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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2009

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting was held on January 14, 2009 at Central Arizona College, 8470 N. Overfield Road, I211, Coolidge, Arizona, 85228.

Regional Council Chair Mezzio called item #1 for the meeting to come to order at 1:35 PM. Brief welcome by Chair Mezzio and introduction of the guests at the meeting.

Council Members in attendance:

Barbara Mezzio, Kai Gerkey, Melanie O'Neil, Charity Russell, Christina Jenkins, Mary Allen, Bryant Powell, Arnoldo Hernandez

Council Members not in attendance:

Mary Kyle and Aaron Harris

First Things First Staff in attendance:

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi and Carrie Loos

Public in attendance:

5 members of the public were present

2. Consent Agenda

Chair Mezzio called item #2 to consent agenda.

The items on the Consent Agenda included the Meeting Minutes from the December 10, 2008 Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Member O'Neil to accept the December 10, 2009 meeting minutes. Seconded by Member Hernandez. Motion carried.

3. Funding Plan Update and Discussion

Chair Mezzio called item #3 for funding plan update and discussion and recognized Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, Pinal Regional Partnership Council.

- Copies of the strategic plan summary were distributed to the Council and to the public. Action items were:

Attachment 1

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- Strategy #8 Family Support – Increase coordination of Family Support services, and provide enhancement or expansion to existing family support services.
- Strategy #10 Professional Development – Expand and enhance existing community based early care and education training and professional development support.

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reviewed why two strategies were returned to the Council for further review and noted that they will be resubmitted to the State Board Meeting in February of 2009. Ten Strategies were approved for the Pinal Regional Partnership Council.

We are currently developing the logic model and the work will be defined through the strategies and the Council will review the logic models in the four work groups (Health, Professional Development, Family Support, and Quality Access) via conference call in February.

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reviewed the Phase I, II, and III roll-outs:

- Phase I: Family Support and Health Insurance Outreach, Early Literacy, Professional Development, Scholarships, Incentives for Health Professionals, T.E.A.C.H., Quality First!, Health Consultation connected to Quality First!, Studies, Injury Prevention, Food Security, and Nutrition/Obesity Prevention
- Phase II: Access and affordability and wage enhancement
- Phase III: Professional development – ECE, screening and preventative health care, and coordination

4. Presentation and Discussion of RFGA Process

Chair Mezzio called item #4 for a presentation and discussion of RFGA process and recognized Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, Pinal Regional Partnership Council.

Copies of the PowerPoint were distributed to the Council and to the public regarding First Things First informational meeting, the competitive funding process.

The main action items were: training purpose, mission of First Things First, what is First Things First, priority goals, State Board overview, how is First Things First funded, local decision making, map of Regional Partnership Councils, be part of the vision, what is a request of grant application, why a request for grant application, development of a request for grant application, how do people find out about a request for grant application, statutory requirements, pre-application conference, selecting and training reviewers, recommendations, awards, public review, potential protests, funding timeline, logic model (needs and assets, key measures, strategies, implementation, budget, performance and evaluation).

Copies of the road show dates/flyer were distributed to the Council and to the public. Upcoming Pinal Regional Partnership Council road show dates:

- January 16, 2009 – Apache Junction Library (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- January 21, 2009 – Oracle School District Office (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- January 23, 2009 – Casa Grande Library (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

5. Regional Coordinator Report

Chair Mezzio called item #5 for the regional coordinator report and recognized Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, Pinal Regional Partnership Council.

- Quality First!
- Distribution list
- Communications update
- Regional Chair and Vice Chair Meeting
- State Board Meeting
- Community awareness meetings

6. Call to the Public

Chair Mezzio called item #6 –no call to the public forms were submitted.

7. Next Meeting Location – February 11, 2009

Chair Mezzio called item #7 and announced the next meeting location on Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

The next meeting will be held in Maricopa, Arizona but the location has not been determined.

8. Adjourn

Chair Mezzio called item #8 to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by Member Russell to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 p.m. Seconded by Member Jenkins. Motion carried.