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Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on April 8, 2009 at the Northland Pioneer College/Mogollon High School Library, 3450 Mustang Drive, Heber-Overgaard, AZ 85928.

Chair Webb welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 3:15 p.m. Chair Webb called for a roll call attendance; the following members were present:

Members present:

Claude Endfield (via phone), Mary Hammond, Rance Pullin (via phone), Margie Tapia, Cathy Taylor, Becky Towle, Mary Tyler, Melissa Webb and Michael Zimmerman.

Members absent: Tom Barela (excused)

Others present:

Laura Denali, Kate Dobler-Allen, Joe Dorsey, Jody Gaskill, Maureen Harvey, Linda Haynes, Dee Hoagland, Jesse Horn, Tina Sherman, Maureen Theobald, Pastor Marvin Warrior, Teree Warrior, Theresa Woudenberg, Maureen Theobald

Member Report and Updates

Discussion was held regarding the recent 22nd Annual Early Childhood Fair that took place on April 4, 2009, where Coordinator Dobler-Allen, Member Endfield and Member Hammond each received awards for their contributions in the field. Member Endfield stated there were 260 attendees at the conference.

Call to the Public

No calls to the public forms were received.

Adoption of Minutes

The March 11, 2009 Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Minutes were presented for approval. Member Hammond moved that they be approved as written; Member Taylor seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Alternate November Meeting Date

Because the November meeting date falls on Veterans Day, the Council discussed an alternate date. Member Zimmerman moved that the November 11 meeting be held on November 4, 2009, same time (3-6:00 p.m.) and same place (Northland Pioneer College/Show Low). Member Tapia seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and Recognition of the Awardees of the Expedited Funding Awards Made for Family Support and Emergency Food Box Distribution

Coordinator Dobler-Allen and Chair Webb announced and presented to the following awardees:

- For the First Things First Provision of Emergency Food Box Assistance: Tina Sherman accepted on behalf of the Salvation Army – White Mountain Outpost.
- A second recipient for the First Things First Provision of Emergency Food Box Assistance: Theresa Woudenberg accepted on behalf of the Pinetop Food Pantry, housed at the First Baptist Church of Pinetop, AZ.
- A third recipient for the First Things First Provision of Emergency Food Box Assistance: Pastor Marvin and Terree Warrior and Maureen Harvey accepted on behalf of Our Father's House of Hope in St. Johns, AZ.
- A fourth recipient for the First Things First Food Box Assistance: Sharon Pinckard on behalf of The Town of Springerville, Department of Community Services
- For the First Things First Expedited Home Visiting/Family Support: Jody Gaskill from Northland Therapy and Laura Denali from Hummingbird Early Intervention Services were present to accept the awards, Tammy Borrego with Summit Regional Healthcare was unavailable for this meeting. Ms. Gaskill also shared a potential title/logo for their program, Beautiful Beginnings.

Presentation by Show Low Parks & Recreation Department

Stefan Wehnau, Recreation Supervisor, City of Show Low, presented a plaque to the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council for their support and participation in the "Santa at Gingerbread Lane" Event in December, 2008. Mr. Wehnau gave a presentation on the impact of special events on the community, how it creates experiences and memories, and how it can potentially expose the First Things First brand/logo.

Regional Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Dobler-Allen reported that the Philanthropy position on the Regional Partnership Council remains open. She then reviewed the community outreach she has made in the past month, as well as what is scheduled for the future month. She shared that the next Chairs Meeting will be in May, time and place are yet to be determined.

She reported that the first round of RFGA Applications is due on April 16, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. (Early Literacy, Healthy Steps, and Nutrition). The second round (Dental Screening/Oral Health, Administrative Home for Expanding High-Quality Child Care Slots) of RFGA's are now out, all of which can be found at www.azftf.gov. The Pre-Application Meeting for these grants will be held at Blue Ridge High School on

April 15, 2009, where the RFGAs will be discussed. The RFGA Review Team Training will be held on April 20, 2009 via telephonic conference. Once the opening of the first-round applications takes place on April 16, Review Committee Members will be notified as to which team they will be slated for, once potential conflicts of interest are determined. The Professional Scholarships and the Child Care Lab School will likely be Government-to-Government agreements. Those who have shown interest in partnering for the Child Care Lab School are: Northland Pioneer College (NPC), Blue Ridge Unified School District (BRUSD) and Northern Arizona Vocational Institute of Technology (NAVIT). A meeting of these interested parties will be held on April 14.

Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed the RFGA Timeline for the second phase of RFGAs.

Coordinator Dobler-Allen handed out and shared the current plans for the Bike Rodeo and suggested that sponsorship of this could include assisting with copying of materials (black/white copies) and/or the Regional Partnership Council could use funds from the Regional Administrative Account Events Line Item. Member Taylor moved that Coordinator Dobler-Allen determine the actual funds available, then to commit \$200 for this event, specifically for the purchase of extra-small bike helmets. Member Tapia seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Attendees from the community offered their support for the Bike Rodeo:

- Maureen Harvey said she could supply a pallet of Gatorade
- Tina Sherman stated she could offer the Salvation Army's Meals on Wheels Mobile Kitchen

Child Care Study Parameters

Coordinator Dobler-Allen handed out and reviewed the *Save the Children* pamphlet and discussed the study that will be done along with the Coconino Regional Partnership Council. They plan to use a consultant to create a survey; suggestions for areas to be covered in the survey were presented and discussed. Coordinator Dobler-Allen asked for the Regional Partnership Council's review of these items and asked that their input be given to her by Monday, April 13, 2009. She expects the survey to be completed by June 2010.

RFGA Update for Remaining Strategies and Related Timeline

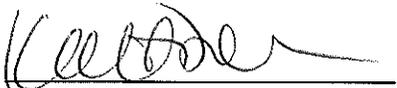
Coordinator Dobler-Allen covered this area during her Regional Coordinator's Report.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:35 p.m.



Melissa Webb, Chair



Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Coordinator