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ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on May 17, 2011 at the Travis L. Williams Family Services Center located at 4732 South Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85040. Chair Robert Donofrio called the regular meeting to order at 12:52 pm.

Council Members in Attendance: Robert Donofrio, At Large Member and Chair; James Washington, Business Member and Vice Chair; Riann Balch, Child Care Provider Member; Dr. Patricia Merk, Educator Member; Dr. Ida Rose Florez, At Large Member; Jasmine Sanchez, Parent Member; Kristi Langley-Wells, School Administrator Member.

Member in Attendance by Phone: Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, At Large Member by phone at 2:26 pm.

Members Not in Attendance: Mary Thomson, Philanthropy Member.

Quorum: Established.

Staff in Attendance: Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director; Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant; Rana Hermosillo, Community Outreach Coordinator, Dana Browning Lead Fiscal Specialist, Michelle Katona, Chief Regional Officer, and Tracey Craig, Senior Regional Director.

Chair Donofrio welcomed all guests in attendance and requested that they introduce themselves. Chair Donofrio thanked Member Balch for securing the Travis L. Williams Center for the regular meeting.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:** This item was tabled to the next regularly scheduled meeting for approval.

3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Jamie Moore, Program Specialist for the T.E.A.C.H. Program for Association for Supportive Child Care provided the Council with an oral update on the T.E.A.C.H. program. Ms. Moore was thanked for her update by Chair Donofrio on behalf of the Council.

4. **MOBILIZATION/LEADERSHIP CENTER: REVIEW & POSSIBLE VOTE:** Director Gonzales requested from the Council an extension for the Mobilization/Leadership Center into the next Fiscal Year due to the amount of time left in the current Fiscal Year. Jonathon advised the Council that a letter will need to go to the Board to request an extension into the next Fiscal Year.

Motion: Member Kristi Langley-Wells moved to extend the planning period for the Mobilization/Leadership Center into the next Fiscal Year, second by Dr. Patricia Merk, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

5. **EVALUATION, NEEDS & ASSETS REVIEW & POSSIBLE VOTE:** **Evaluation:** Council Members Dr. Florez and Dr. Shivers are requesting that the Council consider transferring forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) from the evaluation strategy line to the Needs & Assets line in Fiscal Year 2012 to cover additional work that can be conducted related to the hub concept. It is estimated that the remaining funds will cover the expenses for the evaluation studies estimated at seventy to seventy five thousand dollars (\$70,000.00 – \$75,000.00). The transfer of funds must go to the State Board for their approval.

Dr. Ida Rose Florez also participated in a phone call to interview one of the top vendors for the Needs & Assets report in Fiscal Year 2012 (Applied Survey Research). The recommendation is for the Council to go with the choice vendor; Applied Survey Research for the Needs & Assets that will come out in 2012. A copy of a needs & Assets for Coconino County put together by Applied Survey Research was provided at the meeting for Members of the Council and public to review. Chair Donofrio thanked Dr. Florez and Dr. Shivers for their work on the Evaluation and Needs and Assets.

Motion: Dr. Merk moved to transfer forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) from the evaluation strategy line to the Needs & Assets line for Fiscal Year 2012, second by Member Kristi Langley-Wells, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

Motion: Member Riann Balch moved to approve Applied Survey Research as the 2012 Needs and Assets Vendor in the amount of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00), for the additional Needs & Assets piece, second by Dr. Florez, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

Motion: Member Riann Balch moved that the two priorities for the South Phoenix Council to focus on for evaluation be Home Visitation and Family Resource Centers. Motion seconded by Member Kristi Langley Wells, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

LATE CALL TO THE PUBLIC: As it is left to the discretion of the Chair, Chair Donofrio decided to hear an item out of order as stated on the meeting notice. **Rasheda Worthy** President of the Worthy Institute addressed the Council concerning their consideration to decrease funding for the Worthy Institute grantee at the South Point Elementary Site. Ms. Worthy requested that the Council consider continuing the funding for the South Pointe Site. Chair Donofrio thanked Ms. Worthy for her request.

6. REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Strategy Updates: Director Gonzales requested an extension on the following to the following dates: Oral Health - Director Gonzales would like to have this strategy funded by October 1, 2011. Children of Incarcerated Parents; and the Homeless Children: August 1, 2011.

Motion: Dr. Florez moved to extend the timeline for Oral Health to an anticipated fund date of October 1, 2011, second by Dr. Merk, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

Motion: Vice Chair Washington moved to allow for an extension of the strategy worksheet for Children of Incarcerated Parents until Fiscal Year 2012 in August, second by Dr. Merk, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

Motion: Vice Chair Washington moved to allow for an extension of the strategy worksheet for Homeless Children until Fiscal Year 2012 in August, second by Dr. Merk, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

Council Retreat Planning: Provided in Council packets were calendars for all members to look at and determine a possible retreat date. The consensus of the Council was to hold a meeting that will extend into the retreat for planning purposes on June 21, 2011 starting early around 12:30 until 6:30 or 7:00 pm.

7. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND DISCUSSION: Community Outreach Coordinator Rana Hermosillo provided an oral report to the Council and a written report for their packets on outreach efforts and upcoming events. Chair Donofrio expressed that he liked the new format of Rana's report and thanked her for an exceptional job as the Community Outreach Coordinator and all of her hard work.

Recess: Dr. Ida Rose Florez moved to take a brief recess, second by Member Jasmine Sanchez, all in favor, no discussion; council in recess at 2:07 pm.

Reconvene: With Dr. Eva Marie Shivers on the phone for the renewal discussion and possible vote, Chair Donofrio called the meeting back to order at 2:26 pm.

8. GRANTEE RENEWALS: (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE): Director Gonzales went through each of the grantees up for renewal and provided to the Council an overview of services provided and what the proposed services are to be provided for next Fiscal Year in 2012.

GRANTEE AND PROGRAM	GRANT NUMBER AND AMOUNT	<i>DECLARED CONFLICT/RECOMMENDATION</i>
A. Association for Supportive Child Care Family Friend & Neighbors	FTF-MULTI-10-0192-03-Y2 \$650,000.00	<i>Chair Donofrio/ Dr. Shivers</i> Staff recommendation is to fund
Dr. Patricia Merk moved to approve the FY 2012 renewal recommendation for Association for Supportive Child Care Family Friend & Neighbors; contract number FTF-MULTI-10-0192-03-Y2 in the amount of \$650,000.00, second by Member Jasmine Sanchez; motion carried. Vote: Yes = 6 Abstain = 2		
B. Rio Salado College Arizona Director's Academy	FTF-RC014-10-0058-02-Y2 \$311,083.94	<i>No Conflict Declared</i> Staff recommendation is to fund
Vice Chair James Washington moved to approve the FY 2012 renewal recommendation for Rio Salado College Arizona Director's Academy; contract number FTF-RC014-10-0058-02-Y2 in the amount of \$311,083.94, second by Member Jasmine Sanchez, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried. Vote: Yes = 8		
C. Maricopa County Department of Public Health Family Health Partnerships	GRA-RC012-11-0087-01 \$400,000.00	<i>Member Jasmine Sanchez</i> Staff recommendation is to fund
Member Riann Balch moved to approve the FY 2012 renewal recommendation for Maricopa County Department of Public Health Family Health Partnerships; contract number GRA-RC012-11-0087-01 in the amount of \$400,000.00, second by Vice Chair James Washington; motion carried. Vote: Yes = 7 Abstain = 1		
D. Maricopa Integrated Health System Pre/Postnatal Program	FTF-MULTI-10-0072-010-Y2 \$150,000.00	<i>No Conflict Declared</i> Staff recommendation is to fund
Dr. Ida Rose Florez moved to approve the FY 2012 renewal recommendation for Maricopa Integrated Health System Pre/Postnatal Program; contract number FTF-MULTI-10-0072-010-Y2 in the amount of \$150,000.00, second by Member Jasmine Sanchez, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.		
E. Maricopa County Department of Public Health South Phoenix Healthy Start	FTF-MULTI-10-0072-07-Y2 \$399,994.00	<i>Member Jasmine Sanchez</i> Staff recommendation is to fund
Dr. Merk moved to approve the FY 2012 renewal recommendation for Maricopa County Department of Public Health South Phoenix Healthy Start; contract number FTF-MULTI-0072-07-Y2 in the amount of \$399,994.00, second by Vice Chair Washington; motion carried. Vote: Yes = 7 Abstain = 1		
F. Maricopa Integrated Health System South Central Family Learning Center	FTF-RC014-10-0055-01-Y2 \$216,187.00	<i>Member Jasmine Sanchez, Dr. Patricia Merk</i> Staff recommendation is to fund
Vice Chair Washington moved to approve the FY 2012 renewal recommendation for Maricopa Integrated Health System South Central Family Learning Center; contract number FTF-RC014-10-0055-01-Y2 in the amount of \$216,187.00, second by Dr. Ida Rose Florez; motion carried. Vote: Yes = 6 Abstain = 2		
G. Worthy Institute Strong Families	FTF-RC014-10-0234-01-Y2 \$140,000.00	<i>Dr. Patricia Merk</i> Staff recommendation is to fund at a level not to exceed \$140,000.00

