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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2009

Call to Order
The Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting was held on March 27, 2009 at First Things First, 1515 E. Florence Blvd, Ste 110, Casa Grande, AZ 85228.

Regional Council Chair Mezzio called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM.

Council Members in attendance:
Barbara Mezzio, Christina Jenkins, and Melanie O'Neil

Council Members in attendance via conference call:
Kai Gerkey, Charity Russell, Mary Kyle, Mary Allen, Arnoldo Hernandez, Bryant Powell

Council Members not in attendance:
All Council Members present

First Things First Staff in attendance:
Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Teri Lippens, and Carrie Loos

Public in attendance:
0 members of the public were present

Expedited Home Visiting Strategy Discussion and Possible Award of Expedited Home Visiting Grants
A statement was read by Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, Pinal Regional Partnership Council to remind the Regional Council and the public that only those non-Regional Council members reasonably necessary to the Executive Session discussion may attend the Executive Session. All others are asked to leave the room after the motion and vote. Please take all of your materials including your brief cases. In addition the Regional Council members and staff were reminded that matters discussed in Executive Session must be kept confidential by those attending pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (C), except in some very limited circumstances, such as in the course of an Open Meeting Law investigation by the Attorney General or County Attorney. Also, the Regional Council Members and staff that attended the Executive Session are subject to the provision of the Open Meeting Law.

A motion was made by Member Kai Gerkey to move into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A) (2), for the purpose of agenda item #2 – discussion of confidential information regarding expedited home visiting strategy and possible award of expedited home visiting grants, seconded by Member Chrissie Jenkins. Motion carried. It is approximately 10:22 AM. Council Member Melanie O'Neil was asked to step out of the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Executive Session is recorded and the minutes are confidential.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins to close Executive Session, seconded by Member Gerkey. Motion carried. It is approximately 11:21 AM.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins to approve the review team recommendation to award agency profile 10-05 a $500,000.00 grant for April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 to provide home visitation programs under the First Things First Emergency Early Childhood Response Program, seconded by Member Hernandez. Motion approved. The grant recommendation is as followed: FTF-HOME-10-05 in the amount of $500,000.00. All Council Members were in favor where there was not a conflict of interest. Council Member O'Neil did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

Next Meeting – April 8, 2009 (1:00 – 4:00pm)
The next Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at Central Arizona College.

Central Arizona College, M101
8470 N. Overfield Road
Coolidge, AZ 85228

Adjourn
A motion was made by Member Jenkins to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 AM, seconded by member Kyle. Motion carried.

Submitted By:

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi
Regional Coordinator
Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Approved By:

Barbara Mezzio
Chair, Pinal Regional Partnership Council