

East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2015

Welcome and Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on March 18, 2015 at the Vista del Camino Park and Community Center, 7700 East Roosevelt Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85257.

Vice Chair Marie Raymond welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:32 p.m.

Members Present:

Vice Chair Marie Raymond, and Council Members Trinity Donovan, Cheryl Foster, Beth Haas, Emily Rajakovich, and Marin Velarde

Members Absent:

Chair Frank Narducci and Council Members Becky Henry, Bill Myhr, and Mary Permoda

There were 9 members of the public present.

Call to the Public

- Leila Serna with Little Kings & Queens expressed her concerns about loss of scholarship funds for her preschool.
- Yessica Morales with the Chandler Christian Community Center presented an update on their activities and families served at their family resource center.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2015

Council Member Donovan moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 18, 2015. Council Member Rajakovich seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 6-0.

2nd Quarter Grantee Data and Narrative Summary Report

- Community Awareness Strategy**
- Family Support Strategies**

Regional Director Conrad Lindo reviewed the Data and Narrative Summary Report with the Regional Council members and answered any questions they had related to the report. Regional Director Lindo had a conversation with staff from the Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Coalition and they are considering being able to provide mandatory child abuse reporting training to grantees. Regional Director Lindo further explained that First Things First Program staff has been working on a new data template for uniform reporting of unduplicated numbers for family resource centers. It was also noted that moving forward, the Standard of Practice for Parenting Education will require all programs to be evidence-based. Regional Director Lindo will follow up and check on the reported numbers for hearing, vision and development screenings for grantees.

First Things First Quality Assurance Site Visit

Regional Director Conrad Lindo provided information about the Quality Assurance site visit results for the Arizona American Academy of Pediatrics for the Care Coordination and Medical Home strategy and answered any questions the Council members had related to the site visit report.

Community Outreach Update

Community Outreach Coordinator Leveen reviewed her February Community Outreach Report with the Council members and answered their questions.

Community Outreach Coordinator Leveen provided information about the nominees for the Community Outreach Champions for Young Children Award: Cathy Arvizu, Andrea Benkel, Gitika Pawar, and Carol Stautberg. Full details of the nominees will be included in the April meeting packet for Council members to vote on their nominee from the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council.

Let the record reflect that at 5:30 p.m. Council Member Foster physically left the meeting, however, was connected by telephone prior to leaving the meeting so there was no loss of quorum.

Director Updates

Regional Director Lindo referred the Council members to the Qualify First Update which was included as part of the meeting packet.

Regional Director Lindo stated that the Community Awareness budget will be discussed at a future meeting, and part of that budget is for sponsorships. Information about the sponsorship to the Arizona Science Center for a February 21, 2015 event was included in the packet. Mr. Lindo also shared information about what he observed during his attendance at the event.

Regional Director Lindo stated that numerous Requests for Grant Applications have been sent out with reviews of the applications taking place in the next few months and voting on the RFGA's taking place at the May meeting.

As a follow-up to a question posed by Council Member Donovan last month on whether or not the reduction in child care scholarships would affect the federal matching funds for the State of Arizona, Regional Director Lindo researched the issue and reported the reduction in child care scholarships would not affect the federal match because First Things First was already well above the minimum amount of \$30 million in matching funds.

Regional Director Lindo noted as a result of the request from Council members, the elevator speech has been printed on everyone's tent cards; unfortunately, the elevator speech could not be added to the meeting agenda.

Regional Council Updates

Council Member Rajakovich reported on the civic engagement training which she attended with Regional Director Lindo. The meeting included leaders from various philanthropies around the state. The purpose of the training was to identify how as grant makers, we could encourage civic engagement or engage with the groups that they serve in a more meaningful way and the impact they could have. Everyone felt that it was a great initial session and hope that there are more meetings.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Raymond asked for any additional questions or comments from the Council and receiving none adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Note: Council Member Foster participated in the meeting from 5:30 to 5:39 p.m. via the use of the Regional Director's cellphone with it being on speaker phone with Council Member Foster being able to hear and fully participate in the meeting.

Submitted By _____
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Approved By _____
Marie Raymond, Vice Chair