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Pima North Regional Partnership Council

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Members with a declared conflict will complete the conflict of interest form and declare their conflict during the Regional Council meeting. Members will then refrain from participation, which includes discussion and taking action on items related to the declared conflict of interest.

Strategy	Jil Feldhausen	Peg Harmon	Scott Ingram	Dorothy Johnson	Amber Jones	Marcia Klipsch	Wade McLean	Annabel Ratley	Susan Shinn	Sharon Taddeo
Parenting Education										
Family, Friends and Neighbors										
Home Visitation	X				X					
Professional Development Early Care and Education Professionals					X					X
Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Care and Education Settings	Approved at 04/08/2015 meeting									



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PIMA NORTH REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Welcome, Call to Order & Introductions

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First – Pima North Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona Inc., Board Meeting Room, 140 West Speedway Boulevard, Suite 230, Tucson, Arizona 85705.

Chair Peg Harmon called the meeting to order at approximately 4:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Jil Feldhausen
Peg Harmon
Scott Ingram
Dorothy Johnson
Amber Jones
Marcia Klipsch
Ann Mastergeorge
Wade McLean
Annabel Ratley
Sharon Taddeo

Members Absent:

Sue Shinn

Conflicts of Interest

Chair Peg Harmon asked the members if there were conflicts of interest regarding items on this agenda. There were none at this time.

Call to the Public

Sarah Kerr, Casa de los Niños

Ms. Kerr of Nurse Family Partnerships shared recent success stories. A lactation nurse was recently hired and has been facilitating a support group, connecting with expectant mothers, and scheduling home visits. Ms. Kerr highlighted collaborations with the Tucson Botanical Gardens, Teen Outreach Pregnancy, and University of Arizona Medical School.

Consent Agenda

Member Jil Feldhausen moved that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the consent agenda, seconded by Member Marcia Klipsch. Motion carried.

Recommendations on Request for Grant Application (RFGA) Awards (Discussion and Possible Action) (Possible Executive Session)

Chair Peg Harmon said the following regarding Executive Session:

"I would like to remind the Regional Council and the public that only those non-Regional Council members reasonably necessary to the Executive Session discussion may attend the Executive Session. All others please leave the room after the motion and vote. Please take all of your materials and personal items with you. In addition, I remind all Regional Council members and staff that, matters discussed in Executive Session must be kept confidential by those attending pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (C), except in some very limited circumstances, such as in the course of an Open Meeting Law investigation by the Attorney General or County Attorney.

I also remind Regional Council members and staff that the Executive Session is subject to the provision of the Open Meeting Law.

I'd like to call for a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (2), for purposes of; Agenda Item #5 - Recommendations on Request for Grant Application Awards: Discussion and Possible Action, Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Care and Education Settings: FTF-MULTI-16-0529-00."

Member Dorothy Johnson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. section 38-431.03(A)(2) to discuss agenda item #5, Recommendations on Request for Grant Application (RFGA) Awards, seconded by Member Annabel Ratley. Motion carried.

*Member Amber Jones joined the meeting.

Executive Session began at 4:12 p.m.

Member Dorothy Johnson moved to close Executive Session for the Pima North Regional Partnership Council, seconded by Vice Chair Scott Ingram. Motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 4:47 p.m.

Chair Peg Harmon summarized the Executive Session by stating:

"During Executive Session, the Regional Partnership Council discussed the Review Committee's recommendation of award for the Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Care and Education Settings Request For Grant Application, contract number FTF-MULTI-16-0529-00. One application was submitted. The Review Committee met on April 1, 2015 and conducted a confidential review of the Request for Grant Applications for the Pima North and Pima South regions. The Review Committee submitted a recommendation for one grant award for the Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Care and Education RFGA, which the Council discussed during Executive Session."

Member Wade McLean moved that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approves the Review Committee recommendation for the Request for Grant Application, Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Care and Education in partnership with the Pima South Regional Partnership Council, contract number FTF-MULTI-16-0529-00 for consideration of approval to the First Things First Board, seconded by Member Marcia Klipsch. Vote: 9 in favor, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Update on 2015 First Things First Summit

Jessica Brisson, Senior Regional Director, presented information regarding the First Things First Summit scheduled on August 24-25, 2015. She reviewed the summit logistical information, as well as the registration process for Regional Partnership Council members.

March 3, 2015 Cross-Regional Partnership Meeting (Discussion)

A cross-regional meeting was held on March 3, 2015 at United Way Green Valley Office, 210 West Continental Road, Suite 248 Green Valley, Arizona 85614. Sam Leyvas, First Things First Chief Executive Officer Sam Leyvas presented state and policy updates. Community Awareness staff conducted a storytelling exercise with the members. The members expressed interest in having regular cross-regional meetings throughout the year.

