleconference:

Nadine Mathis Basha

Pamela Powell

Gayle Burns

Proposed Agenda for the April 13 – 14 Site Visit and Regular Board Meeting to be held in Yuma, Arizona

Sam Leyvas and Chair Decker reviewed the draft itinerary for the site visit and the draft agenda for the Regular Board Meeting to be held in Yuma Arizona, April 13-14, 2015.

Member Mathis Basha motioned to accept the meeting agenda as proposed, which was seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried.

Discussion of Options for the Administrative Hearing Process

Casey Cullings provided a brief overview of the OAH Process, Agenda item #10, that will be discussed as part of the Board Meeting, which will result in a decision of what process the Board adopts going forward, as well as what role Casey would perform as General Counsel.

Government Affairs Update

Sam Leyvas provided an update on the Governor's Budget and any possible impact it may have on FTF. The issue of the K-12 settlement is still being discussed, and at this time there is no indication we are part of those discussions.

Recent supreme court decision on redistricting, and could that have an impact on first things first, and the initiative process. Sam felt it was only focused on congressional maps.

CEO Update

The impact to FTF as a result of the State hiring freeze is minimal. The currently open Regional Director positions will not be affected, as they are deemed mission critical, as well as outreach staff and data processors.

Our office has been in contact with the with Governor's office as well as Boards and Commissions and we are anticipating a replacement to be named for Cecil, and will continue looking for a replacement for Steve, as well as waiting on the confirmation of Vice-chair Powell.

Sam had the opportunity to meet with Superintendent Douglas (Ex-officio) and Leah Landrum Taylor and she hopes to attend an upcoming meeting. Amy will remain as the Department of Ed's designee.

DHS director search is still on going with Interim Director Nelson in place until the position is filled permanently

The new DES Director, Tim Jeffries has done some reorganizing, however, Brad will still serving as designee.

The board extended an invite to the director of DCS, and his staff for dialogue, to see how our two agencies can work together, and we will host a joint in-service in April.

Read On Arizona has decided to co-locate their early literacy summit to the end of our early childhood summit. Our work is 0-5, their work is 0-8, so this is an opportunity to reach new audiences.

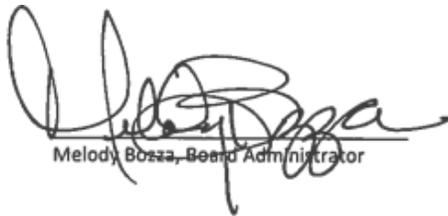
The upcoming Chairs and Vice-chairs meeting is set for April 24th 9:30 – 2:30 at the Hilton downstairs.

Future board meeting agenda items:

Research and Evaluation Plan update will be covered at the June meeting
FFN update/conversation
Long term strategic planning

Adjourn

Chair Decker adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:06.



Melody Bozza, Board Administrator

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