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

Call to Order/ Welcome

The meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on March 7, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Community Center, 14251 Centre Avenue, Somerton, Arizona, 85350.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Members Present: H. Jill McCormick, Chair; Dr. Michael Reed, Vice Chair; Gina Nierenhausen; Cristina Solorzano; Paul Soto; Patricia R. Weissenberg; Ines Pampara; Rev. Deal Begay

Members Excused: Christie Stevens

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair McCormick provided the Regional Council with the opportunity to declare a conflict of interest regarding any items on the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

Approval of February 1, 2012 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Member Soto moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2012, Regional Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Nierenhausen, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Presentation on the Ages and Stages Questionnaire

Easter Seals Blake Foundation EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION INCLUSION+ PROGRAM Supervisor, Raquel Munoz-Aguirre, demonstrated the kit assessment materials used in the Ages and Stages Assessment which included a review of the assessment questionnaire.

Scope of Work FY2013 Home Visitation Strategy

Regional Director Ashley Pascual reviewed the Scope of Work for the Home Visitation Strategy with the Regional Council. Dr. Reed moved to adopt the Scope of Work for FY2013 Home Visitation Strategy. The motion was seconded by Member Rev. Begay, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

Chair Rev. Darren Hawkins of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council extended an invitation to the Regional Council to attend the Yuma Regional Partnership Council meeting on March 15, 2012, 4:30pm, at the Yuma Regional Medical Center-Main Campus. A meet-n-greet is planned prior to the meeting.

FY2012 Community Awareness

Regional Director Pascual engaged the Regional Council in a discussion on the Community Awareness Budget and Events for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2012. It was the consensus of the Regional Council that the Community Outreach Subcommittee, which includes Chair McCormick, Member Nierenhausen and Member Solorzano, will meet to discuss and plan the event participation.

Discussion on Funding for FY2013 Strategies

Regional Director Pascual reviewed the timelines for grant awards for FY2013. The strategies included in the review were Home Visitation, Food Security and Parent Outreach & Awareness. The Regional Council discussed the types of funding mechanisms for the Parent Outreach and Awareness strategy, and there was consensus that the Parent Outreach & Awareness would be considered a FTF-directed strategy.

Director's Update

a) Review FY2012 Financial Expenditures and Quarter 2 Data Reports:

The Regional Council reviewed the expenditure report and data reports for Home Visitation, Family, Friends & Neighbors, Parent Education Community-Based Training, Helpline and Food Security. Regional Director Pascual stated the second quarter data for Food Security has not yet been submitted. A report on Head Start facilities improvements was also provided by Regional Director Pascual.

b) Regional Council Member Application and Selection Process:

The member terms and member selection process were discussed by the Regional Council. Members whose seats are expiring June 30, 2012, were encouraged to reapply and continue membership in the Regional Council.

c-d) Regional Updates/Upcoming Events:

- a. An informal meet-n-greet meeting is scheduled on March 15, 2012, Yuma Regional Medical Center-Main Campus at approximately 3:45pm, followed by the Yuma Regional Partnership Council Regular Meeting, 4:30pm
- b. FTF Research & Evaluation Advisory Panel conference call, Monday, March 12, 2012
- c. FTF State Board Meeting scheduled on April 2-3, 2012, San Carlos, AZ
- d. Arizona Early Childhood Summit, August 19-21, 2012

Announcements

Member Nierenhausen announced the Cocopah Fun in the Sun Day would be taking place on April 4, 2012. Chair McCormick announced that she would be on travel on April 4, 2012.

Next Meeting

The April 4, 2012 regular meeting was cancelled due to Members not being available to attend. The next Regional Partnership Council Meeting will occur May 2, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

H. Jill McCormick, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Chair