Update on Strong Start Tucson (Discussion and Possible Action)

Chair Peg Harmon shared information regarding Strong Start Tucson. Strong Start Tucson is comprised of a group of community members, including Chair Peg Harmon, who are hoping to get a city sales tax increase to help fund child care scholarships in Tucson. Currently, they are in talks with the City Mayor and Council to have the tax increase on the ballot in November. She will continue to inform the Regional Council about the progress.

Regional Director Report

Ms. Brisson shared regional and state updates, as well as reviewed Attachments #4-8 which included the Community Outreach Report, SFY2015 Expenditure Report, Quarter 2 Data Report, Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 Narrative Reports.

Announcements & Future Agenda Item Requests

Member Ann Mastergeorge announced that she is resigning from the Pima North Regional Partnership Council because she is moving to Texas. She will join the faculty at Texas Tech University as Chair of Family Studies and Human Development, will be the Director of the Institute for Child and Family Studies, and hold the Rockwell Endowed Professor in the College of Human Sciences. Member Mastergeorge indicated the April 8, 2015 Regional Partnership Council meeting is her last meeting.

Member Dorothy Johnson informed the Regional Council that she is discussing a brain development (conception to 30 weeks) course with the staff of Pima Community College-Community Campus. The course may be a part of continuing education and would be available online. Member Johnson requested further discussion and invited Regional Partnership Council members to participate in the planning process.

Member Amber Jones announced that she has taken a position with WestEd as Lead Content Developer for Early Education Effectiveness Exchange. She will be creating and facilitating professional development focusing on systems thinking for child care professionals.

Call to the Public

None at this time.

Next Meeting

The next Pima North Regional Partnership Council meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona Inc., Board Meeting Room, 140 West Speedway Boulevard, Suite 230, Tucson, Arizona 85705.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:43 p.m.



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Regional Director's Report May 13, 2015

Regional Updates

State Fiscal Year 2016 Request of Grant Applications (RFGA):

- ❖ All Pima North RFGA's have closed.
- ❖ The Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Childhood Education Settings will be presented to the First Things First State Board for approval on May 19th.
- ❖ The remaining RFGA award recommendations will be presented to the State Board for approval at the meeting held on June 8th and 9th.

Update on Pima North Unfunded Approaches/System Building Opportunities

- ❖ For State Fiscal Year 2016, the Pima North Regional Council identified the unfunded approach of connecting families with First Things First available services and supports who have unsubstantiated Department of Child Safety (formerly Child Protective Services) cases. This is connecting families with services who do not enter into the child welfare system and who are not eligible for services through the child welfare system but may be able to benefit from services that are offered through First Things First.
- ❖ The Pima Regional Directors in partnership with Pima Department of Child Safety Assistant Program Managers and the Program Manager for the Pima Region identified opportunities to learn more about each organization, identified professional development needs, data sharing and next steps, which includes a cross-agency meeting that will be held locally in Tucson. This meeting is planned to take place in either June or July.

State Fiscal Year 2015 Pima North Expenditure Report (See Separate Attachment)

- ❖ Attached as part of the Regional Director's report is the Pima North expenditure report that is showing financial activities for State Fiscal Year 2015, which began on July 1, 2014 and will end June 30, 2015.

Community Outreach Report (See Separate Attachment)

Statewide Updates

Quality First Scholarships

- ❖ State Fiscal Year 2016 Quality First Scholarship award letters went out to providers May 1, 2015.
- ❖ Please note that beginning July 1, 2015, Quality First enrolled programs achieving a 3, 4 or 5 Quality Rating are eligible for Quality First Scholarships.

First Things First State Board Meeting

- ❖ The State Board met on April 14 in Yuma. Actions included:
 - Welcomed new Board Member, Shawna L.M. Bolick. Bolick is Director of Business Development for Arizona School Choice Trust, a non-profit, school tuition organization that provides scholarships for low-income, special needs and foster children across Arizona to attend private school.
 - Statewide Professional Development System Strategic Plan was discussed. The Workforce Competencies have been developed, 3 Community Colleges have adopted the developed Associates Degree in Early Education and the design of the registry to map the credentials of the early childhood workforce. User testing of the registry will begin soon.
- ❖ All State Board documents are available on the First Things First website, www.azftf.gov.

- ❖ The next Board meeting will be telephonic and held on May 19th.

