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### Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council

#### Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

A Special Meeting of the First Things First Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council took place on April 30, 2014 at the First Things First Southeast Regional Office, 3610 North Prince Village Place, Suite 100, Tucson, Arizona 85719. Chair Louis Johnson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

#### Members Present:

Ella Begay, Janine Prewitt

#### Members Present Telephonically:

Chair Louis Johnson, Kymberlii Tenario, Dr. Albert Adler, Joseph Mease, Cheryl Conde

#### Members Absent:

Vice Chair Mildred Manuel, Dionne Ramon

#### Invocation

Regional Director Travis Le Duc provided the invocation.

#### Approval of April 12, 2014 Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by member Adler that the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the April 12, 2014 Regional Council meeting as presented, seconded by member Prewitt. Motion carried.

#### Call to the Public

*Kit & Karen McIlroy, Tohono O'odham Community College-* Mr. and Mrs. McIlroy provided the regional council with an update on meetings, presentations and events that have been occurring within the Tohono O'odham Community of Practice. Mr. McIlroy commented on how happy they are to see all the providers coming together for the benefit of the families. Mrs. McIlroy informed the council that this summer there will be five students attending Prescott College for their Bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education. The McIlroys also let the regional council know that they are following through on their plan to make this their last year as coordinators and asked the council for their help finding a worthy candidate for the position. They thanked the regional council for making their work possible with their support.

#### Discussion and Possible Action: Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council Grant Agreement GRA-RC026-14-0674-01 Quality First Child Care Scholarships with the Tohono O'odham Nation

Mr. Le Duc informed Chair Johnson and the regional council that there were no updates on this agenda item at this time.

#### Discussion and Possible Approval: Renewal Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2015

Chair Johnson turned the floor over to Mr. Le Duc, who let the council know that the only renewal document available at this time was the document for the Community Based Professional Development Early Care and Education Professionals grant award with United Way. The documents for Parent Outreach and Awareness and Parent Education Community-Based Training were continuing to undergo clarifications; however, Mr. Le Duc let the regional council know that they had received enough information for him to recommend their approval.

Member Adler asked for Mr. Le Duc to expand on the ongoing clarification, as to whether it was strictly administrative. Mr. Le Duc informed the regional council that they were indeed only administrative, and that the work being done by the grantees was not changing.

A motion was made by member Prewitt that the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council renew the Community Based Professional Development Early Care and Education Professionals grant award with United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, First Things First contract FTF-MULTI-13-0389-03-Y2, for the period of July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015, in the amount of \$100,000, seconded by Member Adler. Motion carried.

**\*\*10:25 a.m. Member Prewitt left the meeting\*\***

A motion was made by Member Mease that the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council approves the renewal of the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council Parent Outreach and Awareness Contract FTF-RC026-13-0532-01-Y2 for the period of July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015, in the amount of \$292,690, seconded by member Conde. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Mease that the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council approves the renewal of the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council Parent Education Community-Based Training FTF-RC026-13-0539-01-Y2 for the period of July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015, in the amount of \$70,000, seconded by member Adler. Motion carried.

**Discussion: Fiscal Policy Recommendations to the First Things First Board.**

Mr. Le Duc informed the regional council that he had this item on the agenda because it would be a topic of discussion at the First Things First Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting the following day. He wanted to give the council members an opportunity to give any feedback that they would like taken to the meeting. Member Adler let Mr. Le Duc know that she felt that the regional council could support their decision, despite the loss of income that it meant, due to the economic situation that the board finds themselves in. Mr. Le Duc wished Chair Johnson and Vice Chair Manuel safe travels and thanked member Adler for her feedback.

**General Discussion**

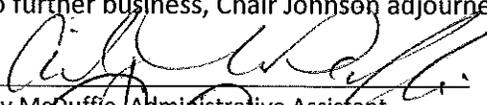
Mr. Le Duc and the members of the regional council expressed their gratitude to Kit and Karen McIlroy for the work they have done for the Tohono O'odham community.

**Call to the Public**

None at this time.

**Adjourn**

As there was no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:39 a.m.

Submitted By   
Emily McDuffie, Administrative Assigntant

Approved By   
Louis Johnson, Chair

Dated this 12 day of July, 2014.