

First Things First Coconino Regional Partnership Council

Minutes of a Meeting

May 18, 2009

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Coconino Regional Partnership Council commenced at 5:32pm on May 18, 2009. The meeting was located at the Second Mesa Day School Conference Room Hwy 264, Second Mesa, Arizona.

Julianne Hartzell, the Chairwoman for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Members Present:

Julianne Hartzell, Josh Allen, Noreen Sakiestewa, Mary McLellan, Seobaghn Arambula

Kerry Blume participated via teleconference

Vacancy – Member at Large

Members Absent:

Ken Edes, Tony Gonzales, Barbara Worgess, Agnes Chamberlain

Staff Present

Trudy Rogers, Cristi Mallery, Adishakti Khalsa

Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes

Member McLellan motioned to approve the March 30, 2009 Executive Session Minutes. Member Arambula seconded the motion. Member Sakiestewa abstained. Motion passed 5 to 1.

The April 27, 2009 Executive Session Minutes could not be approved due to the lack of quorum of Members who were present at the Executive Session held on April 27, 2009.

Member Sakiestewa moved to approve the April 27, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes. Member McLellan seconded the motion. Member Arambula abstained. Motion passed 5 to 1.

Member Gonzales joined the meeting via teleconference at 5:36pm.

Member Allen requested First Things First Staff inquire about whether a vote of 6 is required to pass a motion or whether it should be the majority of the quorum present at the meeting to pass a motion.

Adishakti Khalsa, Northeast Regional Manager, addressed the Members of the Council regarding the previous approval of the Meeting Minutes, questioning whether the motions could be passed with a vote of 5 in favor with 1 abstention, as she believed the motion could not be passed without vote of at least six Council Members in favor.

Based on Ms. Khalsa's advisement, Chair Hartzell called for a redo of motions to include Member Gonzales for approving the March 30, 2009 Executive Session Minutes and April 27, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Member McLellan motioned to approve the March 30, 2009 Executive Session Minutes. Member Arambula seconded the motion. Member Sakiestewa abstained. Motion passed 6 to 1.

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Regional Coordinator Report

Trudy Rogers, Coconino Regional Coordinator, addressed the Council regarding her visit to Truxton, AZ with Member McLellan to meet with Member Chamberlain. Ms. Rogers informed the Council that Member Chamberlain's health was improving; Member Chamberlain hopes to return to Coconino Regional Partnership Council Meetings in the near future.

Ms. Rogers updated the Council regarding the \$5,000 set aside for emergency funding related to food boxes for Winslow, AZ. After many attempts to find the appropriate vendor in Winslow, Ms. Rogers was referred to St. Vincent de Paul located in Winslow. After several conversations with St. Vincent de Paul, the organization declined the opportunity to serve the Winslow community. No further organization could be identified for this purpose in Winslow. Ms. Rogers sought the advice of the Council on next steps. Member Allen proposed the money be directed elsewhere if all avenues have been exhausted. Member Blume mentioned trying St. Mary's Food Bank prior to exploring an alternative use for the funds. Based on the advice of the Council, Ms. Rogers was directed to contact St. Mary's Food Bank.

Ms. Rogers informed the Council that she received a Coconino Regional Partnership Council Member application from an applicant living within the community of Page, AZ.

Ms. Rogers addressed the Council's previous inquiry about possibly conducting RFGA face-to-face applicant interviews. She explained that this cannot take place given the state's situation, that "due to the necessity to document and evaluate applications based solely on the criteria set forth in the RFGA, we (legal council) recommend that the Council not conduct interviews with applicants."

Nomination and Possible Election of Coconino Regional Partnership Council Chair and Vice Chair to serve from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Member Blume motioned to have Chair Hartzell serve as Chair and Member Allen serve as Vice Chair from the July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 State Fiscal Year. Member McLellan seconded the motion. An anonymous vote by ballot was taken by the Members of the Coconino Regional Partnership Council. The final tally indicated that the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Next Regional Partnership Council Meeting Date and Location

The Council began to discuss possible dates for the next Coconino Regional Partnership Council Meeting but lost quorum when Member Gonzales and Member Blume were disconnected from the teleconference call. The Council was unable to take further action at that time.

Meeting Adjourned

6:01pm

SUBMITTED BY:

Cristi Mallery, Admin Asst II

APPROVED BY:

Julianne Hartzell, Chairman