

May 14, 2013 Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on May 14, 2013 at St. Patrick's Catholic Community Administration Building, 10815 North 84th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260.

Chair VanMaanen called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m., and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Members Present

Chair Patricia VanMaanen, Vice Chair Marie Raymond, Ron Henry, Joanne Meehan, Mary Permoda, Dana Vela, and Jenny Stahl (telephonically)

Member Absent

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Members of the Public

There were seven members of the public present.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2013

Council Member Henry moved to approve the March 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Permoda seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously 6-0 (Council Member Stahl not yet present telephonically).

Discussion and Possible Action on SFY 2014 Renewals

Senior Director Wendy Sabatini provided information to the Regional Council members about the oral health renewal. She also noted that Maricopa County is working with the Department of Public Health Services to develop a reimbursement system for varnishings, etc. that is being piloted in South Phoenix, which is one of the main reasons for the extension of the contract to make sure that the system is viable.

Council Member Permoda moved to approve Renewal Contract No. GRA-MULTI-11-0077-01-Y3 to the Maricopa County Department of Public Health in the amount of \$151,484 for the Oral Health strategy for State Fiscal Year 2014 for the Northeast Maricopa Region. Council Member Meehan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 6-0 (Council Member Stahl not yet present telephonically).

Discussion took place about the Family Support Children with Special Needs contract renewal. Concerns were stated about the low contract service numbers, and Council Member Raymond requested that the Council receive monthly updates from the grantee. Chair VanMaanen suggested that First Things First Policy personnel look at the joint First Things First and St. Luke's Health Initiative intervening early assessment report and then come to a Council meeting to make a presentation as to how this program will support the system. Council members also asked for a presentation by the grantee at the August Council meeting.

Council Member Meehan moved to approve Renewal Contract No. FTF-RC009-13-0357-01 to Southwest Human Development in the amount of \$199,352 for the Family Support Children with Special Needs strategy for State

Fiscal Year 2014 for the Northeast Maricopa Region. Vice Chair Raymond seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0, with Council Member Vela voting nay. (Council Member Stahl not yet present telephonically).

Senior Director Sabatini reported on the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation Home Visitation program, and stated that every child born on the reservation is offered home visitation services. Additionally, they are collaborating with other grantees to have a very comprehensive program for their children.

Council Member Henry moved to approve Renewal Contract No. GRA-RC009-13-0313-01 to the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$165,809 for the Home Visitation strategy for State Fiscal Year 2014 for the Northeast Maricopa Region. Council Member Vela seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 6-0 (Council Member Stahl not yet present telephonically).

Council Member Stahl joined the meeting telephonically at 4:43 p.m.

Senior Director Sabatini stated that the City of Scottsdale will exceed their contract service numbers and gave a brief overview of the programs offered by the grantee.

Council Member Vela moved to approve Renewal Contract No. FTF-RC009-12-0324-03-Y2 to the City of Scottsdale in the amount of \$165,000 for the Parent Education Community Based Training strategy for State Fiscal Year 2014 for the Northeast Maricopa Region. Council Member Permoda seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0, with Vice Chair Raymond abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Council Member Stahl left the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Nominations and Elections of Council Chair/Vice Chair

Chair Pat VanMaanen stated she would accept a nomination to continue as Chair, and Vice Chair Raymond stated she would also accept a nomination as Vice Chair. Council Member Vela nominated Pat VanMaanen to continue as Chair and Marie Raymond as Vice Chair. Council Member Henry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 6-0 (Council Member Stahl no longer present telephonically).

System Building

Senior Director Sabatini reviewed the System Building PowerPoint presentation with the Council. Discussion took place about the unique demographics of the region in that residents of the region are extremely hesitant in reaching out for services and want to remain anonymous. In other regions, there are waiting lists for services. Council Member Permoda mentioned that families do trust their faith organizations and that systems are in place, with bi-annual meetings and networking, to have the faith-based community be the conduit to the community to encourage utilization of the services. She stated that she has a database of 500 people who attend the bi-annual meetings.

Council Members also discussed financial accountability and ensuring that funds are being utilized appropriately by grantees for the most efficient utilization of services.

Staff Updates

a. Community Outreach

i. Community Outreach Update

Community Outreach Coordinator Tina Oluyi presented updates to include outreach into the Paradise Valley School District. She also stated that the Paiute Community Center is exploring opportunities to possibly open up a WIC clinic at the center. In response to a question from Council Member Henry, Mrs. Oluyi stated that there are numerous events which are appropriate for outreach. She will also be distributing a form at the next meeting for Council members to fill out listing activities and events that could be opportunities for First Things First to participate.

ii. Discussion and Possible Action on SFY 2014 Community Awareness Budget

Community Outreach Coordinator Tina Oluyi discussed the Community Awareness budget to include the types of promotional and educational items which are available to be purchased to distribute at community events. She also discussed sponsorship fees for events.

Council Member Henry moved to accept the Community Awareness budget. Council Member Meehan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 6-0 (Council Member Stahl no longer present telephonically).

b. Director's Update

i. Maricopa Benchmarking Taskforce

Senior Director Wendy Sabatini stated the taskforce will begin meeting in August and that Vice Chair Raymond and Council Member Stahl will be representing the Northeast Maricopa Council.

ii. First Things First Summit

Forms were provided for Council members to sign up for the Summit which will be held from August 25 through 27.

iii. Boundary Taskforce May 7, 2013 meeting

Senior Director Wendy Sabatini stated that the recommendation to combine Central Maricopa and Northeast Maricopa into one region will be presented to the First Things First Board at the June meeting. It is also recommended to combine the three Phoenix regions into two regions, and to combine the three Pima regions into two regions. If accepted, the changes would not take effect until July 1, 2014. Council Members expressed their concerns about the immense size of the recommended new Maricopa region and the problems it would cause in providing services.

iv. Regional Council Member Paperwork and Volunteer Training

Senior Director Sabatini referred the Council members to the folders at their seat containing Regional Council Member paperwork to be completed.

Senior Director Sabatini updated the Council on the 2015 Quality First proposed model updates to include a potential "buy-in" for rating only. There will be a Quality First website media launch in August.



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Regional Council Member Updates

Council Member Vela stated that the Sunrise Preschool in Cave Creek was closed on May 5 due to high rent and a lot of competition from the school districts resulting in low enrollment.

Call to the Public

Carla Sahr, Program Specialist for TEACH Early Childhood Arizona, provided an update and stated there are 35 active Associates Degree scholars and four active CDA students in the region. She also introduced Amy Agnew who will be the new Program Specialist for the Northeast Maricopa region.

Adjournment

Chair VanMaanen asked Council members their preference as to whether they would prefer to have a meeting in June or July with not having a meeting in the other month. Council members stated their preference was to not have a June meeting and to instead meet again on July 9.

There being no further business, Chair VanMaanen adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

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Approved by:

Patricia VanMaanen, Chair
Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council