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**Attachment #1**

**Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council**

**Call to Order**

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council took place on April 16, 2013 at the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Facilities Management Building, 4503 West Calle Torim, Tucson, Arizona, 85757. Chair Cecilia Garcia welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

*Members Present:* Chair Cecilia Garcia, Vice Chair Hector Youtsey, Juanita Ayala, Elvia Holguin, John Jensen, Theresa Cariño, Marilynn Correa Sando, Shanna Ioane-Tautolo.

*Members Absent:* Bill Rosenberg

*Staff Present:* Southeast Senior Regional Director Erin Lyons, Regional Director Tiburcia Yocupicio-Chambers, Administrative Assistant Amanda Perino.

**Welcome/Invocation**

Member Hector Youtsey provided the invocation.

**Approval of February 14, 2013 Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes**

Member Elvia Holguin moved that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approves the minutes of the February 14, 2013 Regional Council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Member John Jensen. Chair Cecilia Garcia asked if there was any discussion. Motion carried.

**Call to the Public**

There were no calls to the public at this time.

**State Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Plan**

Chair Cecilia Garcia provided a brief update regarding the changes to the State Fiscal Year 2014 Funding plan. On April 10, the Tribal Council unanimously passed resolution No. C04-81-13 approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pascua Yaqui Tribe (PYT), First Things First (FTF) and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) for State Fiscal Year 2014 Quality First strategy implementation. This partnership would provide the pre-kindergarten experience for 16 Tribal children at Johnson School. Following the approval, due to budget cuts it was mentioned that the PYT Head Start program might be unable to provide the transportation year round for the program. A meeting between TUSD, FTF, and Pascua Yaqui Tribal staff will occur to discuss this and other details.

On April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the State Board approved the grant agreement to partner with the Tribal Social Services Department to do a Child Care Feasibility and Implementation Study that would be used to create a Child Care Center on the reservation, with \$9,000 moved from Needs and Assets to the Community Partnerships strategy in State Fiscal Year 2014. FTF staff is working on the grant agreement that will be sent to the Tribal Council for approval.

**Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council Governance Policies**

Chair Garcia introduced a draft of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council Governance Policies. The Regional Council was to have a first reading of the Governance Policies at the present meeting. During the May meeting, the Regional Council will then discuss and possibly approve changes to the draft. Regional Director Tiburcia Yocupicio-

Chambers directed the Regional Council to the revised sections and asked them bring any other changes to the May meeting.

### **Systems Building Conversation**

During the Workgroup Session Dennis Noonan and Chris Olfano from Sewa Uusim provided a presentation on their System of Care, which facilitated the System Building conversation during the Regular Meeting. The Regional Council discussed the possibility of Sewa Uusim providing the transportation for the 16 Tribal children from the Head Start waiting list that will receive the preschool services at Johnson School – successfully coordinating services between Tribal entities.

The Regional Director also asked the Regional Council what role they themselves would like to see the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council to play in the System of Care. She asked if a Regional Council member would like to volunteer to work with the Sewa Uusim staff on the next steps to move forward with better coordinating the many Pascua Yaqui Tribal services. Member Juanita Ayala volunteered to attend a Sewa Uusim coordination meeting early in May.

### **General Discussion and Regional Directors Report**

Chair Garcia discussed the agenda items for the May meeting. Since the Fiscal Year 2014 Grant Agreements and Renewals would be discussed in May, the importance of meeting quorum was stressed. A second read of the Governance Policies is also scheduled, with revisions possibly being approved. The May meeting will also be the time where Chairs and Vice Chairs will be elected. The members were asked to let the Regional Director know if they were interested in either position.

Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers provided an update and handouts on the School Readiness Indicator Benchmarks meeting. The meetings have been occurring, with member John Jensen representing the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council has selected the benchmark indicators of 1, 8, and 10. The benchmark for these indicators will be brought to the State Board in April 2014. Member Jensen explained that these indicators help the Regional Council identify the position they are currently in and where they would eventually want to be – with data being collected from the start.

At this point the Regional Director explained that First Things First has hired a data coordination specialist in the FTF Tribal Affairs unit, who will be responsible for working with Tribal governments on data collection approvals. It is this group that will ask permission of the Tribal Council for the release of data. During the summer, Beverly Russell, the FTF Senior Director of Tribal Affairs will also provide a presentation on the indicators and benchmarks to the Tribal Council. Member Shanna Ioane-Tautolo asked if the data from the 2010 Needs and Assets was used because it had already been approved. The Regional Director explained the 2014 data will be used for indicator #10.

Regional Director Yocupicio- Chambers discussed the upcoming grant renewal agreements for Parent Education Community Based Training and Home Visitation.

The Regional Director and Vice Chair Youtsey provided an overview of the Community and Governmental Affairs Committee meeting. First Things First has been providing a lot of information to the community. Aggie Hart, the First Things First Community Outreach Coordinator, has been handing out books to the community library and providing supplies to the Child Care Home Providers. Vice Chair Youtsey expressed his concern that the message of Early Childhood Development is getting lost in the bureaucracy and that the awareness needs to spread even more.

Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers presented a draft of the Santa Cruz Regional Council's Annual Report as something she would like to also provide for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council. The Regional Council agreed that they would like to have a similar data snapshot provided for them. The Regional Director asked the Regional Council if

they would like to compile it using the current 2010 Needs and Assets data, or if they should wait for the approval of the 2012 data. Both Chair Garcia and Vice Chair Youtsey recommended that the Regional Council wait on the 2012 data. The Regional Director said she will confer with the Tribal Attorney General Assistant about using the 2012 data for the Regional Annual Report.

Monday, April 22, 2013 Regional Director Yocupicio-Chambers will potentially meet with Dr. Lopez and Tribal Staff to discuss the grant agreement for Parent Education Community Based training and also address their questions about the First Things First reporting and grant processes. FTF staff Russell Spencer, Beverly Russell, and evaluation staff will also attend this meeting. Member Ioane-Tautolo will also meet with Dr. Lopez prior to that meeting to ensure that all of her concerns with the grant agreement and data will be addressed.

**Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Pascua Yaqui Regional Partnership Council is tentatively scheduled for May 9, 2013, depending on the status of the grant agreements. If everything is in place, May 9 will be the final date. A location is yet to be determined.

**Adjourn**

Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm.

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda Perino, Administrative Assistant

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_  
Cecilia Garcia, Chair

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.