Chairs/Vice Chairs Leadership Forum

- ❖ Occurred on April 24th from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn in Phoenix
- ❖ Agenda items for the forum included:
 - Statewide Evaluation (Progress, Discussion and Report Out)
 - Engagement with Policy Makers presented by Ben Altener, Director of Government Affairs, where Ben:
 - Reviewed the legislative session and what it meant for early childhood and FTF
 - Reviewed FTF strategy and approach with policy makers
 - Shared direction and engaged discussion on the FTF strategy going forward
 - Leadership and Learning for Chairs and Vice Chairs

Upcoming Events and Key Dates

- ❖ **June 8-9:** State Board meeting, Phoenix
- ❖ **June 10:** Pima North Regional Council Meeting
- ❖ **August 23-25:** First Things First Early Childhood Summit 2015 in Phoenix (Summit starts the 24th officially; however a Cross-Regional Council meeting is currently being coordinated for the Sunday afternoon, the 23rd).

	Grantee Name	Total Allotment	Awarded	YTD Expense	Expense Variance	% of Award Expended	Reimbursement Activity	
							Pending	Paid (Last 30 Days)
Community Awareness	Community Awareness	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$11,222	\$778	93.5%		
	Community Outreach	\$69,540	\$69,540	\$39,306	\$30,234	56.5%		
	Media	\$56,280	\$56,280	\$27,035	\$29,245	48.0%		
	Goal Area Subtotal:	\$137,820	\$137,820	\$77,563	\$60,257	56.3%		
Evaluation	Statewide Evaluation	\$686,279	\$686,279	\$686,279	-	100.0%		
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)		\$686,279	\$686,279	-	100.0%		
	Goal Area Subtotal:	\$686,279	\$686,279	\$686,279	-	100.0%		
Family Support	Home Visitation	\$2,160,600	\$2,157,839	\$1,432,834	\$725,005	66.4%		\$326,523
	Arizona Department of Economic Security		\$14,152	\$7,093	\$7,058	50.1%		
	Casa de los Niños, Inc.		\$977,343	\$654,764	\$322,579	67.0%		\$143,140
	Sunnyside School District		\$596,551	\$401,856	\$194,695	67.4%		\$87,716
	United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona		\$569,793	\$369,121	\$200,672	64.8%		\$95,667
	Parenting Education	\$530,856	\$530,856	\$372,301	\$158,555	70.1%	\$6,208	\$89,083
	Make Way for Books		\$98,216	\$63,624	\$34,592	64.8%	\$6,208	\$6,584
	Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services		\$195,888	\$154,975	\$40,913	79.1%		\$39,589
	United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona		\$236,752	\$153,702	\$83,050	64.9%		\$42,910
	Goal Area Subtotal:	\$2,691,456	\$2,688,695	\$1,805,135	\$883,560	67.1%	\$6,208	\$415,606
Health	Care Coordination/Medical Home	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$60,618	\$39,382	60.6%		\$18,306
	International Rescue Committee		\$100,000	\$60,618	\$39,382	60.6%		\$18,306
	QF Child Care Health Consultation	\$279,110	\$279,109	\$174,088	\$105,021	62.4%		\$19,430
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)		\$17,411	\$17,411	-	100.0%		
	Maricopa County Department of Public Health		\$5,970	\$2,960	\$3,010	49.6%		\$2,122
	Pima County Health Department		\$244,873	\$147,793	\$97,080	60.4%		\$16,721
			\$10,855	\$5,924	\$4,931	54.6%		\$586
	Mental Health Consultation Strategy	\$536,280	\$536,280	\$328,093	\$208,187	61.2%		\$75,300
	Southwest Human Development		\$536,280	\$328,093	\$208,187	61.2%		\$75,300
	Recruitment Loan Forgiveness SLPs	\$30,750	\$30,750	\$32,324	(\$1,574)	105.1%		
Arizona Department of Health Services		-	\$1,574	(\$1,574)	0.0%			
		\$30,750	\$30,750	-	100.0%			
Goal Area Subtotal:	\$946,140	\$946,139	\$595,123	\$351,016	62.9%		\$113,036	

Pima North Regional Partnership Council Expenditure Report (continued)

