



**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2012**

Call to Order

The special meeting of the First Things First (FTF) – South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council was held on April 9, 2012, at First Things First, 4000 N. Central Ave., Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85012.

Chair Washington called the meeting to order at approximately 8:13 a.m. Council member attendance was taken and introductions of all attending the meeting were made.

Members Present

James Washington, Chair
Patricia Merk, Vice Chair
Eva Marie Shivers (by phone)
Robert Donofrio (by phone)
Riann Balch (by phone)
Jasmine Sanchez (by phone)
Kristi Langley-Wells (by phone)
Jennifer Quillen (by phone)
Karen Stewart (by phone)

First Things First (FTF) Staff Present

Rhian Evans Allvin, Chief Executive Officer
Alex Turner, Assistant Attorney General
Michelle Katona, Chief Regional Officer (by phone)
Tracey Craig, Sr. Regional Director
K Vilay, Sr. Program Specialist (by phone)
Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director
Edward Valinski, Administrative Assistant

Call to the Public

None

Declaration of Conflict of Interest re: Home Visitation

Chair Washington asked that all Council members with a conflict of interest, as it relates to the Home Visitation strategy, to declare their conflict. Vice Chair Merk, Member Donofrio, and Member Shivers declared a conflict of interest.

Home Visitation Strategies for SFY 2013

Chair Washington briefly provided background information to clarify the need to convene, and the purpose of, the special Council meeting. Chair Washington stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to clarify the funding amount for the Home Visitation strategy for state fiscal year (SFY) 2013 and to clarify the Council's intent regarding the Home Visitation strategy for SFY 2013.

Chair Washington briefly discussed the action taken, by motion, during the Council's meeting on November 15, 2011, that approved the allocation of \$2,700,000 to the Home Visitation strategy. Chair Washington also discussed the recommendation presented to the Council by email on December 8, 2011, that proposed that the funding for the Home Visitation strategy be decreased to

\$2,300,000 in an attempt to balance the Council's budget. Chair Washington stated that although the decrease was agreed upon, any change required an official vote by the Council to effect the change.

Member Stewart moved to confirm and approve the \$2,300,000 allocation for the Home Visitation to serve 550 children as presented to the state board in January 2012. Second by Member Balch. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Washington led the Council in a discussion to determine if it was the intent of the Council to prioritize the Nurse Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers as the evidence-based models for the Home Visitation strategy during SFY 2013.

Member Donofrio asked for clarification on whether or not he has a conflict of interest in regard to the Home Visitation strategy. Ms. Evans stated that conflict of interest laws extend to the open Request for Grant Application (RFGA) in the area of home visitation and so if a Council member has a conflict with home visitation in a broader sense then the member would also have a conflict with any discussion related to the content of the RFGA.

Ms. Vilay provided a brief overview of the Home Visitation evidence-based models identified by the federal government. Ms. Vilay also provided a description of the home visitation evidence-based models that the Council has considered in the past.

Member Balch asked if the Council was being tasked with deciding if additional evidence-based models should be included in the existing RFGA. Mr. Turner advised that the meeting minutes and recordings of previous Council meetings do not indicate if it was the intention of the Council to exclude all evidence-based models, with the exception of Nurse Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers, from the current Home Visitation RFGA. Mr. Turner also stated that the Council is being asked to clarify if the intent of the Council was to limit the current Home Visitation RFGA to only the Nurse Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers models or was the intent to include all evidence-based home visitation models.

Ms. Craig asked the Council members, who were involved in previous discussion, for their interpretation if it was the Council's intent to limit or not limit the Home Visitation RFGA. Member Balch stated that she felt that the Council would not have intended to limit the available home visitation models. Member Quillen stated that she recalled that there was discussion related to the funding and target service numbers between each of the models and what value would be realized from each of the models. Member Langley-Wells stated that, based on the information shared by Member Quillen, she felt there was a concern related to the amount of funding associated with each model and the impact on target service units. Member Balch stated that she recalled reviewing expected outcomes and hoped that the RFGA would reflect the Council's expectations and vendor selection would be based on the review of the applications received.

Ms. Craig provided the Council with funding and service unit information for the Nurse Family Partnership, Parents as Teachers, and Healthy Families programs for both SFY 2012 and SFY 2013 to date. Ms. K Vilay provided the approximate costs of each model on a per child basis.

Mr. Gonzales stated that the current South Phoenix Regional Needs and Assets report indicates that teen pregnancy is a high risk factor within the region and that the Council considered the Needs and Assets findings when deciding on their intent to develop the Home Visitation RFGA.

Chair Washington asked each Council member their interpretation of what the intent of the Council is relating to the Home Visitation RFGA.

Member Balch stated that she felt the intent of the Council was to draft the RFGA as it currently reads.

Member Langley-Wells stated that she felt the intent of the Council was to draft the RFGA as it currently reads.

Member Stewart stated that she felt the intent of the Council was to draft the RFGA as it currently reads.

Member Sanchez stated that she felt the intent of the Council was to draft the RFGA as it currently reads.

Member Quillen stated that she felt the intent of the Council was to draft the RFGA as it currently reads.

Chair Washington called for a motion to clarify the intent of the Council as it relates to current Home Visitation RFGA.

Member Quillen moved to approve the home visitation strategy in the amount of \$2,300,000 which includes \$1,200,000 to deliver the Nurse Family Partnership program model and \$1,100,000 to deliver the Parents as Teachers program model for SFY 2013. Second by Member Sanchez. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member attendance, by roll call, was conducted to confirm that a quorum of the Council was established in order to vote on the motion presented by Member Quillen to approve the home visitation strategy RFGA.

Adjournment

Member Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Member Sanchez. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:17 a.m.

Submitted By:

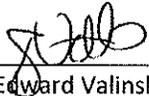
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