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**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on May 1, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Community Center.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

Members Present: H. Jill McCormick, Chair; Dr. Michael Reed, Vice Chair; Ines Pampara; Paul Soto; Rev. Deal Begay; Cristina Solorzano; Christie Stevens

Members Absent: Patricia R. Weissenberg; Gina Nierenhausen

Approval of April 3, 2013 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Dr. Reed moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2013, Regional Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Soto with the stipulation to amend the minutes as stated by Member Soto, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members.

FY2014 Grant Agreement Recommendation: Food Security

The Regional Council reviewed the recommendation for the Food Security Strategy grant award. Per the agreement the Yuma Community Food Bank will provide food boxes for families with young children with a total of 30 food boxes distributed over the course of the year. Sr. Director Gary P. Arnold stated the amount allocated for this strategy is \$750.00 and will be in effect at the start of the FY2014.

Dr. Reed moved to approve the recommendation that First Things First enter into a grant agreement with the Yuma Community Food Bank for the Food Security Strategy. The motion was seconded by Member Soto, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members.

FY2014 Grant Renewal Recommendation: Home Visitation

The Renewal Recommendation for Home Visitation (Early Steps Program) was a topic of discussion by the Regional Council. The recommendation proposes an allocated amount of \$79,182.00 for new FY2014. Dr. Reed moved to approve the renewal agreement for Home Visitation with the Cocopah Indian Tribe. The motion was seconded by Member Soto, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members.

Review of 2014 Needs and Assets Proposed Timeline

The proposed timeline for the 2014 Needs and Assets Assessment was reviewed by the Regional Council. Sr. Director Arnold stated additional funds were allocated for tribal regions to assist in extensive compiling/extraction of data that will be reflective of the needs in the tribal communities.

2012 Regional Annual Report

The Regional Council reviewed a draft of the 2012 Regional Annual Report. No action was taken by the Regional Council at this time.

Healthy, Happy, Safe: Cocopah Tribe Council's Plan of Action for System Building Draft

The Regional Council prioritized the goals for the System Building draft based on previous discussions and were prioritized as follows:

- 1) Family Support/Health
- 2) Family Guide
- 3) School Readiness
- 4) Quality First

Parent Outreach and Awareness Update

Community Outreach Coordinator, Nena Garcia, provided a brief update on events attended and ongoing outreach efforts in the community.

Election of Regional Partnership Council Officers for FY2014

Dr. Reed moved to retain Chair McCormick in the role of "Chair" and nominated Member Rev. Begay to occupy the role of "Vice Chair" on the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council for the new FY2014. The motion was seconded by Member Solorzano, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members.

Sr. Regional Director's Report

Topics included in the Sr. Regional Director's report was the resignation of First Things First Chief Executive Officer, Rhian Evans Allvin, to accept the job of executive director of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in Washington, D.C., the upcoming 2013 Summit and the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council financial report for 2013.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

Member Solorzano announced the Head Start Center is nearing a Quality First 3 star rating. Rev. Begay announced National Prayer Day is on Thursday, May 2, 2013. Member Stevens announced her first anniversary as member of the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council.

Next Meeting

The Regional Council will not meet in June. The next Regional Partnership Council Meeting will occur July 3, 2013, at 3:00 p.m., at the Cocopah Community Center.

Adjournment

Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.



Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III



Rev. Deal Begay Vice Chair, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council