Professional Development	Prof. Dev for ECE Professionals (CoP)	\$780,000	\$780,000	\$419,766	\$360,234	53.8%		\$119,243
	United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona		\$780,000	\$419,766	\$360,234	53.8%		\$119,243
	FTF Professional REWARD\$	\$359,750	\$359,750	\$272,429	\$87,321	75.7%		
	Valley of the Sun United Way		-	\$2,734	(\$2,734)	0.0%		
			\$359,750	\$269,695	\$90,055	75.0%		
	Scholarships Non-TEACH (PCPP)	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$22,220	\$22,780	49.4%		
	Central Arizona College		\$45,000	\$22,220	\$22,780	49.4%		
	Scholarships TEACH	\$360,782	\$180,391	\$9,595	\$170,796	5.3%		-
	Association for Supportive Child Care		\$180,391	\$9,595	\$170,796	5.3%		-
	Goal Area Subtotal:	\$1,545,532	\$1,365,141	\$724,010	\$641,131	53.0%		
Quality and Access	Center-based Literacy	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$19,564	\$8,436	69.9%	\$2,070	\$2,266
	Make Way for Books		\$28,000	\$19,564	\$8,436	69.9%	\$2,070	\$2,266
	Expansion Increase Slots	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$128,713	\$61,287	67.7%		\$33,652
	Child and Family Resources Inc.		\$75,000	\$53,496	\$21,504	71.3%		\$12,602
	United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona		\$115,000	\$75,216	\$39,784	65.4%		\$21,050
	Family, Friends & Neighbors	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$79,960	\$70,040	53.3%	\$10,026	\$9,758
	Association for Supportive Child Care		\$150,000	\$79,960	\$70,040	53.3%	\$10,026	\$9,758
	Kindergarten Transition	\$46,492	\$46,492	\$46,492	-	100.0%		\$11,620
	Arizona Department of Education		\$46,492	\$46,492	-	100.0%		\$11,620
	Quality First Academy	\$112,800	\$112,800	\$60,358	\$52,442	53.5%		\$9,419
	Southwest Human Development		\$112,800	\$60,358	\$52,442	53.5%		\$9,419
	Quality First CCHC Warmline	\$5,311	\$3,798	\$2,176	\$1,622	57.3%		\$747
	University of Arizona Cooperative Extension		\$3,798	\$2,176	\$1,622	57.3%		\$747
	Quality First Coaching & Incentives	\$1,439,201	\$1,371,871	\$1,028,902	\$342,969	75.0%		
	Valley of the Sun United Way		\$1,371,871	\$1,028,902	\$342,969	75.0%		
	Quality First Inclusion Warmline	\$23,730	\$20,933	\$12,901	\$8,032	61.6%		\$1,489
	Southwest Human Development		\$20,933	\$12,901	\$8,032	61.6%		\$1,489
	Quality First MHC Warmline	\$24,408	\$24,408	\$16,638	\$7,770	68.2%		\$1,684
	Southwest Human Development		\$24,408	\$16,638	\$7,770	68.2%		\$1,684
	Quality First Scholarships Strategy	\$5,925,160	\$5,925,160	\$4,456,627	\$1,468,533	75.2%		-
First Things First (FTF-Directed)		\$53,156	\$53,156	-	100.0%		-	
Valley of the Sun United Way		\$5,872,004	\$4,403,471	\$1,468,533	75.0%		-	
Quality First Warmline Triage	\$8,588	\$8,588	\$6,274	\$2,314	73.1%		\$693	
Southwest Human Development		\$8,588	\$6,274	\$2,314	73.1%		\$693	
	Goal Area Subtotal:	\$7,953,690	\$7,882,050	\$5,858,605	\$2,023,445	74.3%	\$12,096	\$71,328
	Overall Total:	\$13,960,917	\$13,706,124	\$9,746,715	\$3,959,409	71.1%	\$18,304	\$719,213

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

May 2015 Pima Regions

Attachment #5

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April Outreach Activity Highlights

One on One: Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center, Liz Barta and OTIS (Organization of Teratology Information Specialists), University of Arizona*

April 1: 85724

Speakers Training: Early Childhood Everyday* El Rio Health Clinic, Dr. Andrew Cronyn

April 8: 85714

Event: TUSD Teenage Parent Program (TAP) Open House/ Resource Fair*

April 8: 85714

Networking: JTED Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee***

April 13: 85742

Event: Nurse Family Partnership Graduation (Easter Seals Blake Foundation)**

April 16: 85705

FTF books and early literacy guides were distributed to 30 graduating families. Parents as Teachers was on site to meet and talk to graduating families about their programs for toddlers.

Speakers Training: The Write Way*

April 17: 85701

I was asked to do a 'story telling as personal marketing' workshop at the annual Pima County Laid Off Camp. Although participants were not necessarily there for information about early childhood I shared the impact of the early years as I taught about the power of storytelling. As I trained participants on creating elevator speeches and short stories about themselves to prepare for job interviews, they were exposed to the world of early childhood in Arizona. It was a very successful experiment!

