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Arizona Early Child Development and Health Board
Yavapai Regional Partnership Council

DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First – Yavapai Regional Partnership Council was held on March 28, 2012 at the Yavapai College, Building 1, Room 200, 1100 E. Sheldon Street, Prescott, Arizona, 86301.

Kathy Watson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Members Present: Kathy Watson, Sherry Birch, Ophelia Tewawina, Sara Lienau, Julie Hall Allison, Angela Bradshaw Napper, Juanita Setzer and Julie Clark attended telephonically.

Members Absent: Anne Babinsky Rawlings and Barbara Jorgensen

Cindy Marshall Pemberton conducted roll call.

Council Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Vice Chair Sherry Birch declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning any agenda item pertaining to Quality First, TEACH scholarships, Child Care scholarships, Child Care Health Consultation and Mental Health Consultation because she as well as her staff members are recipients.

Council Member Sara Lienau declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning any agenda items pertaining to Quality First and TEACH scholarships because she works for an organization that is a potential recipient of Quality First, and her organization may receive TEACH scholarships.

Approve RPC Meeting Minutes

Council Member Julie Hall Allison made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2012 regular meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Juanita Setzer and passed unanimously.

Review and Discuss SFY2012 Financial Report

Regional Director Lori Deutsch provided updates pertaining to the Financial Report including financial highlights; this report will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Community Outreach Coordinator's Report

Community Outreach Coordinator Claire Louge reported on a number of updates regarding the Community Outreach Plan and benchmarks including; the benchmark for presentations and outreach events are 5 per month and Yavapai conducted 17 with 745 people in attendance; success stories for the month of March included Discovery Gardens Preschool through the Raising a Reader Program, Reading is cool at Chino Valley Head Start, Imagination Library comes to Sedona, Parents as Teacher Program, and the Weekend Family Food Program; media benchmark is 2 per month and Yavapai had 9 radio interviews and articles in the newspaper; videos were provided regarding Regional Council recruitment, Raising a reader and the Weekend Family Food Program; and the tip of the month, the Buena Vista Conference, kudo's, the Immunization Awareness Campaign and the Child Care Coalition Conference were discussed.

Presentation and Discussion of Literacy Topics

Martha Baden with the Prescott Public Library provided a presentation regarding the importance of school readiness and the Every Child Ready to Read program in local libraries. Martha Baden discussed Ready for Kindergarten goals and statistics, parental involvement, and the roles that local libraries play through partnerships.

Review and Discuss Meeting Calendar

Regional Director Lori Deutsch reviewed the need for a special meeting to review and discuss possible renewals and the Request for Grant Applications through executive session. Council Member Sherry Birch made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council conduct a Special Meeting on May 16th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sara Lienau and passed unanimously.

Review and Discussion of Child Care Study

Regional Director Lori Deutsch provided updates regarding future briefs on reports and the capacity portion of the Child Care Study.

Review and Amendment of Approved Renewal Process

Regional Director Lori Deutsch discussed a motion made in February which had limited the renewal process and requested an ammendment be made to approve sending packets to all renewable grantees. Vice Chair Sherry Birch made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council direct First Things First staff to issue renewal applications to grantees. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sara Lienau and passed unanimously.

Director's Report

Regional Director Lori Deutsch reported on a number of updates including: reading materials, the initiative at the State level, clarifications regarding the data report, upcoming Request for Grant Application releases, interviews for Council applications, and the purpose of optional Regional Council site visits.

Call to the Public

Community Member Melanie Jacobson addressed the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council regarding program outcomes for 2010-2011 and the status of United Way of Yavapai County.

Council Member Reports and Updates

Council Member Julie Hall Allison reported on the status of the Big and Little Kids Book website. Council Member Sara Lienau reported in light of the tax season, parents at her center want to write out a tax credit check and cannot do it because preschools are exempt. Council Member Sara Lienau gave Regional Director Lori Deutsch an action item to address the concerns on this matter. Chair Kathy Watson reported that she will be providing grant reviews for the Phoenix area.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Partnership Council is a regular meeting scheduled for April 25, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Rimrock.

Adjourn

Vice Chair Sherry Birch made a motion to adjourn the Yavapai Regional Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Angela Bradshaw Napper and passed unanimously. Chair Kathy Watson adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.



Lori Deutsch, Yavapai Regional Director

Approved:

Kathy Watson, Chair

March 28, 2012