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AGENDA ITEM: Tribal Affairs Status Update

BACKGROUND: The attached table provides information on the activities related to tribal affairs between the dates of January 1 to March 31, 2011. The first column lists four categories that indicate the overall content areas that summarize tribal affairs. These areas include:

- Public Awareness Efforts in Tribal Sectors
- Developing Cultural Competency in Early Childhood Development Programming
- Coordination and Collaboration
- Tribal-State Relations

The second column provides a brief summary of the activities and accomplishments and the final column highlights the results and additional outcomes that have been generated by each activity.

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TRIBAL AFFAIRS STATUS REPORT

January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RESULTS

Project Type	Description	Result
Public Awareness Efforts in Tribal Sectors	<p>Within this quarter Tribal Affairs has participated in several activities designed to share information with tribal partners related to early childhood programs and services, in particular FTF statewide initiatives and regionally supported programs. Tribal Affairs has also engaged in events that help to build and drive support from the general public, elected officials and additional target audiences for investments in early childhood programs and services for Arizona's children five years old and younger.</p> <p>These activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The development of a PowerPoint presentation and Tribal Affairs fact sheet to highlight the partnership between FTF and Arizona Tribes.• On January 18, Beverly Russell, Sr. Director of Tribal Affairs participated in Arizona Tribes and Indian Nations Legislative Day by hosting an informational booth.• On January 24, the Beverly Russell attended a tribal consultation session related to the Governor's Budget hosted by the Arizona Department of Health Services, Arizona Health Cost Containment System and the Arizona Department of Economic Services.• On February 2, Beverly Russell presented an overview of the partnership between FTF and Arizona Tribes to the NATIVE HEALTH, a Native	<p>As a result of these activities First Things First has been invited to present information on early childhood strategies being implemented in tribal communities at an upcoming meeting of the Native American Caucus.</p>

	<p>American Health Center in Phoenix, AZ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 2, the Sr. Director of Tribal Affairs attended the Arizona Native American Caucus meeting at the State Senate. • On March 10, First Things First staff presented an overview of how FTF works with tribes at the 30th Native American Child and Family Conference held in Chandler, AZ. 	
<p>Developing Cultural Competency in Early Childhood Development Programming</p>	<p>Throughout the months of February and March First Things First has engaged in a number of activities designed to ensure tribal considerations and cultural competencies in early childhood development and health programming. These activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating a review of the Standards of Practice for FTF Professional Development and Community Awareness strategies to ensure that tribal considerations are represented in programming. • Convening the internal Tribal Technical Advisory Group to conduct a review of all the Standards of Practice to identify content that may pose barriers for strategy implementation in tribal communities. 	<p>As a result of these activities the following actions are currently in progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate language relating to tribes and cultural competency was recommended and included in the Standards of Practice for Professional Development. • The Tribal Technical Advisory Group is currently developing a plan of action for the review of the Standards of Practice for tribal considerations. This work has been assigned to the Education Subcommittee of the Tribal Technical Advisory Group. This effort will be an ongoing process. • The development of a standard orientation for working with tribes with respect to cultural, social and geographic consideration is currently in progress. The goal is to have this information readily available as a resource to grantees and FTF staff working directly with tribes.
<p>Coordination and Collaboration</p>	<p>FTF recognizes that the system goals of FTF can only be achieved through coordination and collaboration with both public and private entities in order to</p>	<p>As a result of these meetings, First Things First has taken an active role in representing</p>

	<p>leverage funding, ease families' access to services, and maximize optimal results for young children. In recognition of this concept, First Things First has participated in several information sharing meetings with the following entities this quarter: The Arizona American Indian Oral Health Summit Planning Committee, Native American Pathways, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) and Native Health Inc.</p>	<p>FTF early childhood oral health interests by participating in the planning process of the Inaugural AZ Tribal Oral Health Summit. This quarter, FTF has participated in three (3) planning committee meetings for this summit which will take place in April 21-22, 2011. Additionally, FTF will be facilitating a session during this event to highlight FTF funded oral health strategies in tribal communities. Additionally, on March 4, FTF participated in the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) Early Childhood Working Group by presenting a status report on the initiatives of Tribal Affairs. We also engaged in planning activities related to the following ITCA events: June 21, 2011-Tribal Early Childhood Roundtable & June 22-24, 2011-Inter Tribal Caring and Sharing Conference.</p> <p>Further, FTF is currently working with ITCA and Region 9 of the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) to compile information that would help to establish a baseline of the status of tribal childcare regulation processes in the state of Arizona.</p> <p>Finally, the Sr. Director of Tribal Affairs has engaged in dialogue with Native Health Inc. which is a grantee of the federal Home Visitation under the Administration for Children and Families for the purposes of sharing information related to the types of Home Visitation models that are being utilized in tribal regions.</p>
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<p>Tribal-State Relations</p>	<p>On February 18, the Sr. Director of Tribal Affairs attended a meeting with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Education Director in Tucson, AZ.</p> <p>On February 22, the Sr. Director of Tribal Affairs attended a meeting of the San Lucy District Council of the Tohono O’odham Nation in Gila Bend, AZ.</p> <p>In March, Chief Executive Officer, Rhian Allvin and Chief Regional Officer, Michelle Katona attended the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council Meeting.</p>	<p>As a result of these meetings:</p> <p>The Sr. Director of Tribal Affairs was able to share pertinent information with tribal officials as it relates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTF processes for the Needs and Assets Report • How the tribal appointed liaison can work with First Things First to ensure that tribal considerations are being represented. <p>Additionally as a result of FTF leadership attending the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Regional Partnership Council meetings, the members of the Regional Partnership Council and FTF Leadership were able to interact through meaningful dialogue in addition to receiving an FTF update from Rhian.</p>
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THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS BY TRIBAL AFFAIRS:

- The development of plan to notify the tribes of their opportunity provided by statute to address tribal regional boundaries.
- The developed of a pre-summit tribal forum to provide an informational exchange and learning opportunity for both tribal regional partnership councils and geographic regions that include tribes.
- The development of a plan of action for ensuring a tribal perspective in work of the board advisory committees.
- The development of a Tribal Knowledge Resource Center is currently in progress as a resource for early childhood development initiatives in tribal communities.