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Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First—Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 3:00 p.m., at Northland Pioneer College, 1611 S. Main St., Snowflake, AZ 85937.

Vice Chair Pullin called the meeting to order at approximately 3:12 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members Present:
Tom Barela, Mary Hammond, Leslie Meyer (via phone), Rance Pullin, Margie Tapia, Cathy Taylor, Mary Tyler
Members Absent: Claude Endfield, Becky Towle, Michael Zimmerman

Others Present:
Julianne Hartzell, Lannie Gillespie, Mary Manzano, Deborah Lewis, Rachel Daffara, Judi Snitzer, Daniel Kain, Rita Logue, Beth Ranney AdiShakti Khalsa, Michelle Katona, Amy Kemp

Member Reports and Updates

Member Tapia announced that Springerville Head Start will be having an Oral Health Dental Varnish Day next week.
Member Hammond reported that she and her husband will be moving out of Arizona this summer, and as result she will be stepping down from the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council after the May 2010 meeting. Member Hammond serves in the faith-based seat on this Council, there are two more years remaining in her seat.

Call to the Public

No Calls to the Public were received.

Disclosure of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were identified by the Members.

Adoption of Minutes

The March 10, 2010 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council were presented. Member Hammond moved that the minutes of the March 10, 2010 regular meeting be approved as presented. Member Tapia seconded; the motion passed.

Regional Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed her monthly report, calling specific attention to the upcoming Family Fun Day scheduled for April 24, 2010 in Whiteriver, and asked the members to let her know which community groups in the Region would be appropriate for a First Things First presentation, and to send her appropriate contact information. Coordinator Dobler-Allen then reviewed the FY 2010-FY2011 operational plan. The status of the Family Fun Day for the Navajo/Apache Region was discussed as well; this event will be held in partnership with the 9th Annual White Mountain Bike Rodeo and Safety Fair on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at the Blue Ridge Schools Parking Lot.

Program Updates

A. Salvation Army – Coordinator Dobler-Allen shared current financial reporting information related to hours billed for by this grantee in the months of December, January and February and reported that the majority of reimbursements requested have been for diapers.

B. Lab School/Model Preschool and Child Care Center –Lannie Gillespie with the Navajo County Superintendent of Schools Educational Services Agency reported that the model development is expected to be complete by mid-May, and that she expects to have a presentation ready for the Regional Partnership Council for the June 2010 meeting.

C. Applied Economics – Coordinator Dobler-Allen shared the materials that have been developed by Applied Economics to be used as leave-behinds during Sarah Murley's visits with the largest employers in the Navajo/Apache Region.

D. Healthy Steps – Deborah Lewis with North Country Health Care gave a program status report.

Chair Pullin moved the following agenda item from the bottom of the agenda to this time of the meeting.

Child Care Study Update, Discussion and Possible Approval to Proceed with the University Consortium

Dr. Amy Kemp, Assistant Director of Evaluation, presented the latest proposal that has been submitted by the University Consortium, through the Arizona Board of Regents, to conduct the Statewide Child Care Study for First Things First. Dr. Kemp outlined the study methodology, survey methodology, and sampling techniques that were employed to arrive at this proposal. Dr. Kemp further discussed the levels of participation that the Regional Partnership Council could elect, in order to take part in the study. Dr. Daniel Kain from Northern Arizona University was present as well and answered several questions related to this proposed study's ability to "get at" information that would be relevant to the Navajo/Apache Region. The Regional Partnership Council briefly discussed the original set of questions that had been posed previously, in conjunction with the Coconino Regional Partnership Council, and discussed the realistic ability to "get at" those data points, given the funding ability and time constraints of this study, and the Regional Partnership Council's need for data. After significant discussion, Member Barela moved that the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council instruct staff to enter into a contract with the University Consortium to conduct this study at level 2 participation, with a total amount of funding to be $60,000. Member Tyler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The agenda resumed at item #8

Review and Discussion of FY2010 Quarter Two Grantee Data Report

Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed the state fiscal year 2010 quarter two programmatic data that was submitted in January, 2010. It was noted that the financial data reported is current as of April 8, 2010, but that the programmatic data is only reflective of the quarter ending December 30, 2009. Significant discussion was held around how much inference can be made from this data, and Dr. Kemp was able to clarify some of the questions that were raised related to what these data points mean. An additional data reporting will be given to the Regional Partnership Council to further clarify the data reported.

Discussion and Possible Approval of July 2010 Meeting Time Change

Chair Pullin advised the Members that the meeting location that had been used in St. Johns requires that the Members be completely out of the room by 5:30 p.m. After some discussion, Member Taylor secured a conference room at the North Country Community Health Care Clinic in St. Johns for the July 2010 meeting, for the regularly scheduled day and time, Wednesday July 14, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Discussion and Possible Approval of FY2010 Carry-Forward Funds to T.E.A.C.H. for FY2011

Coordinator Dobler-Allen presented the staff recommendation to shift $25,000 from the FY2011 carry-forward fund line item to the T.E.A.C.H. Arizona line item for FY2011 to maintain continuous availability of T.E.A.C.H. beginning in July 2010. After some discussion, Member Barela moved that the staff recommendation to move $25,000 from the FY2011 carry-forward line into the FY2011 T.E.A.C.H. line be approved. Member Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Approval of FY2010 Communications Plan for the Remainder of FY2010 Funds

Coordinator Dobler-Allen presented the proposed communications plan for the remainder of FY2010. This plan includes two tactics: purchasing ad time with the regional movie theaters in partnership with the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council and sponsorship of community events located within the Navajo/Apache Region. Assistant Director Katona advised the Regional Partnership Council that there is a Cinema Suite currently being developed that will be available for use in June, 2010. In light of this new information, and after some discussion, Member Barela moved that this item be tabled until the May meeting so

that staff can obtain more information related to the Cinema Suite that is being developed, as well as more specific information related to the costs to have the spots run at each theater. Member Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., at Northland Pioneer College in Eagar, AZ. There being no further business, Chair Pullin adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:25 p.m.

Rance Pullin, Chair

Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Coordinator