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## ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on April 20, 2010 in the Ocotillo Room at the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension; 4341 East Broadway Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85040.

Chair Robert Donofrio called the regular meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. A brief welcome and introduction of Council Members in attendance and guests took place.

**Council Members in Attendance:** Robert Donofrio, Chair; James Washington, Vice Chair; Moises Gallegos, Member; Mary Thomson, Member; Eva Marie Shivers, Member; Rosalind Polston, Member; Cindy Segotta-Jones, Member

**Members Not in Attendance:** William Ellert, Member; Patricia Merk, Member; Mauricio Martinez, Member

**Member Present By Phone:** None

**Quorum:** Established.

**Staff in Attendance:** Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Coordinator; Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Member Eva Marie Shivers moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 16, 2010, second by member Cindy Segotta-Jones, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Mary Sue Watson, Children's Campus, Children's Campus Too and Premier Children's Center. Mrs. Watson thanked the Council for the scholarships to her centers. Mrs. Watson shared testimonials from parents receiving scholarships and read their letters in support of scholarships through First Things First. The Council thanked Mrs. Watson for her help with the children in the South Phoenix Region.

4. **CALL TO PRESENTER:** Denise Tiemeir, RN, BSN, Nurse Manager for Maricopa County Department of Public Health introduced herself and newly hired Chris Russell, Nurse Manager for Southwest Human Development. Ms. Tiemeir presented to the Council a power point which included services provided by Nurse Family Partnership, and the criteria to become a recipient of services. (Attachment A)

5. **DISCUSSION OF INCREASING PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Tabled to the next meeting when Mauricio Martinez is available.

6. **DISCUSSION OF PREVENTION INTERVENTION STRATEGY WORKGROUP OUTLINE WORK OBJECTIVES AND CONTINUUM:** Provided in Council packets for review was information on Strategy 17, Crisis Intervention Prevention Plan which is currently on hold. Coordinator Gonzales informed the Council of the two new vulnerable populations in the South Phoenix Region: Homelessness due to foreclosure; and the number of children age 0-5 in foster care placement due to parent incarceration. Coordinator Gonzales informed the Council that he is working on this strategy and trying to delineate what is actual true intervention versus prevention. Coordinator Gonzales wants to present this strategy to the State Board in a way that they understand and recognize how South Phoenix has addressed some of the components to child abuse prevention. Coordinator Gonzales requested that the Council take the time to give their feedback on: Making sure there are no pieces missing related to the

work the Council is doing i.e., Family Resource Centers and Home Visiting for prevention. Provide Respite Care to homeless families as well as support to displaced families, and "Best for Babies" curriculum for the population of children 0-5 in foster care placement. Dr. Shivers has volunteered to help via email; Coordinator Gonzales requested that Member Gallegos engage shelters in the South Phoenix Region to get the service numbers so a cost analysis can be done to determine the number of children in foster care to provide Best for Babies curriculum to them. Coordinator Gonzales will present the final strategy to the Council for their approval and then to the State Board. Chair Donofrio informed the Council that it is time to develop an innovative strategy for the working class population falling victim to the economy. Chair Donofrio asked Members of the Council to feed their comments on Strategy #17 to Coordinator Gonzales for a starting point.

7. **DISCUSS WORK ACTIVITIES FOR LEADERSHIP CENTER:** Chair Donofrio asked that the Council read Strategy 15 again to make sure it is reflective of what the Council wants. Any comments or suggestions should be sent directly to Coordinator Gonzales who will in turn forward to Chair Donofrio to keep in compliance with the open meeting law. Chair Donofrio will work on what the deliverables should be and present a report to the Council on potential entities to do the Consultant work to include possible vendors on the State Procurement list. The Council set aside One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for a consultant. Some ideas from the Council for what the Consultant will be responsible for: Focus groups with community starting at the grass roots, do not want to be too specific or too generic. Any other suggestions should be forwarded to Coordinator Gonzales.

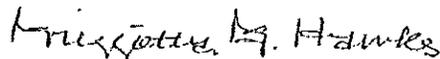
8. **ETHICS GOVERNANCE POLICY (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE):** Coordinator Gonzales provided the Council in their packets an ethics statement that he put together as a result of the Council brainstorming session on this item at the March 16, 2010 regular meeting. Member Cindy Segotta-Jones moved to adopt the presented Ethics Statement with the grammatical changes of Member Eva Marie Shivers, and the clarification of Vice Chair James Washington "Intends to promote collaboration" instead of hopes to promote collaboration. Second of motion by member Rosalind Polston, all in favor, no discussion, motion carried.

9. **COORDINATOR UPDATES:** Provided in Council packets for their review.

10. **COUNCIL MEMBE UPDATES:** None at this time. Chair Donofrio asked that the Council assist in the recruitment and referral of those seats that are coming up for re-election which include: At Large Position, Child Care Provider, Faith Based, Health Service Provider, and School Administrator.

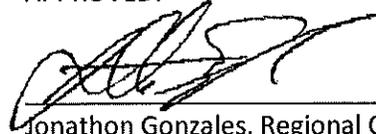
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Member Cindy Segotta-Jones moved to adjourn the regular meeting, second by Member Eva Marie Shivers, all in favor, no discussion; meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Coordinator

COUNCIL APPROVAL:



Robert Donofrio, Chair