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Arizona Early Child Development and Health Board Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council MINUTES

Call to Order/Welcome

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council was held on May 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (Daylight Savings Time). The meeting was located at the Quality Inn Restaurant, Coral Room, 48 West Highway 264, Window Rock, Arizona, 86515.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Martin at approximately 10:06 a.m. followed by introduction of Regional Council, staff, and guests.

Members Present: Martin Ashley, Benjamin Barney, Amelia Black, Grace Boyne, Rhonda Etsitty, Valonia Hardy, Harry Martin, Byrde Nez, and Paula Seanez. Jeannette Yazzie attended telephonically

FTF Staff Present: Melissa Begay, Elyse Dempsey, Charlene Surber, and Virginia Turner

Introduction of New Regional Council Member Mr. Benjamin Barney

Chair Martin introduced Member Barney to the Regional Council, staff, and guests. Member Barney introduced himself and expressed his gratitude to the Regional Council to serve as a member.

Call to the Public

There were no calls to the public at this time.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the April 2, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chair Boyne that the Regional Council approve the April 2, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Member Seanez. Motion carried. 6:0:1

Conflict of Interest: Council Members will Address Potential Conflicts of Interest Regarding Items on the Agenda

Vice Chair Boyne stated for the record that she has a conflict with agenda item 7 (a), and recused herself from action. Vice Chair Boyne is the Program Manager of the Navajo Nation Child Care Development Fund, which is recipient of the grant renewal.

Discussion and Possible Approval to Award Home Visiting Grants for Home Visiting RFGA # FTF-RC001-14-0468-00 for SFY2014

Chair Martin indicated that pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (2) Regional Council may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the general public, to discuss records exempt from public inspection. Also pursuant to A.R.S. §41-2702€ all information in the grant application is confidential during the process of evaluation.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Boyne that the Regional Council enter into Executive Session, seconded by Member Seanez. Motion carried. Chair Martin asked the public to exit the room for discussion in Executive Session. The Regional Council entered into Executive Session at 10:25 a.m.

Member Yazzie exited the Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Boyne that the Regional Council exit the Executive Session, seconded by Member Black. Motion carried. Executive Session ended at 12:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Black that the Regional Council approve the grant recommendation for Home Visiting RFGA #FTF-RC001-14-0468-00 for SFY2014 as recommended by the review committee, seconded by Member Nez. Motion carried. 6:1:1

Discussion and Possible Action on Regional Grant Renewals for SFY2014

a. Family, Friends, and Neighbor – Navajo Nation Child Care Development Fund

A motion was made by Member Seanez that the Regional Council approve the grant renewal for Navajo Nation Division of Social Services Child Care Development Fund funded at \$200,000 for SFY2014 to provide services to 75 home based providers, seconded by Member Ashley. Motion carried. 7:0:0 Vice Chair Boyne stated for the record that she had conflict on this agenda item regarding the grant renewal for the Navajo Nation Child Care Development Fund and did not vote.

b. Food Security – St. Jude Food Bank

A motion was made by Member Etsitty that the Regional Council approve the grant renewal for St. Jude Food Bank to be funded at \$80,000 for SFY2014 to distribute 4,800 food boxes, seconded by Member Nez. Motion carried.

c. Food Security – St. Mary's Food Bank

A motion was made by Member Seanez that the Regional Council approve the grant renewal for St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance to be funded at \$200,000 for SFY2014 to distribute 12,000 food boxes, seconded by Member Ashley. Motion carried.

d. Oral Health – Navajo County Public Health Services

A motion was made by Member Hardy that the Regional Council approve the grant renewal for Navajo County Public Health Services District funded at \$300,000 for FY2014 to provide 2,000 oral health screenings and 2,000 fluoride varnishes to children birth to age five and provide oral education education/training to 200 adults, seconded by Member Nez. Motion carried.

e. Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity – Navajo County Public Health Services

A motion was made by Member Nez that the Regional Council approve the grant renewal for Navajo County Public Health Services District funded at \$600,000 for FY2014 to serve 3,000 children and 3,000 adults, seconded by Member Hardy. Motion carried.

f. Scholarships non-TEACH – Coconino Community College

A motion was made by Member Nez that the Regional Council approve the grant renewal for Coconino Community College to be funded at \$60,000 for SFY2014 to provide 20 scholarships, seconded by Member Ashley. Motion carried.

