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### **Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council**

#### **Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council took place on April 10, 2014 at the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Chambers, 7474 South Camino de Oeste, Tucson, Arizona, 85757. Chair Cecilia Garcia welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

Chair Cecilia Garcia, Marilyn Sando, Pete Guerrero, Amalia Reyes, Hector Youtsey, Shanna Ioane-Tautolo, Francisco Muñoz, John Jensen, and Bill Rosenberg

#### **Members Absent:**

Juanita Ayala

#### **Blessing**

Member Muñoz provided a blessing.

#### **Approval of March 13, 2014 Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Member Tautolo that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the March 13, 2014 Regional Council meeting as presented, seconded by Member Sando. Motion carried.

#### **Call to the Public**

None.

#### **Presentation and Discussion: System Building**

Member Rosenberg presented on Ili Uusim Mahtawapo Head Start during the committee meeting preceding the regular meeting. He spoke about the progress the Head Start has made in the last two years. He outlined the Designation Renewal System, the changes that have been made, barriers that were encountered, and plans for future improvements. Mr. Rosenberg has been approached by other regions, such as San Xavier (Tohono O'odham Nation) and Gila River Indian Community, around the state to visit Ili Uusim Mahtawapo Head Start. The Pascua Yaqui Regional Partnership Council members shared their comments and acknowledged the hard work of Mr. Rosenberg and the Head Start staff.

\*Member Jensen joined the meeting at 12:40 p.m.\*

#### **Update and Discussion: FTF Fiscal Policy-Finance Committee Recommendations**

Tiburcia Yocupicio-Chambers presented the recommendations that were made to the First Things First Board regarding fiscal policy and outlined how it would affect the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council. Attachment #2 summarized the Finance Committee process and the recommendations that were made for fiscal year 2016 and beyond.

The two formal recommendations were discussed during the April 8, 2014 First Things First Board Meeting and will be voted on at the June 9-10, 2014 First Things First Board Meeting. They include:

1. Beginning in FY16, the start of the new three-year Funding Plan Cycle, allocate \$126.6 million in revenues to support Program spending (statewide and regional combined), and keep this amount constant for successive years.
2. In FY16, the total means of financing available to support regional allotments should equal the targeted \$126.6 million level, and so regional allocations should be adjusted such that each region's projected fund balance (regional carry forward) is part of the allocation level rather than being an addition.

These recommendations are based on reasonable (neither overly optimistic nor pessimistic) revenue projections and will allow FTF to maintain its program spending at a consistent level for an estimated 9-15 years. Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council members commented and agreed on the fiscal policy that is being proposed.

\*Member Tautolo left the meeting at 12:55 p.m.\*

#### **Regional Director's Report**

Due to time constraints, Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers informed the regional council that a report was provided in the packet for the members to review on their own and asked them to contact her if they have any questions.

#### **General Discussion**

None.

#### **Announcement of Next Regular Meeting**

Chair Garcia announced that the next regional council meeting would be held on May 8, 2014.

#### **Adjourn**

As there was no further business, Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted By V Verduzco  
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Approved By Cecilia Garcia  
Cecilia Garcia, Chair

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 20 14