<p>Member Kristi Langley-Wells moved to approve the FY 2012 renewal recommendation for Worthy Institute Strong Families; contract number FTF-RC014-10-0234-01-Y2 in the amount of \$140,000.00, second by Dr. Ida Rose Florez; motion carried. Vote: Yes=7 Abstain = 1</p>		
<p>H. Murphy Elementary School District First Things First Project</p>	<p>FTF-RC014-10-0234-03-Y2 \$318,886.25</p>	<p><i>Chair Donofrio, Dr. Patricia Merk</i> Staff recommendation is to fund</p>
<p>Dr. Ida Rose Florez moved to approve the FY 2012 renewal recommendation for Murphy Elementary School District First Things First Project; contract number FTF-RC014-10-0234-03-Y2 in the amount of \$318,886.25, second by Member Jasmine Sanchez; motion carried. Vote: Yes = 6 Abstain = 2</p>		
<p>I. Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of the University of Arizona Roosevelt Early Childhood Family Resources Center</p>	<p>FTF-RC014-10-0234-Y2 \$304,608.00</p>	<p><i>Dr. Patricia Merk</i> Staff recommendation is to fund</p>
<p>Member Riann Balch moved to approve the FY 2012 renewal recommendation for Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of the University of Arizona Roosevelt Early Childhood Family Resources Center, second by Member Kristi Langley-Wells; motion carried. Vote: Yes = 7 Abstain = 1</p>		
<p>J. Maricopa County Department of Public Health Nurse Family Partnership</p>	<p>FTF-MULTI-10-0007-01-Y2 \$1,165,358.30</p>	<p><i>Member Jasmine Sanchez</i> Staff recommendation is to fund</p>
<p>Vice Chair Washington moved to approve the FY 2012 renewal recommendation for Maricopa County Department of Public Health Nurse Family Partnership; contract number FTF-MULTI-10-0007-01-Y2 in the amount of \$1,165,358.30, second by Dr. Patricia Merk; motion carried. Vote: Yes = 7 Abstain = 1</p>		
<p>K. Tanner Community Development Corporation South Phoenix Regional Consortium</p>	<p>FTF-RC014-10-0029-01-Y2 \$512,100.00</p>	<p><i>Member Jasmine Sanchez, Dr. Patricia Merk</i> Staff recommendation is to fund</p>
<p>Member Riann Balch moved to approve the FY 2012 renewal recommendation for Tanner Community Development Corporation South Phoenix Regional Consortium; contract number FTF-RC014-10-0029-01-Y2 in the amount of \$512,100.00, second by Vice Chair Washington; motion carried. Vote: Yes = 6 Abstain = 2</p>		
<p>L. Southwest Human Development Healthy Families Arizona</p>	<p>FTF-RC014-10-0029-02-Y2 \$553,285.00</p>	<p><i>Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, Dr. Patricia Merk</i> Staff recommendation is to fund</p>
<p>Dr. Ida Rose Florez moved to approve the FY 2012 renewal recommendation for Southwest Human Development Healthy Families Arizona; contract number FTF-RC014-10-0029-02-Y2 in the amount of \$553,285.00, second by Vice Chair James Washington; motion carried. Vote: Yes = 6 Abstain = 2</p>		

10. COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES: Chair Donofrio commented that a better system needs to be put in place for monitoring prior to the funding being cut for a grantee so that assistance may be offered.

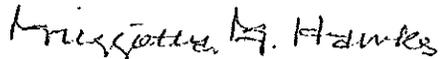
Chair Donofrio thanked Jonathon and Briggetta for their hard work; and Senior Regional Director Tracey Craig for always attending monthly meetings. Chair Donofrio also thanked Chief Regional Officer Michelle Katona for her participation in meetings. Chair Donofrio thanked the Council for their hard work on various strategies and workgroups.

Dr. Merk gave an update on the Smart Start conference in North Carolina, and Dr. Florez gave an update on a Program Committee meeting she will attend tomorrow and a January 21st AZAIC meeting with the Arizona Department of Education.

11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The consensus of the Council was to hold a meeting/retreat during the regularly scheduled day, June 21, 2011 at the Travis L. Williams Family Services Center, 4732 South Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85040 if available.

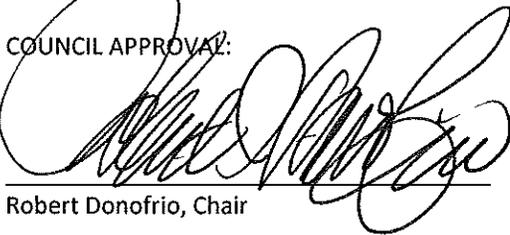
12. ADJOURNMENT: Dr. Merk moved to adjourn the regular meeting, second by Vice Chair James Washington, all in favor, no discussion; meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant

COUNCIL APPROVAL:


Robert Donofrio, Chair

APPROVED:


Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director