



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Draft Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2012 – Day One
First Things First Board Meeting

Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the First Things First – Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on January 17, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held at First Things First, 4000 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85012.

Chair Lynn called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Steve Lynn, Nadine Mathis Basha, Dr. Pamela Powell, Vivian Saunders and Gayle Burns

Members Absent:

Cecil Patterson and Dr. Eugene Thompson

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Mary Ellen Cunningham, Brad Willis, and Amy Corriveau

Conflict of Interest

Chairman Lynn asked the Board members if there were conflicts of interest regarding items on this agenda. There were no conflicts at this time.

Call to the Public

There were no calls to the public at this time.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried.

Board Member Report/Update

Member Powell expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to sit on the National Advisory Panel and stated the great work that was in progress.

Member Saunders reported to the Board regarding attending the Tribal Check Presentation for the Cocopah Regional Partnership Council and thanked staff for their assistance. Member Saunders also shared her appreciation for keynote Kathy Hirsh Pasek.

CEO Report/Update

Rhian Evans Allvin, Chief Executive Officer updated the Board on the following items;

Ms. Allvin mentioned to the Board regarding the Race to the Top grant although we did not receive the grant it was instructive and a great opportunity. Ms. Allvin stated that staff is working on a thorough analysis of the state that did get funding and will report back in April.

Ms. Allvin echoed Member Powell sentiments regarding the National Advisory Panel regarding the progress that is being made and how they are exceeding expectations. Ms. Allvin mentioned that the next two meetings will be in March and May and staff will forward the dates and times to Board members.

Ms. Allvin updated the Board that we received notification of an ADOA audit that will consist of internal controls, transactions, adherence to the state accounting manual, revenues, expenditures, bidding and procurement process, payroll and travel and will keep the Board updated.

Ms. Allvin updated the Board regarding the Governor's budget that was recently released.

Discussion and Possible Appointment of Regional Partnership Council Applicants

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha that the Board approve the appointment of Regional Council applicants as presented, seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 2-3, 2012 in San Carlos/Graham Greenlee, Arizona.

First Reading - Governance Policy

2-101 Responsible Government Statement; 2-102 Duties and Job Description; 2-103 Principles of Engagement Statement; 2-104 Board Priorities

CEO Allvin presented the first reading of the revised governance policies for Board review and comment. Chairman Lynn called for Board comment; there were no comments at this time.

First Things First Future: Leadership and Governance

CEO Allvin presented to the Board a brief introduction into the strategic planning session and introduced Leslie Anderson, Leslie Anderson Consulting, who proceeded to facilitate the conversation with the Board members in a strategic thinking and planning session.

Vision

Amendment to read: All Arizona's children, by age five, are ready to succeed in school and in life.

A motion was made by Member Powell to approve the Vision document as amended, seconded by Member Mathis Basha. Motion carried.

Mission

Amendment to read: First Things First is one of the critical partners in creating a family-centered, comprehensive collaborative and high-quality early childhood system that supports the development, health and early education of all Arizona's children birth through age five.

A motion was made by Member Powell to approve the Mission document as amended, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion carried.

Values

No Amendment

A motion was made by Member Burns to approve the Values document, seconded by Member Mathis Basha. Motion carried.

Priority Roles

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha to approve the change in the previously adopted system priority role to include "and collaborate with" so it reads: Early Childhood System Leadership: Convene and collaborate with partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for the conceptualization and implementation of a high

quality, child and family centered, coordinated, integrated and comprehensive early childhood system that includes clearly defined roles and responsibilities, seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried.

Strategic Priorities

The Board asked staff to bring the Strategic Priorities document back in April with amendments for discussion.

Regional Funding Plan Presentations

Michelle Katona, Chief Regional Officer presented to the Board a regional funding plan overview recognizing regional councils and staff, giving a brief overview of funding plans, strategies in development and program evaluation.

North Pima Regional Partnership Council

Scott Ingram, Chair for the North Pima Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Michelle MacDonald, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *North Pima Regional Partnership Council* be approved with the exception that Quality First be held until the April board meeting following a discussion on possible options between board leadership, senior staff and council leadership. The discussions will focus on possible options and mitigating the impact to providers, seconded by Member Powell. Motion approved.

Central Pima Regional Partnership Council

Nancy Magelli, Vice Chair for the Central Pima Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Jessica Brisson, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Central Pima Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion approved.

Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council

Anna Rosas, Vice Chair for the Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Dr. Aaliyah Samuel, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Saunders that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Powell. Motion approved.

South Pima Regional Partnership Council

Connie Espinosa, Vice Chair for the South Pima Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Eleanor Droegemeier, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *South Pima Regional Partnership Council* be approved with staff, board leadership and regional council leadership working to mitigate the impact on current students enrolled in TEACH Only Scholarships, seconded by Member Burns. Motion approved.

Pascua Yaqui Regional Partnership Council

Cecilia Garacia, Chair for the Pascua Yaqui Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Tiburcia Yocupicio-Chambers, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Powell that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Pascua Yaqui Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion approved.

Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council

Louis Johnson, Chair and Mildred Manuel, Vice Chair for the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Travis Le Duc, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Saunders that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Tohono O'odham Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Powell. Motion approved.

Cocopah Regional Partnership Council

Deal Begay, Parent Representative for the Cocopah Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Ashley Pascual, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Powell that the Funding Plan recommendations submitted by the *Cocopah Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion approved.

Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council

Dale Enos, Vice Chair for the Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Cathy Thornton, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion approved.

Chairman Lynn recessed the meeting at approximately 5:15 p.m.

January 18, 2012 – Day Two
First Things First Board Meeting

Chair Lynn called the resumed the meeting at approximately 8:09 a.m.

