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## Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

### Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

#### Meeting Minutes

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

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Yuma Regional Partnership Council was held on March 21, 2013, 4:30 p.m. at the Yuma Regional Medical Center Main Campus, 2400 S. Avenue A, Yuma, Arizona 85364.

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

##### Members Present:

Chair Darren Hawkins  
Vice Chair Irene Garza  
Council Member Mary Beth Turner  
Council Member Rebecca Ramirez  
Council Member Judy Watkinson  
Council Member Laurie Gail Senko  
Council Member Ricardo Perez

##### Members Absent:

Council Member Pilar Moreno  
Council Member Gloria Cisneros  
Council Member Kim Fanning  
Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra

##### **Conflict of Interest**

Chair Hawkins provided the Regional Council with an opportunity to declare any conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda. There were no conflicts declared at this time.

##### **Consent Agenda**

The items on the consent agenda included the minutes of the February 21, 2013, Yuma Regional Partnership Council regular meeting. A motion was made by Member Turner to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Member Perez, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

##### **Discussion on FY2013 Quarter 2 Data and Finance Report**

The FY2013 Quarter 2 Data Report was reviewed by the Regional Council. Regional Director Rudy Ortiz shared highlights of the programs and reviewed any variances in the report. The financial report was also reviewed.

### **Program Updates**

Early Childhood System Leadership Team leaders Erica Jimenez (representing Early Learning), Patricia Garcia (representing Family Support) and Megan McNeece (representing Health) shared insight into the collaboration and networking taking place among the various programs/agencies funded by First Things First as well as outside agencies. The team reported there has been great work and collaboration efforts to provide services to families in the region and are in constant communication to avoid duplication of services. Regional Director Rudy Ortiz then shared highlights of the programs under the early learning system. At the April council meeting he will highlight programs that are part of the family support and health systems.

### **Discussion on 2014 Needs & Assets Vendor**

Based on the Needs and Assets Workgroup recommendations the Regional Council moved to take action on the 2014 Needs and Assets Vendor. A motion was made by Member Turner to approve the University of Arizona, Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences as the vendor for the 2014 Needs and Assets Assessment, seconded by Member Watkinson, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

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

- a) Grantee Site Visits Update: Regional Director Ortiz continues to make onsite visits. While visiting programs that are part of the family support system; programs have communicated the same need for a resource guide. An update from the resource guide workgroup will be provided at the April meeting. Regional Director Ortiz also shared that in April there will be a home visitation collaboration meeting including FTF grantees and other local agencies. The goal of this meeting is to move beyond networking and analyze what is needed to better serve families in the region.
- b) Therapist Recruitment Update: Ongoing efforts by Bureau of Health Systems Development Arizona Department of Health Services continue in the hope to fill the therapist slots as requested by the Regional Council. Shari Haskins, Arizona Department of Health Services is scheduled to present at the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 regional council meeting.

### **Call to the Public**

There were no Calls to the Public at this time.

### **Announcements**

The San Luis Preschool Site Tour is scheduled on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 10:00 a.m., 1055 N. Main Street, San Luis, AZ and the Week of the Young Child will be on April 20, 2013, 9:00 a.m.12:00 p.m., Yuma Heritage Library located at 350 Third Avenue, Yuma, AZ. Dia Del Niño, 9:00 a.m., April 27, 2013, 801 N. Council Ave., Somerton, AZ.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council is scheduled on April 18, 2013, 4:30 p.m., Regional Center for Border Health, 214 W. Main Street, Somerton, Arizona 85350.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY:

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Rev. Dr. Darren C. Hawkins, Yuma Regional Partnership Council Chair

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April 18, 2013