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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE

Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Northland Pioneer College Silver Creek Campus, in the Learning Center Room 111, located at 1611 South Main Street, Snowflake, Arizona 85937.

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

Chair Mannis called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 pm.
Members present were Kristalei Baskins, Claude Endfield, Chair Mannis, Vice Chair Meyer, Nestor Montoya, Jeffrey Northup, Betsy Peck, Linda Thompson, and telephonically Cathy Taylor.
Members absent were Kirk Grugel and Margie Tapia.
Others present: Regional Director Dobler-Allen, Virginia Turner, Charlene Surber, Krista Beazley, Kat Bunker, Michelle Pansulla, DeAnn Davies, Mary Tyler, Kathy Valencik, Sarah Nolan, Lynnda Cahoon, Becky Benda-Dodd, Deborah Lewis.

Member Report and Updates

Chair Mannis asked for reports or updates from Council members. Members reported the following upcoming events, April 12, 2013 the North Country Week of the Young Child event in Holbrook, Healthy Steps Week of the Young Child Carnival April 13, 2013 in Pinetop. First Things First will have a table at both of these events.
The Teledentistry Demonstration by Navajo County Public Health is on April 4, 2013 at 9:00 am in Taylor, and Infant Toddler Guideline Training will be in Show Low 4-10-13 at 9:00 am at the Frontier Conference Center.
The Bike Rodeo will be Saturday May 4, 2013 at the Blue Ridge High School. FTF will have a table.

Call to the Public

No Calls to the Public were received.

Disclosure of Conflicts

There were no Conflict of Interest disclosures received.

Approval of February 13, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Chair Mannis asked for a Motion for the February 13, 2013 minutes. Member Thompson moved to approve the minutes for the February 13, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented. Member Meyer seconded. Motion passed.

Navajo/Apache Regional Grantee Program Updates

Summit Healthcare Healthy Steps, DeAnn Davies, Summit Healthcare

DeAnn Davies, Director of Healthy Steps at Summit Health Care, and Arizona Coordinator for all Healthy Steps programs in the State gave the Grantee report for Summit Healthcare Healthy Steps. Mrs. Davies reported that since the beginning of the Fiscal year Healthy Steps has already served 1353 families, exceeding the 800 target for SFY13. She said that some of the other deliverables they have met are they have now reached all areas of the Region, they have begun Newborn Behavioral Observations at Summit Healthcare, and they have built several new partnerships to expand the awareness of Healthy Steps in the Region.

North Country Health Care Healthy Steps, Deborah Lewis, North Country Health Care

Deborah Lewis, Director of North Country Health Care Healthy Steps gave the Grantee report North Country Healthy Steps. Ms. Lewis reported that they have expanded into the St. John's area and that although parents tend to prefer one on one rather than group, they have still had much success in delivering parenting classes to families. She reported that North Country Health Care

Healthy Steps has 948 active kids on the list with 414 new since July 1, 2013. They have done about 900 visits through well child and other doctor visits. They are also adding a Baby Sprouts program in St. Johns and have upcoming Lunch and Learn events planned.

Northland Pioneer College Recruitment into the Field, Northland Pioneer College Staff

Regional Director Dobler-Allen gave the report for the Recruitment into the Field Strategy for Northland Pioneer College staff. 10 individuals have been referred for CDA Assessment; however the grant is only paying for one. The enrollment in the Early Childhood Development traditional courses is up from 3 students last semester to 8 students this semester. One of the challenges is the SOAR Orientation which is a requirement for students with 12 or less credits. This requirement can delay students being able to attend courses until it is completed. The RITF faculty are working to conduct this training to help keep students on track.
She also reported there were 27 Professional Career Pathways students enrolled in the fall and 28 enrolled this spring.