Event: Southern Arizona Association for the Education of the Young Child (SAzAEEYC) 2015 Awards Brunch**

April 18: 85701

FTF Champions Bill Berk, Sydney Engs, Monica Brinkerhoff and Erin Lyons received awards for the work they do in Early Childhood.

Event: Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services (TOPS) annual Family Picnic***

April 18: 85716

40 books and early literacy guides distributed to families on behalf of FTF.

Event: Child and Family Resources Champions for Children Awards Brunch**

April 21: 85711: Champion LaVonne Douville received an award.

Engagement Support: Children's Action Alliance Southern Arizona Advisory Committee Meeting **

April 24: 85716

Speakers Training: Early Childhood Everyday*

April 25: 85710

Presented FTF info and training at the annual Delta Kappa Gamma statewide conference.

Event: Nurse Family Partnership Graduation (Casa de los Niños)**

April 27: 85705

FTF books and early literacy guides were distributed to 25 graduating families.

Networking: JobPath, Habitat for Humanity Tucson and Christopher King, PhD lead a discussion about the Dual-Generation Strategy Initiative.*

April 28: 85719

The Dual-Generation Strategy Initiative posits that:

- high-quality early childhood education (Pre-K-3rd) combined with
- job training that leads to high-skill/high-wage employment for adults, and
- supplemented by wrap-around family and peer support services

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



When Arizona Reads, Arizona Thrives

Check out the Read On Arizona Website at:

<http://readonarizona.org/resources/publications/>

They have great resources for parents, educators & community members.

Engagement Support:**

A special thank you to our partners who are sharing Educational Reinforcement Items (ERI's) on our behalf:

- Jessica Borbon, Nurse Family Partnership, Easter Seals Blake Foundation
- Laura Churley, Nurse Family Partnership, Casa de los Niños
- Dina Gutierrez, Parents as Teachers AMPHI
- Jackie Pierson, Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services (TOPS)

APRIL BENCHMARKS :

6 Events
6 Networking or 1:1 Meetings
4 Speakers Training
8 Referrals
10 Actions Taken by Supporters or Champions

Please note: Community Outreach Coordinators work to increase **awareness** of ECE and to move supporters of the ECE movement to **Take Action** on behalf of ECE.

*Referral

**Action Taken by a Supporter or Champion

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Dental screenings lays foundation for preschooler's healthy oral hygiene

Story written by Lourdes Medrano

Sam Gomez opened his mouth wide, just as he was being instructed, to allow for close inspection of his teeth soon after he and his preschool classmates had started their morning routine. The 5-year-old seemed quite familiar with the procedure taking place in a classroom corner.

In just a few minutes, registered dental hygienist Jayle Sinclair had checked the boy's teeth and varnished them with a fluoride treatment.

"Good job!" she told a proud-looking Sam, who walked away with a new toothbrush and a colorful Nemo sticker.

It was the second time that about 30 other youngsters enrolled at Mary Belle McCorkle Pre-K School had dental screenings through First Smiles Matter, a program of the Pima County Health Department intended to prevent tooth decay in children.

The program funded by First Things First serves more than 35 childcare centers and early education sites across the region. Research shows that establishing sound oral health practices in early childhood can go a long way toward avoiding problems with learning later on.



Sam opens wide as Jayle Sinclair checks his teeth

In the classrooms of teachers Kathleen Lavoie and Patty Todd, the children knew what to expect from Sinclair and her two dental assistants. Brushing their teeth every day is part of their preschool experience.

"The children are often fascinated with the whole process," Lavoie said of the dental screenings as Sinclair and her helpers checked the kids' teeth. Sinclair, one of the dental hygienists making weekly visits to the various sites, is assisted by Pima Community College students studying dental hygiene.

"We often catch problems that parents don't know about yet," Sinclair said. After carefully checking teeth and coating them with the fluoride treatment, she fills out a form that lets parents know about their children's oral health.

"We definitely want to keep parents informed so that they can follow-up with a dentist if needed," Sinclair said. "This is also a way to encourage families to help their kids keep up healthy oral habits even at this young age."

Jacob Gomez, Sam's dad, tries to do just that. Gomez said the dental screenings, coupled with brushings at preschool and at home, have served to make his son more comfortable about taking care of his teeth and going to the dentist.

Outside, Sam romped around the playground with his friends. He made it clear he wasn't a bit afraid to have his teeth checked.

"I got a new toothbrush," he said.

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