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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Draft Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on February 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the ABC Day Care Classroom, 422 S. 2nd Ave., Whiteriver, AZ 85941.

Chair Massey, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 2:33 p.m.

Members Present:

Bradley Brock, Shine Burnette, Deborah Clendon, Laurel Endfield, Ranelda Hastings, and Kirk Massey, Jr.

Members Absent: Velma Kaytoggy, Mary Kline, and Faye Smith

Other Attendees: Kate Dobler-Allen, Rochelle Lacapa, Cassandra O'Neill, and Maureen Theobald

Review of Regional Partnership Council Member Terms

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed the status of each member's term and stated that all members will serve a four-year term from this point forward. Coordinator Lacapa then explained the application process for those seats which will be coming open.

Discussion and Possible Adoption of the January 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Chair Massey, Jr., reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 11, 2010.

Member Burnette moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council accept the minutes of the January 11, 2010 Regular Meeting as presented. Member Clendon seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Call to the Public

None

Update on SFY2010 Operational Plan

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed the columns represented on the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Operational Plan. Coordinator Lacapa then informed the members that the Child Find Program has not received enough proposals in order to hold the Annual Early Childhood and Health Conference; therefore, they are declining the \$6,000 funding that had been authorized them. Coordinator Lacapa asked the members if they would like to continue to see this report; the members agreed they would like to see it on a quarterly basis.

Update on SFY2010 Unallocated Food Box Funds and Modification of Support Box Contract

Coordinator Lacapa shared that this contract is in place. Member Clendon noted that Veldon Clendon is the new Director of The Hope Center.

Update on SFY 2010 Needs & Assets Report

Ms. Cassandra O'Neill of Wholonomy Consulting shared with the members that there are three consultants from their organization who will be working on this report. Ms. O'Neill further stated their organization uses a strength-based approach (looking at the resources that are already available) and that they begin their research with data collection and then review the data to determine the results. After discussion, it was determined that Coordinator Lacapa will provide Ms. O'Neill with a copy of the 2008 Needs & Assets Report, consider along with Ms. O'Neill possible suggestions for changes to the new report and then share that information at the next Regional Partnership Council meeting. Coordinator Lacapa informed the members she has provided updates to the White

Mountain Apache Tribal Council and the White Mountain Apache Health Board on an ongoing basis and noted that the new Needs & Assets Report will need to be approved by August 2010.

Legislative Update

Coordinator Lacapa presented guidelines outlining appropriate procedures Regional Partnership Council members can take related to the current legislative status. Coordinator Lacapa informed the members that First Things First has made a proposal to the State offering a potential loan and shared that there is a bill on the floor now to repeal the Voter Protection Act, which would be on the ballot in May 2010, if repealed. This would then result in a sweep of 50 percent of the First Things First fund balance and 50 percent of First Things First's revenues. Based on this, First Things First would only be able to operate at the current funding level until SFY 2012. Coordinator Lacapa reminded the members of the Chairs/Vice Chairs teleconference sessions which are held every Friday.

Discussion and Possible Approval to Reallocate SFY 2010 Carry Forward Dollars

Coordinator Lacapa informed the members that the First Things First Board approved the use of SFY 2010 Carry Forward funds, which would have to be spent by June 30, 2010. Coordinator Lacapa stated the members may want to keep the presently slated \$175,000 in Carry Forward funds designated to early literacy and oral health but reminded the members of the \$6,000 available because of the Child Find Program declining its funding. This agenda item had to be tabled due to a lack of quorum because of conflicts of interest.

Review and Discussion of SFY 2010 Quarter 1 Narrative Reports

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed the first quarter narrative reports, which cover July through September of 2009 and noted the second quarter's reporting would have been submitted to FTF on January 20, 2010. Full discussion of this agenda item was tabled until all members could be present.

Discussion and Possible Renewal of SFY 2010 Contracts for SFY 2011

Due to conflicts of interest, and subsequent lack of quorum, sub-agenda items 11a: Johns Hopkins Father's Project, 11b: Northland Pioneer College Apache Families First Project and 11c: FCCLA Early Childhood conference had to be tabled. Therefore, the only sub-agenda item that could be discussed was 11d: Tribal Planning Department Census Project. Coordinator Lacapa noted this contract is pending, awaiting the Tribal Council Chairman's signature.

After further discussion, Vice Chair Endfield moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council offer a renewal of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Planning Department Census contract in the amount of \$5,500 for SFY 2011. Member Clendon seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Funding Mechanisms for SFY 2011 New Strategies

Due to conflicts of interest, and subsequent lack of quorum, sub-agenda item 12b: Child Care Scholarships had to be tabled. With regard to sub-agenda item 12a: Parent Coaching, Coordinator Lacapa reminded the members that this strategy involves children who are at risk for developmental delay but who do not qualify for services. Coordinator Lacapa shared her recommendation that this strategy go out through the Request for Grant Application (RFGA) competitive process, in which case the soonest it could be released would be March 3, 2010 and would then be awarded in July 2010.

Vice Chair Endfield moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the funding mechanism for Parent Coaching as a Request for Grant Application process. Member Clendon seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Next Quarter's Meetings Dates, Times, Locations

Due to the tabled agenda items mentioned above, the members proposed a special meeting be held on Monday, February 15, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., at the Red Devil Restaurant in Pinetop, AZ. In addition, the following dates were proposed for the next quarter's meetings:

- A. Monday, April 12, 2010, 3:00 p.m., ABC Day Care
- B. Monday, May 10, 2010, 3:00 p.m., ABC Day Care
- C. Monday, June 14, 2010, 3:00 p.m., ABC Day Care

Member Burnette moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the second quarter meeting dates as proposed. Member Brock seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Update on Regional Partnership Council Member Recruitment Efforts

Coordinator Lacapa shared that there are two positions still needing to be filled: the Health Care Provider and the At Large position. Suggestions were made regarding potential applicants.

Update on February Chair's and Vice Chair's Meeting

Chair Massey, Jr., stated Executive Director J. Elliott Hibbs said a farewell to First Things First staff and volunteers. Assistant Director of Regional Partnership Councils, Michelle Katona, announced First Things First's new Executive Director, Rhian Evans Allvin, who will start on February 16, 2010.

Coordinator's Reports

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed her list of meetings in the community and the newspaper articles submitted to *The Apache Scout* during the month of January. After discussion, members asked Coordinator Lacapa to include interviews or stories in *The Apache Scout* highlighting a family or individual that has benefitted from First Things First funds in the community.

Items for the Good of the Order

Coordinator Lacapa asked the members if Head Start is in need of funding; Chair Massey, Jr., stated they do have funding. The next Regular meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council will be held on Monday, March 15, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., at the ABC Day Care.

Adjourn

Having no further business, Chair Massey, Jr., adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Approved:

Kirk Massey, Jr., Chair

Rochelle Lacapa, Regional Coordinator