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Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council took place on April 20, 2013, at the Tohono O'odham Education Center, Conference Room, in the Sells District, South of Highway 86, Sells, Arizona 85634. Vice Chair Mildred Manuel welcomed everyone and called the Meeting to order at approximately 8:07 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair Louis Johnson, Vice Chair Mildred Manuel, Albert Adler (telephonic), Joseph Mease, Janine Prewitt, Dionne Ramon, and Kymberlii Tenario

Members Not Present:

Ella Begay, and Ben Standifer

Staff Present: Erin Lyons (telephonic), Senior Director, Southeast Region; Travis Le Duc, Regional Director, Tohono O'odham Nation; Amanda Perino, Administrative Assistant.

Welcome/Invocation

Member Janine Prewitt offered an invocation.

Approval of March 16, 2013 Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Member Albert Adler moved that the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the March 16, 2013 Regional Council meeting as presented, seconded by member Joseph Mease. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

None.

Discussion on First Things First 2014 Needs and Assets Report

During the March 16, 2013 Regular Meeting the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council motioned to continue to use the University of Arizona Norton School as the vendor for the 2014 Needs and Assets Report. Travis Le Duc, Regional Director, informed the Regional Partnership Council that there are potential additional funds from the First Things First Board for the report, but the exact amount wouldn't be known until July 2013. Mr. Le Duc also addressed the members' interest in partnering with the Tohono O'odham Nation in completing their Comprehensive Education Plan and Survey. As of today it is not possible to partner for the survey because of data collection, usage and privacy concerns.

Discussion on Baboquivari Unified School District Request for Funding

Mr. Le Duc reminded the Regional Partnership Council that there was a request for funding submitted from the Baboquivari Unified School District to fund 2 Preschool programs. The members discussed the request and possible mechanisms of funding between First Things First, Tohono O'odham Nation, and the Baboquivari School District. Members asked Mr. Le Duc to seek more information about the program's budget, how the Regional Council could grant funding to the program, and the funding process.

Discussion on Grantee and Partners Attendance at 2013 First Things First Summit

Chair Louis Johnson believes everyone should attend the First Things First Summit and proposed to the Regional Council that they fund the advocates, partners to go. Mr. Le Duc researched the issue and it's not possible for the Regional Council to directly fund the registration, but the grantees can include the registration in the budget submitted to First Things First.

Regional Director Report

Mr. Le Duc reviewed the Regional Benchmark documents included in the meeting packet, gave an update on the Community Outreach activities, and informed the Regional Council that Amanda Perino, Administrative Assistant, is leaving First Things First.

General Discussion

Vice Chair Mildred Manuel mentioned a family event called the Child's Play Date currently happening at the Primary school. She also updated the Regional Council on the following strategies: Community Based Training and Parent Education.

Mr. Le Duc mentioned that the 2012 Needs and Assets report is on the First Things First website. On May 4, 2013 there will be a STEAM presentation (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics; an initiative to promote innovation as a means to ensure a prosperous economic future) featuring Hedda Sharapan at the Tohono O'odham Nation Cultural Center.

Call to the Public

None.

Adjourn

Chair Johnson asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Kymberlii Tenario made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chair Mildred Manuel. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00am.

Submitted By _____
Vanessa Verduzco, Administrative Assistant

Approved By _____
Louis Johnson, Chair

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20____.