



**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board  
Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council  
Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2013**

**1. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First – Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council was held on February 27, 2013 at Homeward Bound, 2302 West Colter Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85015.

Chair Urvater called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

**Members Present**

Toby Urvater, Chair  
Chris Tompkins, Vice Chair  
Jacqueline Schlosser  
Karen Stewart  
Jessica Jarvi  
Gifford Loda  
Ginger Ward  
Jan Olav Flaaten  
Judi Gottschalk  
Nicole McNeil  
Kim Winzer

**Members Absent**

None

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The Council reviewed the minutes from the January 23, 2013 meeting. Vice Chair Tompkins moved to approve the meeting minutes of the January 23, 2013. Second by Member Loda. The motion passed.

**3. Call to the Public**

None

**4. Health Impact Assessment Final Report**

Tony Sissons, Research Advisory Services, Inc., gave a brief overview of the purpose of the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and the process that went into identifying and assessing health service needs, resources, overlaps, and gaps of services within the region. Mr. Sissons also briefly reviewed the four phases of the (HIA).

Eddie Sissons, Research Advisory Services, Inc., gave a brief summary of the five health related areas that were included in the HIA and reviewed the findings and recommendations.

Vice Chair Tompkins thanked the HIA Committee for the time and effort that went into reviewing the HIA. Vice Chair Tompkins also explained the process the Committee underwent to develop its recommendations and how the review lead to the prioritization of strategies and the recommended funding amounts for each.

**5. Health Prevention Committee Considerations and Recommendations**

Rana Simms provided a brief review of recommendations for the Prenatal Outreach strategy and explained the recommendation to increase the allotted funding amount to \$400,000. Ms. Simms also stated that the recommendation requests that the Council consider awarding a grant(s) under this strategy in the form of an Intergovernmental Service Agreement (ISA) rather than through the Request for Grant Application (RFGA) process.

Ms. Simms provided a brief review of recommendations for the Oral Health strategy. Ms. Simms stated that the recommendation requests that the Council consider awarding a grant(s) under this strategy in the form of an ISA and include fluoride varnishing, parent education, and professional educations/outreach components.

Member Gottschalk inquired if any consideration had been made for attracting pediatric dentists into the region. Dr. Karen Peifer, Sr. Director for Children's Health at First Things First, stated that First Things First is in the process of developing a portal to be used by dentists to register themselves as a pediatric dental resource.

Ms. Simms reviewed recommendations for the Developmental and Sensory Screening strategy and stated that the recommendation is to continue the current strategy but add a component to address follow-up services after sensory screenings are conducted. The added component could include funding for new equipment and training in the operation of the new equipment.

Member Jarvi questioned why sensory screening for the First Things First North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council had funding appeared to be lower per target service unit than the Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council. Ms. Simms stated that the higher per target service unit cost is due to the purchase of and training in new screening equipment.

Vice Chair Chris Tompkins called for any conflicts of interest with the Prenatal Outreach strategy. Chair Urvater declared a conflict of interest

Member Gottschalk moved to approve the Prenatal Outreach Strategy for State Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of \$400,000, to serve 400 adults through home visitation and 600 adults to receive training. Second by Member Loda. Chair Urvater recused from voting due to a conflict of interest. The motion passed.

Member Winzer moved to approve the Oral Healthcare Strategy for State Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of \$400,000, to provide fluoride varnish and screening to 4,000 children 0-5 and to provide training to 17 dentists in the Central Phoenix region. Second by Member Flaaten. Chair Urvater recused from voting due to a conflict of interest. The motion passed.

Member McNeil moved to approve the Developmental and Sensory Screening Strategy in the amount of \$400,000, to screen 4,200 number of children with hearing and vision screening. The strategy approach to not only include screening, but to also include trainings and technical assistance, and support for equipment to increase the capacity in the region to provide screening and the support necessary to assure children are connected to follow up diagnostic and available treatment. Second by Member Flaaten. Chair Urvater recused from voting due to a conflict of interest. The motion passed.

## **6. Director's Report**

Ms. Simms announced that the First Things First Board member and Phoenix-Gila River Indian Community Council member Roundtable is scheduled for March 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Simms reviewed the Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council timeline and stated that the review of applications for the Care Coordination strategy grant is upcoming. Chair Urvater stated that she was concerned with any gaps in service due to the expected late grant award and asked First Things First staff to ensure that the impact to current programs is considered.

Ms. Simms stated that during the month of March 2013, SFY 2013 second quarter data will be reviewed and that a vendor for the SFY 2014 Needs and Assets Report will need to be selected. Chair Urvater requested that Needs and Assets reports from other regions from previous years be distributed to the Council for review.

## **7. Chair's Report and General Discussion**

Chair Urvater stated that the April 2013 Council meeting may be cancelled.

Chair Urvater briefly reported that the First Things First Boundary Task Force will be presenting their recommendations to the Board at the June 2013 Board meeting. Jennifer Johnson, Sr. Regional Director at First Things First, explained the process of soliciting public input prior to the finalizing the recommendations. The Council discussed the potential impact of to the community if the Central Phoenix region is incorporated into other regions.

Chair Urvater gave a brief synopsis of the items addressed at the February 2013 Chair and Vice Chair meeting at First Things First.

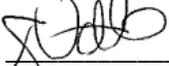
Chair Urvater stated that a First Things First children's art event will be held at the Herberger Theatre on March 23, 2013. Susana Ibarra, Community Outreach Coordinator at First Things First, stated that this will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event.

**8. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

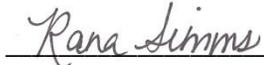
The next Council meeting is scheduled March 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at Magellan Health Services, 4801 East Washington Street, Suite 101, Phoenix, Arizona 85034.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.

**Submitted By:**



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**Council Approval:**

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Toby Urvater, Chair  
Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council