



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board  
Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council  
Meeting Minutes**

## Call to Order/ Welcome

The meeting of the First Things First – Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on May 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources, at 880 West Route 66, in Peach Springs, Arizona, 86434.

Chair Imus called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

## Members Present

Reverend Pete Imus, Chair; Candida Hunter, Vice Chair; Joyce Holgate; Darren Hudak; Charlene Imus; Dr. Anthony Perkins; Lucille Watahomigie

## Members Absent

Sandra Irwin

## Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Hunter made a motion to approve the March 13, 2013 meeting minutes. Member Holgate seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## Call to the Public

There were no responses to the Call to the Public.

## Announcements and General Discussion

The Regional Partnership Council members engaged in general discussion regarding collaboration of resources. The members will send dates they would be available to meet to Regional Director Pascual. Director Pascual will then facilitate a meeting with primary service providers that may include Indian Health Services, Women and Infant Children, Maternal Child Health, Head Start, Child Care, Social Services, Peach Springs Unified School District, Tribal Council members and Regional Partnership Council members, among others. Chair Imus welcomed new members Darren Hudak and Dr. Anthony Perkins. Chair Imus welcomed Rhian Evans Allvin.

## CEO Update

Rhian Evans Allvin, First Things First Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on things going on at the state level, including the research and evaluation plan, and work on the kindergarten developmental inventory. She discussed the importance of accountability for First Things First funds, and explained the work occurring to build an administrative database to that end.

CEO Allvin announced the Arizona Department of Education signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a pilot program to compare First Things First's child level data with theirs, and she hopes to obtain those same types of agreements with other state departments. There will be targeted studies to accompany this database, and the first is a validation of the quality improvement and rating system for Quality First. The kindergarten developmental inventory will probably be a combination of work sampling and observation to help understand where children are tracking in their development. CEO Allvin explained that the Virginia Piper Trust has agreed to spend \$3M on professional development for the school districts that are interested in participating in getting kindergarten teachers up to speed, and then hopefully administer this inventory. The vision is that the kindergarten developmental inventory will align with the common core, with consideration to what is relevant to the

**FY2014 Regional Partnership Council Officer Elections**

Nomination and Election of Vice Chair – Chair Imus made a motion to nominate Vice Chair Hunter. Member Watahomigie made a motion to nominate Chair Imus. Four members voted for Vice Chair Hunter, and two members voted for Chair Imus. Vice Chair Hunter was elected to be the Vice Chair in FY2014 by majority vote.

Nomination and Election of Chair – Member Watahomigie made a motion to nominate Member Holgate for Chair. Vice Chair Hunter made a motion to nominate Chair Imus. One member voted for Member Holgate, and four members voted for Chair Imus. Chair Imus was elected by majority vote to be the Chair in FY2014.

**Community Outreach Report**

Erin Taylor, Community Outreach Coordinator explained her outreach work over the last two months, including the Week of the Young Child as one of the biggest outreach efforts with proclamation readings at meetings of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors, the Hualapai Tribal Council, and other area government entities. Coordinator Taylor spoke about working with the Hualapai Youth Council to lead them through the proclamation process and allow them to spearhead the project and present their work to Tribal Council. There were also several stories in local publications about the impact of First Things First in the Hualapai area.

Coordinator Taylor will be participating in the End of School Year Youth Conference scheduled May 28-31, 2013, with forty participants expected. "How to Build A Movement" will be the topic of the session.

Coordinator Taylor is also planning an article on the Native Language Preservation project when the books are developed.

**Regional Director's Update**

Director Pascual reviewed First Things First strategy participation statewide, including the school readiness indicators throughout the West Regional Area, and illustrating how the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council focus parallels those of the La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council, as well as other west regional partnership councils.

Director Pascual reviewed upcoming events, including the next grantee coordination meeting scheduled in Kingman in August; and a Family, Friends and Neighbors Workshop event in Parker on May 22. The next regional partnership council meeting will be held on June 12.

CEO Allvin noted the topic of the pre-summit is going to be on systems building, with a video presentation from Peter Senge who wrote The Fifth Discipline, and ending with an interactive workshop by The Waters Foundation. Information on registration for the Summit will be available May 15.

Vice Chair Hunter thanked CEO Allvin for all of her involvement – especially with the tribal consultation – and wished her good luck in her endeavors in Washington, D.C.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council will be June 12, 2013.

**Adjourn**

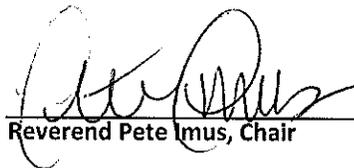
Chair Imus adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**



Sandy Smith, Administrative Assistant

**APPROVED BY:**



Reverend Pete Imus, Chair