



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Regional Partnership Council



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
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Meeting Minutes April 17, 2012 Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was held on April 17, 2012. The meeting was held at the Salt River Education Board Room, 4815 North Center Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.

The meeting was called to order by Regional Council Member Washington at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Members Present

Vice Chair Chris McIntier (telephonically), Martina Ashley, Joyce Helmuth, Virginia Loring, Rene Murphy, Lance Silverhorn, and Deana Washington

Members Absent

Chair Toni Harvier, Frances Kaplan, Ron Ransom, and Caroline Sekaquaptewa

Members of the Public

2 members of the public attended.

Invocation

Council Member Silverhorn gave the invocation.

Council Member Ashley arrived at 5:52 p.m.

Call to the Public

Carla Sahr with TEACH stated that there are now six active scholars, three of which are in the Associate of Arts program and three in the CDA program. There are also two CDA graduates.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Parent Education Community Based Training

Council Member Washington had all Council members' state whether or not they had a conflict of interest. Vice Chair McIntier and Council Members Helmuth, Kaplan, Silverhorn and Washington stated their conflict in that they work for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Council Members Lori and Murphy did not have conflicts. Since there were not six Council members present who stated they had a conflict of interest, the Rule of Impossibility could not be invoked.



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Regional Director Vinarskai stated that in order to comply with the Standards of Practice, the new parent educator must have a Bachelor's Degree instead of an Associate of Arts degree; therefore, the contract needs additional funding of \$10,000. There is presently \$22,000 in the carry-forward line item, and Regional Director Vinarskai suggested that the funding come from that line item. Vice Chair McIntier stated that a portion of the funding is to provide child care for the evening class. Regional Director Vinarskai stated that should a vote be necessary before the next council meeting, she will contact all Council members to set up a special meeting.

Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Regional Director Vinarskai stated that elections are normally held in May; however, she suggested that perhaps the Council might wish to defer Chair and Vice Chair elections until July when new members are on board. Council Member Murphy moved to defer the elections until July, Council Member Silverhorn seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2013 Funding Plan Overview

Regional Director Vinarskai reviewed the Funding Plan with the Council members and asked if they had any questions. None of the Council members had any questions.

Strategy Updates

Regional Director Vinarskai stated that there will be a meeting held later this month with First Things First and the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) because the Pre-K Strategy funding is presently \$40,000 short. Vice Chair McIntier stated that this is due to the fact that the ECEC has three adults in the classroom at any given time which is over and above the normal state ratio. Vice Chair McIntier updated the Council members about the status of the parent education classes. Council Member Helmuth stated that the Reach Out and Read books are very well received, and she has seen parents immediately read with their children in the office.

Brandon Boatman, Food Program Coordinator, stated this past quarter, 150 families were served with diapers and food boxes. This year 372 children were served, or 42 per month, as compared to 79 children total for the last fiscal year.

Regional Director Vinarskai stated that all of the New Directions trainings went very well, to include the Brain Boxes with teen parents. On February 10, there was a training session held for staff where they learned to use the Brain Boxes. Council Member Helmuth stated that she attended and enjoyed the training. Regional Director Vinarskai stated that the parenting conference was held on March 14 with a record number of 100 attendees.

Regional Director's Report

Regional Director Vinarskai stated that the Quality First Coaching RFGA was canceled, therefore, everyone will continue to work with the current contractors at least through December and perhaps longer. No applications were received for the RFGA for the child care health consultation program; therefore, First Things First will become the program administrator and work with local providers to



provide the services throughout the state. Regional Director Vinarskai stated that the regional government-to-government contracts are presently being reviewed by finance and program staff to decide if any changes need to be made. She further stated that parent education and community awareness are renewals because they are presently in their second year, however, Pre-K and Food Security are in their third year and will require new contracts.

Regional Director Vinarskai stated there are six Council seats that will end on June 30. Council members have reapplied and there are also new applicants. Interviews will take place in the beginning of May.

Regional Director Vinarskai stated that every two years tribal councils decide whether to have their own region, and a resolution was passed by the Tribal Council on February 22; therefore, the same regional boundaries will continue with there being a separate Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council.

Regional Director Vinarskai stated that the draft needs and assets report from MGT was sent out to the regional partnership council, and that a meeting is scheduled to present the final draft to the tribal council on May 1.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates

None.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Caitlyn Hollins, Administrative Assistant III

Approved: _____
Deana Washington, Council Member