g. Reach Out and Read – American Academy of Pediatrics – AZ Chapter

A motion was made by Member Seanez that the Regional Council approve the grant renewal for Reach Out and Read – American Academy of Pediatrics, Arizona Chapter funded at \$72,698 for FY2014 to provide service to 7 participating sites and distribute 12,656 books, seconded by Member Nez. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on Scholarships non-TEACH Government to Government Grant Agreement for Northland Pioneer College

Regional Director Begay presented a proposal and implementation plan for the continuation of the Scholarship non-TEACH strategy by Northland Pioneer College, which will be completing the third and final year of the grant agreement in June 2013. Northland Pioneer College proposes to offer two additional classes for the Associates of General Studies, Early Childhood – Early Childhood Degree 200 and Early Childhood Degree 250 – and provide 70 scholarships to early care givers and educators within the boundaries

of the Navajo Nation, Arizona. In addition, Northland Pioneer College will assist with the recruitment of participants, hiring of part-time faculty members who will provide courses at a central local for participants, and offering mentorship to students. Northland Pioneer College is anticipating start-up in July and August 2013, where recruitment and training of new faculty will be provided; recruitment of participants will begin in July 2013 to June 2014. Northland Pioneer College has also developed a relationship with the Navajo Nation Self-Reliance Program, where five customers have been identified to participate in the program. The budget presented to the Regional Council for consideration is in the amount of \$297,875, which will provide salaries for faculty, assist in providing mentorship to participants, and fringe benefits and insurance as well as operation expenses for faculty and participants.

Member Black expressed concern regarding credit hours and the process of transferring to other institutions. Member Black indicated that students who may transfer from Northland Pioneer College to Dine College may receive 1-credit hour as opposed to 3-credit hours that were original earned.

Member Seanez expressed concern regarding the acceptance of a Child Development Associates by early care providers and centers as some have begun to request Bachelor degrees. Regional Director Begay indicated that Northland Pioneer College will provide mentorship to participants to determine future options.

A motion was made Member Nez by that the Regional Council approve the grant recommendations for Northland Pioneer College funded at \$297,875 for SFY2014 to provide 70 scholarships, seconded by Member Seanez. Motion carried.

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Approval on SFY2014 Parent Awareness and Outreach Plan and Budget

Regional Director Begay presented to the Regional Council the SFY2014 Parent Awareness and Outreach plan and budget including two components: Early Literacy Kits, which are composed of resources for new parents and are distributed to three birthing hospitals across Navajo Nation, and the Early Childhood Workshop, which provides an interactive learning to engage parents and caregivers in the importance of early childhood development. The Parent Awareness and Outreach budget is in the amount of \$100,000.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Boyne that the Regional Council approve the SFY2014 Parent Awareness and Outreach Budget as presented, seconded by Member Black. Motion carried.

Community Outreach Report

In absentia, Community Outreach Coordinator Tsosie submitted a written report to the Regional Council and provided a video highlighting the Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council initiatives during Week of the Young Child in April 2013, including the Early Childhood Workshop, Play: Where Learning Begins, and the Read and Rise Radio Campaign.

Regional Council Member Announcements

Chair Martin announced that the 2013 First Things First Summit will take place in Phoenix, Arizona in August, and asked that the Regional Council consider attending and registering by June 10.

Vice Chair Boyne expressed gratitude for the efforts of First Things First Chief Executive Officer Rhian Evans Allvin in working with the Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council, and encourage the Regional Council to consider recognizing her efforts as a Regional Council prior to her departure from First Things First in July 2013.

Member Etsitty expressed gratitude for being selected to attend the 2013 Smart Start Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina on behalf of the Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council; and stated that First Things First efforts to include tribal nations – as promoted by First Things First Chief Executive Officer Rhian Evans Allvin – were recognized at the 2013 Smart Start Conference.

Next Meeting

The next Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council Regular Meeting will be held on June 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (Daylight Savings Time) at the Navajo Nation Museum, Conference Room #1, Loop Road and Highway 264, Window Rock, Arizona 86515. A possible Work Group may follow the Regular Meeting.

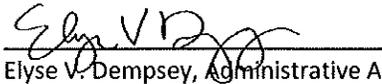
Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Seanez to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Black. Motion carried. Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:29 p.m.

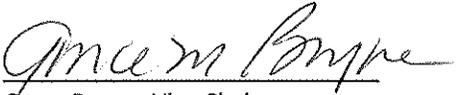
Dated this 17th day of May, 2013

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Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council



Elyse V. Dempsey, Administrative Assistant II



Grace Boyne, Vice Chair