Report on March 4, 2013 First Things First State Board Roundtable Meeting

Chair Mannis told the Council that the Roundtable Meeting was well attended. FTF CEO Rhian Evans Alvin, State Board Vice Chair Dr. Pamela Powell and member Judge Cecil Patterson, as well as members from the Navajo/Apache, Navajo Nation, and White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Councils attended. He said that there is not a lack of understanding and compassion for our region by the State Board and he also felt there is a growing understanding of the lack of infrastructure and distances between communities, as well as distances to larger metropolitan areas for services.
Member Endfield said she thought the opportunity to be able to express questions and concerns to the State Board Members was helpful and the Board members were very respectful of the concerns expressed.
Regional Director Dobler-Allen reported that the presentation given by Mary Tyler from Navajo County Health Department on the Oral Health Strategies was well received and was recognized in other Roundtable discussions as an excellent example of how system building happens in the Regions.

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Approval of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Professional Development Sub-Committee Recommendations

Chair Mannis presented the Professional Development Sub-Committee Recommendations. He said that the recommendation is based on the findings of the Council over the past 5 years identifying a regional need to provide local mentoring and coaching to our existing early care and education programs. Regional Director Dobler-Allen further explained the Community Based Professional Development for Early Care and Education Professionals Strategy as developed by the Sub-Committee. After discussion, Member Meyer moved that the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council approve the recommendations of the Professional Development Sub-committee to: Remove the Lab School Strategy from the SFY2013 Funding Plan; Add the Community-Based Professional Development for Early Childhood Education Professionals Strategy as adopted by the committee; Leave the Quality First openings as approved for SFY2014; and to Direct staff to prepare an RFGA for the Community-Based Professional Development for Early Childhood Education Professionals Strategy for SFY2014. Member Northup seconded the motion. Chair Mannis asked for a verbal vote, Member Taylor abstained, the motion was approved 8:1:2.

Discussion and Definition of Needs and Assets Additional Work to be Conducted in 2014 by Applied Survey Research

Regional Director Dobler-Allen led the discussion on the Needs and Assets additional work to be contracted with Applied Survey Research in conjunction with the Needs and Assets evaluation for SFY2014. She told the Council that they provided extra funds for data gathering activities in previous Needs and Assets survey work and that the same work should be conducted again for consistency. She said that additional funds were increased by the Council for the upcoming 2014 survey to provide funds for ASR to travel into the region to do a kick-off meeting, and to deliver the final report in person, with the Council. There are also enough funds to provide some additional deliverables such as brochures or flyers that would pull out some of the survey information in a format that would be presentable and understandable for regional partners such as boards of supervisors, school boards and others. She asked the Council members to look at the past Needs and Assets Report and give some thought as to what they would like the additional information to look like. The Council's recommendation will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Presentation and Discussion of State Fiscal Year 2013 Quarter 2 Data and Narrative Reports

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the Quarterly Data and Narrative reports for October, November, and December 2014. She explained that the reports represent information provided by the grantees about the work completed on their Strategy over the quarter. The data report represents the numbers, and the narrative reports provide a summary of highlights or challenges in narrative form. She then briefly went through the reports for the Council. One highlight of special note from the REWARD$ Strategy is that awareness and participation has significantly increased.

Regional Director's Report

Monthly Report

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented her monthly report of her activities and meetings. She has a full calendar of meetings and events for March and April. A few that she noted are the Parent Outreach and Awareness RFGA closes on March 15, 2013. Also the contract renewal responses are due April 1, 2013. March 20, 2013 is the next Grantee Coordination meeting at 1:00 pm at NPC in Holbrook. She also noted that FTF CEO Rhian Evans-Alvin will be making her official visit to the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council at the Regular Meeting on April 10, 2013.

Financial Reports

Regional Director Dobler-Allen provided the monthly Funding Plan Summary and Contract Detail reports to the Council. She said all of the Strategies are expending as planned, and there are no unusual expenditures to report.

Regional Boundary Task Force Update

Regional Director Dobler-Allen provided the Council with the recommendations of the Regional Boundary Task Force. The recommendation was to make no changes to the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Boundary.

Community Outreach Report

Community Outreach Coordinator Michelle Pansulla presented her report for March. She did a presentation in St. Johns that was very successful, and also received some oral health related scholastic titles for the Heber Lions Club Tooth Fairy to hand out.

General Discussion

Chair Mannis asked for General Discussion, there were no reports or comments.

Adjourn – next meeting scheduled for April 10, 2013 in Show Low

Chair Mannis asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Endfield motioned to adjourn, Member Peck seconded, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:35 p.m.

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