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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Yuma Regional Partnership Council was held on May 16, 2013, 4:30 p.m. at the Yuma Main Library, 2951 S. 21st Dr., Yuma, Arizona 85364.

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair Darren Hawkins
Vice Chair Irene Garza
Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra
Council Member Mary Beth Turner (joined approximately at 4:45 p.m.)
Council Member Pilar Moreno (excused herself from the meeting at approximately 5:30p.m.)
Council Member Rebecca Ramirez

Members Present Via Conference Call:

Council Member Gloria Cisneros (connection was lost momentarily but was immediately restored). Member Cisneros excused herself from the meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m.)
Council Member Laurie Gail Senko

Members Absent:

Council Member Judy Watkinson
Council Member Kim Fanning
Council Member Ricardo Perez

Conflict of Interest

Chair Hawkins provided the Regional Council with an opportunity to declare any conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda. Council Member Dr. Ybarra declared a conflict of interest with agenda item #4: Discussion and Possible Action on Revised Allocation for Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships and Quality First Scholarships. Dr. Ybarra's Charter school has a substantial interest in allocation of funds and is a recipient of scholarships. Member Turner also declared a conflict of interest with the same agenda item. Member Turner is a coordinator in a school district that receives funding from Pre-K scholarships. Therefore both members recused themselves from participation during the discussion and voting process for this agenda item.

Consent Agenda

The items on the consent agenda included the minutes of the April 18, 2013, Yuma Regional Partnership Council regular meeting. A motion was made by Member Ramirez to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Member Moreno, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on Review Committee RFGA Recommendations

The Regional Council reviewed the Review Committee RFGA Recommendations and it was the consensus of the Regional Council that it was not necessary to move to executive session to further discuss the recommendations. The following action was taken by the Regional Council on the RFGA Recommendations:

A motion was made by Member Dr. Ybarra to approve the Review Committee Recommendation for RFGA FTF – RC023 –14 – 0453 – 00 Home Visitation Strategy, seconded by Member Moreno, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

A motion was made by Member Dr. Ybarra to approve the Review Committee Recommendation for RFGA FTF – RC023 –14 – 0459 – 00 Inclusion of Children with Special Needs Strategy, seconded by Member Ramirez, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

A motion was made by Member Dr. Ybarra to approve the Review Committee Recommendation for RFGA FTF – RC023 –14 – 0454 – 00 Family Support – Children with Special Needs Strategy, seconded by Member Ramirez, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on FY2014 Grantee Renewals

The following action was taken by the Regional Council on the FY2014 Grantee Renewals:

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Garza to approve the renewal of the Child & Family Resources, Inc. – Increase Slots and/or Capital Expense Strategy: Grant GRA-RC023 – 13 – 0538 – 01, seconded by Member Dr. Ybarra, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

A motion was made by Member Dr. Ybarra to approve the renewal of the Arizona Board of Regents for and on Behalf of Arizona State University for Eight, Arizona PBS, Community – Based Professional Development Early Care and Education Professionals Strategy – Grant GRA – RC023 – 13 – 0589 – 01, seconded by Member Moreno, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

A motion was made by Member Dr. Ybarra to approve the renewal of the University of Arizona Yuma Cooperative Extension – Oral Health Strategy – Agreement ISA – RC023 – 12 – 0377 – 01 – Y2, seconded by Chair Hawkins, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Garza to approve the renewal of the Yuma Community Food Bank – Food Security Strategy – Grant GRA – RC023 – 12 – 0313 -01 – Y2, seconded by Ramirez, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

A motion was made by Moreno to approve the renewal of the Child & Family Resources, Inc. – Home Visitation Strategy – Building Bright Futures for Teen Parents Program – Grant FTF – RC023 –13 – 0359 – 03, seconded by Ramirez, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

A motion was made by Member Dr. Ybarra to approve the renewal of the Easter Seals Blake Foundation – Home Visitation Strategy: Yuma Parents as Teachers (YPAT) Program – Grant FTF – RC023 – 13 – 0359 – 04, seconded by Turner, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

A motion was made by Member Turner to approve the renewal of the Arizona Board of Regents for and on Behalf of Arizona State University for Eight, Arizona PBS, Parent Education Community – Based Literacy Strategy – Grant GRA – RC023 – 12 – 0421 – 01 –Y2, seconded by Member Moreno, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on Revised Allocation for Pre-Kindergarten and Quality First Scholarships

Regional Director Rudy J. Ortiz revisited the Pre-Kindergarten and Quality First Scholarship discussion from a previous council meeting and stated it was the intent of the Regional Council to maintain scholarships and furthermore added there will be an increase of an additional 21 scholarships from FY2013 to FY2014. The funding allotment changes would have a carry forward of \$181,283.

Member Dr. Ybarra and Member Turner declared a conflict of interest with this agenda item therefore recused themselves from participation during the discussion and voting process for this item. Phone connectivity with Member Cisneros was momentarily lost thus resulting in a lack of quorum but was immediately restored and Member Cisneros was able to participate in the voting process for this agenda item.. A motion was made by Chair Hawkins to approve the revised allocation for Pre-kindergarten and Quality First Scholarships, seconded by Vice Chair Garza, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present. Member Cisneros excused herself from the remainder of the meeting at approximately 5:00 pm and it was determined that quorum was maintained and proceeded with the meeting

First Read: Governance Policies

The Governance Policies Manual was up for review by the Regional Council. The Regional Council will have the opportunity to have discussion and take action on the policies manual at the June 20, 2013 meeting. A motion was made by Member Dr. Ybarra to table elections of council officers (Article 1-108 of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council Governance Policies) for discussion and possible action at the June 20, 2013 council meeting, seconded by Member Turner, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on Proposed FY2014 Meeting Calendar

A motion was made by Chair Hawkins to approve the proposed FY2014 meeting calendar noting the December 19 meeting has been rescheduled for December 5th, 2013, seconded by Member Ramirez, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present

Discussion on Quality First Model changes

Regional Director shared a powerpoint presentation on the proposed Quality First Model changes for FY2015. The following topic areas were included in the presentation but were not limited to: the progress expectations of programs, scholarship eligibility, scholarship rates, cost of quality and proposed annual rates. Member Moreno excused herself from the meeting at approximately 5:30 pm and it was determined quorum was maintained and proceeded with the meeting.

Community Outreach Plan

The Regional Council directed First Things First staff to form a workgroup to further discuss the Community Outreach Plan and the goals the Regional Council would like to see in this plan. The workgroup recommendations will then be presented to the Regional Council at the next regular meeting on June 20, 2013.

Regional Director's Report

The goal of the home visitation collaboration meeting was an opportunity for the various programs/agencies to network and analyze what is needed to better serve families in the region. The group will be meeting on a quarterly basis.

Call to the Public

Southwest Human Development – Smart Support, Rose Philips, Senior Program Manager Early Child Mental Health Consultation Program shared the publication of the zero to three's journal special edition on mental health consultation adding the May publication is very extensive and is descriptive of mental health consultation.

Reach Out and Read Arizona Director, Sharon Brady, provided a brief update on the community events attended by local Reach Out and Read Yuma Coordinator, Irene Garza. Ms. Brady stated the events provide the opportunity to share the early literacy information with parents while engaging them in educational activities.

Announcements

2013 Early Childhood Summit will be on August 25-27, 2013 in Phoenix, AZ.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council is scheduled on June 20th, 2013, 4:30 p.m., Fernando Padilla Community Center, 800 E. Juan Sanchez Blvd., San Luis, Arizona 85349.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY:



Irene Garza, Yuma Regional Partnership Council Vice Chair

June 20th, 2013