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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
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Meeting Minutes February 19, 2013 Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was held on February 19, 2013. The meeting was held at the Two Waters Building A, Wi:Hom Conference Room, 10061 East Osborne Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.

The meeting was called to order by Regional Council Chair Loring at approximately 11:50 a.m.

Members Present

Chair Virginia Loring, Vice Chair Chris McIntier, Michelle Jameson, Frances Kaplan, Joyce Helmuth and Ron Ransom

Members Absent

Lance Silverhorn, Caroline Sekaquaptewa, Toni Harvier and Deana Washington

Members of the Public

1 member of the public attended.

Invocation

Invocation was done by Senior Director Wendy Sabatini.

Call to the Public

There was no Call to the Public.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Council Member Helmuth moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Ransom seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Quality First

Ginger Sandweg, Quality First Program Coordinator shared information from a previous meeting surrounding the letter of concern submitted by Council Member Ransom. Ms. Sandweg discussed overlaps between Head Start and Quality First assessments and is working with both agencies to see how they can work better together and more collaboratively. Ms. Sandweg is also looking into more professional development for coaches and consultants that work with Native American Communities.

System Building

Regional Director Vinarskai conducted a power point presentation on System Building and gave examples of how the Region is already participating in system building efforts through blended funding



and partnerships with tribal departments. Ms. Vinarskai also explained how the Regional Partnership Council will be putting a system building plan together in the next several months.

Benchmarking

Regional Director Vinarskai gave an overview of benchmarking for the three school readiness indicators that were selected by the Region. Ms. Vinarskai explained that benchmarks are used to monitor progress on the school readiness indicators in large populations of children and families using data aggregated at the state and local level. She went on to say that data sources have been identified and the Regional Partnership Council will begin reviewing data and setting benchmarks.

2014 Needs and Assets Vendor Discussion and Possible Action

The Regional Council reviewed vendors for the 2014 Needs and Assets Report and identified U of A Norton School as the vendor. Vice Chair McIntire motioned to approve U of A Norton School as Needs and Assets vendor, seconded by Council Member Helmuth, unanimously approved.

Regional Director Updates

- Save the date, March 8 Roundtable meeting with First Things First Board Members, Mesa Fire Station #201, 360 E. 1st Street, Mesa, AZ 85201. Ms. Vinarskai asked if an RPC Council Member can do a 5 minute presentation. Steve Lynn, Nadine Basha and Mary Ellen Cunningham are the First Things First State Board Members that will be attending this meeting.
- Regional Partnership Council will review and possibly vote on the Government to Government Agreements and renewals at the April meeting.
- First Things First CEO Rhian Allvin will be attending the Regional Council Meeting in April. Ms. Vinarskai asked the Council if they would like to use the meeting as an opportunity to possibly invite Tribal Council, Stakeholders or the Salt River newspaper to do an article. Ms. Vinarskai mentioned the possibility of show casing the Parent Education or Pre-K Strategy.
- Parenting Conference on March 12, 2013 at the Salt River High School.
- Council Member required paperwork needs to be submitted.
- Shared discussion with Chair and Vice Chair to not completing Parent Guide due to the Community already having several resource guides distributed. Did not feel it was necessary to duplicate services.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates

- Chair Loring announced to the Council that her and Vice Chair McIntire attended the Chair/Vice Chair Meeting with Regional Director Vinarskai.
- Vice Chair McIntire informed the Council that the Baby Massage event would be at the Salt River Library.
- Council Member Helmuth announced the April is Child Obesity Awareness Month,.
- Council Member Ransom announced training will be held for parent educators on March 14-15.
- Chair Loring announced that there would be no Regional Partnership Council meeting in the month of March due to Council attending the Roundtable meeting.

Adjourn



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SUBMITTED BY:

Joel Spurlock, Administrative Assistant II

Approved: _____
Virginia Loring, Chair

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