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Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

San Luis Community Center

800 E. Juan Sanchez Blvd.

San Luis, Arizona 85349

March 19, 2009

Minutes

Welcome/Introduction/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m. by Interim Vice Chair Madeleine Coil. Council Members present were Interim Vice Chair Madeleine Coil, Council Member Judy Watkinson, Member Susan Pond, Council Member Irene Garza, and Council Member Sarah Seneker. Council Member Juli Jessen was present by means of a conference call. Also present were Regional Manager Marla Chamberlain and Administrative Assistant Marie Megui.

Consent Agenda

The items on the Consent Agenda included the Council Minutes of February 19, February 26, and March 02, 2009. A motion was made by Council Member Pond to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Garza. Motion passed.

Call To The Public

None

Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Mary Reyes Sanford provided the Council with an update of the First Things First Emergency Crisis Response Plan. The Council reviewed the Yuma Regional Partnership Council tracking sheet which included Council decisions made by the Council at the March 02, 2009 Yuma Regional Partnership Council Special Meeting which also referenced the Yuma Region Food Boxes and participation in a bid waiver for Access and Affordability strategies. Yuma Regional Manager Marla Chamberlain provided clarification regarding the process for selection of vendors for both the Food Boxes and the Expedited Family Support Home Visitation strategy.

A motion was made by Council Member Watkinson to approve the Yuma Food Bank as the vendor for distribution of food boxes based on their capacity to meet the region wide need, as described in the decision tracking sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Seneker. The motion passed.

A recommendation was made by the Council to approve the timeline for the vendor application process in regards to the Family Support Strategy on Friday, March 20, 2009. Applications are to be submitted by Wednesday, March 25, 2009 with final recommendations submitted to the Council by the review team on Friday, March 27, 2009 at 5:00 pm. A motion was made by Council Member Pond to approve the timeline as discussed by the Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Seneker. The Council discussed the possibility of a **Telephonic Conference Call Special Meeting** to be held on Friday, March 27, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to review and approve final vendor recommendations by the review team. A motion was made by Council Member Seneker to expedite the family support strategy, continue funding through June 2010, and to utilize the process in place in reference to notifying all potential vendors in the community with a response date of March 25, 2009 to be submitted to a review team. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza. The motion passed.

Coordinator Update

Coordinator Mary Reyes Sanford informed the Council of a pending invitation to Judge Weiss to address the issue of a "stable home environment for displaced infants".

She also provided the Council with an update in regards to the Arizona Parent Kit.

Interim Vice Chair Coil informed the Council of Cradle to Kinder advocacy interests and Ana Bribiesca of the Yuma County Association for the Education of Young Children will compile the information required to move forward with a region wide advocacy plan. An update will be provided for the Council as progress is made.

The council discussed a meeting date for a review team. Council Member Watkinson volunteered for the mornings of March 26 or 27, and Council Member Garza volunteered for March 26, 2009 with no time restrictions.

Next Meeting

April 16, 2009, 10:00 a.m., ALC Copper Hills House located at 12234 N. Frontage Rd, Yuma, Arizona 85367. A No Host Breakfast scheduled for 8:30 a.m. will precede the Yuma Regional Partnership Council meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



Madeleine Coil
Interim Vice Chair



Marie Megui
Administrative Assistant II