

First Things First Coconino Regional Partnership Council

Minutes of a Meeting

April 27, 2009

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Coconino Regional Partnership Council commenced at 3:02pm on April 27, 2009. The meeting was located at the United Way of Northern Arizona conference room 1515 E. Cedar Ave. Suite D-1, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Julianne Hartzell, the Chairwoman for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Members Present:

Julianne Hartzell, Tony Gonzales, Ken Edes, Noreen Sakiestewa, Mary McLellan

Josh Allen participated via teleconference

Vacancy – Member at Large

Members Absent:

Kerry Blume, Barbara Worgess, Agnes Chamberlain, Seobaghn Arambula

Staff Present

Trudy Rogers, Cristi Mallery

Call to the Public

Pam Powell, First Things First State Board Member, addressed the Council regarding her visit to Washington, D.C. and her meeting with Ann Kirkpatrick. She also discussed the Week of the Young Child and the involvement of the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in this event. Mayor Sara Presler of Flagstaff made a proclamation to declare the Week of the Young Child from April 19 to April 25. Ms. Powell also thanked Chair Hartzell for her leadership and Coconino Regional Partnership Council for their exemplary work.

Consent Agenda

Member Edes moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Gonzales seconded the motion. Member Sakiestewa abstained. Motion passed 5 to 1.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Use of the Advocacy Toolkit

Chair Hartzell discussed the use of the Advocacy Toolkit and its possible use as an official Coconino Regional Partnership Council document. After considerable discussion, Member McLellan moved that the Coconino Regional Partnership Council use the Advocacy Toolkit information for individual

distribution but not use it as a Regional Council approved Advocacy Toolkit. Member Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Update

Ms. Rogers, Coconino Regional Coordinator, discussed updates regarding Regional Quality First! applications, Arizona Parenting Kits, Wages (Compensation and Retention) Initiatives, four new state approved health strategies and the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Federal Grant.

Ms. Rogers presented the Coconino Regional Strategy timeline, and the roll-out of RFGAs for Strategies # 1, # 7, and # 9 and review committee updates. The review committees for these RFGAs will meet between the dates of May 29 and June 10 of 2009. Recommendations will be made to the Council by June 15, 2009 and the Coconino Regional Partnership Council will meet on June 22, 2009. It is due to the State Board on July 31, 2009 for a State Board decision at the State Board Meeting on August 25, 2009. The release of Grant Awards will be in September 2009. Regional Strategies # 2, # 3 and # 8 will be processed either through procurement or through a government to government agreement. The Coconino Regional Partnership Council Members discussed their concerns over the method of how the Quality First! Regional applications from Centers and Homes would be evaluated and selected through the computer selection process and inquired if they could physically see the applications that did not qualify through the computer process prior to making a final decision. Ms. Rogers stated she would seek out information regarding this request.

Ms. Rogers presented award information regarding expedited Food Boxes and expedited Home Visitation. In terms of the Food Distribution, the Town of Fredonia received \$6,500, St. Mary's Food Bank received \$3,000, Society of St. Vincent de Paul received \$8,000, The Circle of Page received \$10,500, Williams Food Bank received \$6,500, and an allotment was granted for the Winslow area in the amount of \$5,000. These organizations were able to begin distribution April 13, 2009. In terms of Family Support, Healthy Families received \$324,212 and Parenting Arizona received \$85,546.

Member Allen updated the Council regarding the possibility that the issue of Voter Protected Funds may not be placed on a ballot for a vote as originally intended.

Ms. Rogers updated the Council regarding the lawsuit filed by First Things First against the State of Arizona and the Governor for sweeping \$7 million in First Things First interest funds.

Ms. Rogers presented a chart with the total amount of state and regional funds allocated for the Coconino Region which totaled \$2,352,813.00.

Regional Partnership Council Election of Officers in May

Ms. Rogers informed the Council that Chair and Vice Chair elections would be held at the May Coconino Regional Partnership Council Meeting with new terms beginning July 1, 2009.

Chair Hartzell requested that the Council Members consider if the current monthly meeting time and date should remain the same or change.

Next Regional Partnership Council Meeting

Chair Hartzell informed the Council that May's Coconino Regional Partnership Council meeting date will be held on May 18, 2009 in Hopi.

Discussion of Council Recruitment Strategy

Chair Hartzell addressed the need for recruitment of an eleventh Member of the Coconino Regional Partnership Council by July 1, 2009.

Member Sakiestewa made a motion to go into Executive Session. Member McLellan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Member McLellan moved to return from Executive Session. Member Sakiestewa seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chair Hartzell concluded from the Council's discussion that staff would collect applications from the Page and Winslow areas as well as look at previously submitted applications by the end of May 2009 to send to the First Things First State Board for approval at the State Board meeting in June.

Meeting Adjourned

4:18pm

SUBMITTED BY:

Cristi Mallery, Admin Asst II

APPROVED BY:

Julianne Hartzell, Chairman