Members Present:

Steve Lynn, Nadine Mathis Basha, Dr. Pamela Powell, Vivian Saunders, Cecil Patterson and Gayle Burns

Members Absent:

Dr. Eugene Thompson

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Mary Ellen Cunningham, Brad Willis, and Val Andrews-James

Regional Funding Plan Presentations (continued)

North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

Cindy Hallman, Chair for the North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Karen Yearwood, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Powell. Motion approved.

Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

Toby Urvater, Chair for the Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Brooke Toles-Johnson, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council* be approved with the exception of the following:

1. The new strategies which include nutrition/obesity/physical activity, Oral Health, and Family Support Children with Special Needs, and for the regional council to review their decision to add new strategies and their alignment with the continuing strategies included in the funding plan
2. Crisis intervention, and for the regional council to clarify the intent and alignment with how all the family support strategies fit together
3. Food Security, and for the Regional Council to clarify the rationale for the level of funding proposed by the regional council
4. Injury Prevention, and for the Regional Council to clarify and align with respect to coordination with other agencies and inclusion on other areas of budget

seconded by Member Saunders. Motion approved.

South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

James Washington, Chair for the South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Saunders that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Patterson. Motion approved.

Yavapai Regional Partnership Council

Kathy Watson, Vice Chair for the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Lori Deutsch, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Powell that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Yavapai Regional Partnership Council* be approved with the exception of the Service Coordination strategy, approving only \$50,000 for the community readiness assessment for SFY13, seconded by Member Patterson. Motion approved.

Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Christina Jenkins, Chair and Bryant Powell, Vice Chair, for the Pinal Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Patterson that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Pinal Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Mathis Basha. Motion approved.

Gila Regional Partnership Council

Sue Yale, Chair for the Gila Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Hazel Chandler, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Patterson that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Gila Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Powell. Motion approved.

San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council

Catherine Steele, Chair for San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. La Toya Beatty, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Patterson that the Funding Plan recommendations submitted by the *San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Mathis Basha. Motion approved.

Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council

Cindy Alva, Vice Chair for the Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Shari Elkins, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Patterson that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion approved.

Cochise Regional Partnership Council

Dave Howe, Chair for the Cochise Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Melissa Avant, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Powell that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Cochise Regional Partnership Council* be accepted as presented as presented, seconded by Member Mathis Basha. Motion approved.

Coconino Regional Partnership Council

Julianne Hartzell, Chair for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Ellen Majure, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Saunders that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Coconino Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Patterson. Motion approved.

Navajo Apache Regional Partnership Council

Dr. Thomas Barela, Chair for the Navajo Apache Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Navajo Apache Regional Partnership Council* be approved with the exception of the Learning Lab Strategy and that this strategy be held for approval until the business plan is completed in June 2012 and then resubmitted to the board for approval, seconded by Member Patterson. Motion approved.

White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Dawnafe Whitesinger, Vice Chair for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Krista Beasley, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion approved.

Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council

Vikki Shirely, Chair for the Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Melissa Begay, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Patterson that the Funding Plan recommendations submitted by the *Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion approved.

Yuma Regional Partnership Council

Reverend Darren Hawkins, Chair for the Yuma Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Gary Arnold, Senior Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Powell that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Yuma Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Patterson. Motion approved.

Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council

Veronica Homer, Chair for the Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Lanna Flood, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Saunders that the Funding Plan recommendations submitted by the *Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Patterson. Motion approved.

LaPaz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council

Riley Frei, Chair for the LaPaz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Merritt Beckett, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha that the Funding Plan recommendations submitted by the *LaPaz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council* be approved, with the exception that Quality First be held until the April board meeting following a discussion on possible options between board leadership, senior staff and council leadership. The discussions will focus on possible options and mitigating the impact to providers, seconded by Member Powell. Motion approved.

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council

Toni Harvier, Chair for the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Darlene Vinarskai, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Saunders that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Patterson. Motion approved.

Hualapai Regional Partnership Council

Reverend Pete Imus, Vice Chair for the Hualapai Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Ashley Pascual, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Saunders that the Funding Plan recommendations submitted by the *Hualapai Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Powell. Motion approved.

Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Dr. Deborah Pischke, Chair for the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Christina Lyons, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Saunders that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Powell. Motion approved.

Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Dr. Carlian Dawson, Chair for the Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Eric Santiago, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion approved.

Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Stu Turgel, Chair for the Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Eman Yarrow, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Powell that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council* be accepted as presented, seconded by Member Patterson. Motion approved.

Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Andrea Colby, Chair and Maureen Dane, Vice Chair for the Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Joanne Floth, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Patterson that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council* be approved as presented, seconded by Member Mathis Basha. Motion approved.

Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Dee Tamminen, Chair for the Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Terri Duhart, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Patterson that the Funding Plan recommendations by the *Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council* be approved with the exception that the Regional Council further develop the professional development conference component under the Service Coordination Strategy to include specific information on the purpose, target population, how this is different and building on the Annual First Things First Summit and the potential for private sponsorships in conjunction with Board and staff leadership, seconded by Member Mathis Basha. Motion approved.

General Discussion

Comment and Possible Future Agenda Items

Member Mathis Basha – requested revisiting discretionary funding, with a board conversation. Member Mathis Basha also requested clarification from staff regarding RFGA's can we sort reports by providers to identify similarity and differences. CEO Allvin stated that staff will make sure that this report is available to the Board.

Member Willis – asked staff if there was an easier way to streamline the RFGA process. CEO Allvin stated that staff is reviewing the process.

Member Patterson – requested revisiting carryover and how we handle them and also incomplete expenditures on budget line.

Chairman Lynn – gave a special thank you to Michelle Katona and staff for the smoothest funding review to date.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m.