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Arizona Early Child Development and Health Board Yavapai Regional Partnership Council **DRAFT** Minutes

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First – Yavapai Regional Partnership Council was held on February 24, 2010 at the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Bradshaw Room (East and West), 3274 Bob Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314.

Anne Babinsky, Regional Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Members Present: Anne Babinsky, Barbara Jorgensen, Margie Beach, Becky Ruffner, Ophelia Tewawina, Kelly McCready and Mica Williams. Members Absent: Ann Sult

Approve RPC Meeting Minutes

Council Member Becky Ruffner made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Barbara Jorgensen and passed unanimously.

Council Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Council Member Mica Williams declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning childcare scholarships because she works for an organization that receives scholarships.

Council Member Becky Ruffner declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning Never Shake A Baby Arizona, Court Teams and Mental Health Consultation because she is the Executive Director of an organization that receives or may apply to receive funding for these services.

Council Member Barbara Jorgensen declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning Nurse Home Visitation for High Risk Children in Foster Care; Home Visitation programs and child care health consultation because she works for an organization that receives funding for these services.

Call to the Public

No members of the public addressed the Council during Call to the Public.

Coordinator's Report

Regional Council Coordinator Marcia Jacobson reported on a number of current events, including: the status of the Child Care Study contract with the University Consortium, the Diaper Drive, the February 23, 2010 State Board meeting and weekly Chairs and Vice Chairs conference call.

Needs and Assets Report

Dr. Jeff Pfeifer, Senior Evaluation Associate with LeCroy & Milligan Associates provided information to the Regional Council concerning LeCroy & Milligan Associates and its approach to completing the basic Needs and Assets report and the supplemental family support needs analysis

Financial and Program Data Report

Coordinator Jacobson reported that the Financial and Program Data Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2009 will be available approximately March 10, 2010 and will be presented at the next Regional Partnership Council meeting.

Regional Council Nominating Committee

Chairperson Anne Babinsky reviewed the process for recommending appointments to Regional Council positions to the State Board. The Yavapai Region will be recruiting for five, four-year positions that end in June 2014, as well as one that will expire in June 2012. The four-year positions are child care provider, at-large, parent, philanthropy and tribal representative. The school administrator seat expires in June 2012. Member Ruffner made a motion to establish a Nominating Committee made up of Anne Babinsky, Margie Beach and a community member. The motion was seconded by Member Jorgensen and passed unanimously.

SFY2010 Expenditures and Grant Award Amendment Authority

Coordinator Jacobson reviewed the Regional Partnership Council grant award amendment authority granted by the State Board on February 23, 2010. At this time, the Regional Council wants to maintain SFY2010 funding amounts and service levels and feels the carry forward amount is appropriate to ensure the Regional Council has the ability to be responsive to situations that may arise in the future.

First Things First Public Affairs Tactics

The Regional Council reviewed the proposed regional communications strategies that compliment the statewide communications effort. There was discussion about the option of hiring a local communications consultant and how that might work. It was determined that Council Member Ruffner and Coordinator Jacobson will work together to develop a regional communications recommendation to be presented to the Regional Council at their March meeting.

SFY2011 Strategy Implementation

Coordinator Jacobson reviewed the SFY2011 strategies and the method of implementation, whether Request for Grant Application (RFGA), renewal, grant agreement or government-to-government agreement.

SFY2011 Strategy Development – Health Insurance Outreach and Application Assistance

First Things First Senior Policy Specialist, Kelley Murphy provided information to the Regional Council concerning the status of KidsCare and AHCCCS public health insurance programs and the continued benefits of providing outreach to assist potentially eligible families apply for health insurance coverage. This strategy has been approved as part of the SFY2011 Yavapai Regional Funding Plan at a funding level of \$100,000. The Regional Council determined that they would continue to pursue this strategy with implementation scheduled for July 1, 2010.

SFY2011 Strategy Development – Provider Stipends/Scholarships

Coordinator Jacobson informed the Regional Council that while First Things First supports provider stipends as an appropriate access and affordability strategy, Policy staff has recommended postponing implementation of the strategy until SFY2012 to allow research on best practices to be completed. The Regional Council discussed maintaining their current scholarship strategy for SFY2011 rather than transitioning to provider stipends. The Regional Council reviewed information provided to them about the cost of maintaining the current number of scholarships.

Council Member Ruffner made a motion to maintain the scholarship strategy for SFY2011. The motion was seconded by Member Kelly McCready and passed with a majority of votes. Council Member Mica Williams abstained.

Council Member Margie Beach made a motion to revise the funding allocated to scholarships for SFY2011 from \$500,000 to \$583,041, with \$83,041 coming from unexpended SFY2010 funds. The motion was seconded by Member Ruffner and passed with a majority of votes. Council member Mica Williams abstained.

Council Member McCready left the meeting at this point.

Revisions to Regional Partnership Council Governance

The Regional Council completed the second reading of revisions to the Regional Partnership Council Governance document. Council Member Jorgensen made a motion to adopt the revisions to the Governance document. The motion was seconded by Council Member Williams and passed unanimously.

Recommendations of the Family Support Collaborative Sub-Committee

Council Member Beach presented the recommendations of the Family Support Collaborative Sub-Committee to provide financial support for a Parenting Education website for \$485, Parenting Education Coalition supplies and promotional materials for \$2,315 and for a Child Care Coalition Conference for \$1,910.

Council Member Beach made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Family Support Collaborative Sub-Committee to approve funding requests for Parenting Education website for \$485, Parenting Education Coalition supplies and promotional materials for \$2,315 and for a Child Care Coalition Conference for \$1,910. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jorgensen and passed unanimously.

Council Member Reports and Updates

Chair Babinsky reported on the Child Care Conference scheduled for April 24, 2010. Member Ruffner reported that a Court Team training provided on February 10th in Cottonwood was very successful.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Partnership Council is a regular meeting scheduled for March 24, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Prescott.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Marcia M. Jacobson

Marcia M. Jacobson, Regional Coordinator

Approved:

Anne Babinsky, Chair

March 24, 2010