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Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board March 25, 2014 Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on March 25, 2014 at the Family Resource Center, 817 North Country Club Drive, Mesa, Arizona 85201.

Chair Sallquist called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Appreciation for the Grantees that were present was noted.

Members Present

Chair Julie Sallquist, Vice Chair Jack Dillenberg, Christine Scarpati, Sherreis Moreland, Anna David, and Maggie Pfaffenberger. Erica Alexander joined the meeting by teleconference.

Members Absent

Detza Bogaert, David Wade and Dee Tamminen.

Members of the Public

There were twenty six members of the public present.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2014

Vice Chair Dillenberg motioned to accept the minutes of February 25, 2014. Member Scarpati seconded the motion and it was approved 6/0 with no verbal response from Member Alexander telephonically.

Call to the Public

There was no call to the public.

Quarter 2 Grantee Data/Narrative Reports (Review and Possible Discussion)

Senior Director Sabatini gave an overview of the Quarter 2 Grantee Data/Narrative Reports. A familiar barrier among several Grantees was employee retention difficulties. It was also noted that Quarter 2 had proved less active than normal due to the Holidays.

There was discussion about the limited hours and days at the United Food Bank. The Food Box Certificate distribution to families in need will be addressed at a future Council meeting.

Also discussed was how the new East Maricopa Region would affect Southeast Maricopa. Senior Director Sabatini assured everyone that nothing would change in FY15 from a grantee perspective.

Conversations with Family Support Grantees

Chair Sallquist welcomed the family support grantees for home visitation, parent education and family resource centers. The grantees introduced themselves and their teams and then Senior Director Sabatini led the discussion. Each grantee gave a brief description of their program, program successes, partnerships, and barriers.

Carol Lopinski, from Child Crisis Center, stated the data and assessment requirements by national program models and First Things First have prolonged the time period for families to actually receive services. Vice Chair Dillenberg asked about vision screening. At this time, Child Crisis Center does a simple test and, if needed, refers the family to other agencies.

Mary-Laura Brooks, from Healthy Families, reported that their big success was the collaborative opportunities through My Child's Ready. She discussed the age requirement of birth up to 90 days to quality for their program. Vice Chair Dillenberg suggested convening a group to reach out to Banner Hospital to address the challenge of not having access to engage families on site.



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Victoria Olsen, from Parents as Teachers, reported great success with their Group Connections programs. When asked about the success of children after they leave the program, Ms. Olsen stated that at this time, there is no tracking of the children after program completion.

Donna Shott, from Parenting Arizona, reported that 90% of her staff is car seat certified, and 50% is bilingual. Ms. Shott also expressed how difficult the national program model and First Things First deadlines and data assessment requirements are to meet.

Jannelle Radoccia, from Lutheran Social Services, shared handouts of upcoming events with the Council. Family Spot is designed to be a Resource Center for families. They intend to accomplish this by continuing to bring in other partners to offer services. The Play Spot room is a success story for them. They have opened that room to Gilbert Child Protective Services when needed for parent/child visitation.

Dr. Jill Stamm, from New Directions and Wendy Puga, from Child & Family Resources, gave an update of their service locations such as Banner Hospital and Mesa Public Schools. They now have a parent only class, where parents can receive training and tips on how to further guide their children.

Chair Sallquist told the Council the Care Coordination, Oral Health, and Early Learning Grantees will be addressing them at the next meeting.

Community Outreach Coordinator's Report (Report and Possible Discussion)

In the absence of Community Outreach Coordinator, John Taylor, Senior Director Sabatini reviewed his First Things First Core Message of the Month handout. The handout gave the success stories from the Oral Health Site tour held on February 20, 2014. The Council and Grantees expressed their appreciation for all that John does for the Southeast Maricopa Region.

Member Alexander left the meeting telephonically at 5:30 pm.

Senior Director's Update (Report and Possible Discussion)

Senior Director Sabatini informed everyone that the new Southeast Maricopa Regional Director, Cynthia Melde, will be starting on April 7, 2014. The Southeast Maricopa Regional Council seat applicants are set to be interviewed in April. May 1, 2014 is the day for the Statewide Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair meeting.

Council Member Updates (Report and Possible Discussion)

Member Scarpati informed the Council there will be a rally at the Senate on Thursday, March 27, 2014, at 10:00 am. Chair Sallquist reported that she and Community Outreach Coordinator John Taylor attended the Queen Creek Town Council meeting where the Council acknowledged 'The Week of the Young Child'. Vice Chair Dillenber announced that A.T. Still University's Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health was the Winner of the 2014 William J. Gies Awards of Vision, Innovation and Achievement.

Adjournment: Next Meeting April 22, 2014

Chair Sallquist adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Approved by:

Julie Sallquist, Regional Council Chair