



FIRST THINGS FIRST

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 was held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at Indian Oasis Elementary School Library, Sells District, 111 Main Street, Sells, Arizona 85634.

Chair Manuel called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 a.m., welcomed everyone in attendance, and thanked Indian Oasis Elementary School Principal Julie McIntyre for providing the space for the meeting.

Members Present:

Mildred Manuel, Chair
Kymberlii Tenario, Vice Chair
Jeanne Leon
Joseph Mease (*telephonically*)
Cheryl Conde
Dr. Albert Adler

Members Absent:

Ella Begay
Rose Lopez

Invocation

Regional Director Travis Le Duc gave the invocation.

Call to the Public

Jasper Kinsley Jr., Program Manager, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), Division of Behavioral Health – Mr. Kinsley introduced himself and addressed the council in both English and O'odham. He stated that the focus of the program is on wellness, and that he was present on behalf of the program to request funding in order to continue to provide community events. He added that the request, which he provided in writing, includes marketing incentives, food, and program items for the community events. He ended by thanking the regional council for their time.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Chair Manuel asked members to declare conflicts with any item on the agenda. Member Cheryl Conde clarified for the record that while her teachers benefit from the Professional Development strategy (Agenda Item 6A), she does not receive any financial benefit and therefore has no conflict. No members declared any conflicts.

Approval of the April 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Member Adler moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2015 regional council meeting, seconded by member Leon. Motion carried.

Recommendations on Request for Grant Application (RFGA) Awards: Discussion and Possible Action

Regional Director Travis Le Duc stated that item 7C needed to be moved up to item 6B.

Member Adler moved to move item 7C (Family Support Coordination: Tohono O'odham Nation GRA-RC026-16-0771-01) to item 6B, seconded by member Cheryl Conde. Motion carried.

Chair Manuel stated the following regarding Executive Session:

"I would like to remind the Regional Council and the public that only those non-Regional Council members reasonably necessary to the Executive Session discussion may attend the Executive Session. All others please leave the room after the motion and vote. Please take all of your materials and personal items with you. In addition, I remind all Regional Council members and staff that, matters discussed in Executive Session must be kept confidential by those attending pursuant to

ARS 38-431.03 (C), except in some very limited circumstances, such as in the course of an Open Meeting Law investigation by the Attorney General or County Attorney.

I also remind Regional Council members and staff that the Executive Session is subject to the provision of the Open Meeting Law. I'd like to call for a motion.

Member Adler moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. section 38-431.03(A)(2) to discuss agenda item #6, Recommendations on Request for Grant Application (RFGA) Awards, seconded by Vice Chair Tenario. Brief discussion was had with Senior Regional Director Jessica Brisson. Motion and second rescinded. Member Adler amended their motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. section 38-431.03(A)(2) to discuss agenda item #6, Recommendations on Request for Grant Application (RFGA) Awards, and that item 6B would not be discussed during executive session, seconded by Vice Chair Tenario. Motion carried.

Executive Session began at 10:23 a.m.

Vice Chair Tenario moved to close Executive Session for the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council, seconded by member Adler. Motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 11:17 a.m.

Chair Manuel summarized the Executive Session by stating:

"During Executive Session, the Regional Partnership Council discussed the Review Committee's recommendation of award for the Professional Development of Early Care and Education Professionals Request For Grant Application, contract number FTF-MULTI-16-0561-00. One application was submitted. The Review Committee met on April 29, 2015 and conducted a confidential review of the Request for Grant Applications for the Pima North, Pima South, Cochise, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and Tohono O'odham Nation regions. The Review Committee submitted a recommendation for 1 grant award for the Professional Development of Early Care and Education Professionals RFGA, which the Council discussed during Executive Session."

Member Mease moved that the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council approve the Review Committee recommendation for the Request for Grant Application, Professional Development of Early Care and Education Professionals, contract number FTF-MULTI-16-0561-00 for consideration of approval to the First Things First Board, seconded by member Leon. Motion carried.

Chair Manuel introduced agenda item 6B. Mr. Le Duc reminded the regional council of their discussion at the previous meeting regarding a request for an increase of \$40,000 from the Tohono O'odham Nation for the Family Support Coordination grant. He added that currently, the members only have a response at the increased funding level. Members had discussion about the response.

Governmental Grant Agreements

Mr. Le Duc informed the regional council that the Quality First Child Care Scholarships and Expansion grants with the Education Department for Fiscal Year 2015 will not be implemented, as the grant agreements are still unsigned by the Tohono O'odham Nation. Members had some discussion and questions regarding funding implementation. Mr. Le Duc stated that discussion is the next agenda item, for Fiscal Year 2016.

FY2016 Funding Plan Implementation

Mr. Le Duc directed the members to the handout with three budget options attached. He reminded the regional council of their original intent in the funding plan to allot any carry over funding to the strategies that are currently unfunded beyond Fiscal Year 2016. He highlighted the three budget options, showing the current budget, the proposed amounts with increased requests from Family Support Coordination and Quality First Scholarships, and a stabilized budget with sustained funding at the current amounts over the next three years. Members had questions about the two different strategies where

additional requests had come in. Mr. Le Duc projected the proposed budget from the Tohono O'odham Nation for the Family Support Coordination grant. Members had discussion with each other regarding sustainability.

Member Adler moved that the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council reaffirm the Family Support Coordination grant at \$225,000 for Fiscal Year 2016, seconded by Vice Chair Tenario. Motion carried.

The regional council moved on to the Quality First Scholarships. Members had extensive discussion around possibilities and sustainability. Members expressed an interest in spending money while it is available, rather than facing another situation of a large carry-forward fund balance. Mr. Le Duc acknowledged the work and hard decisions before the regional council and thanked them for their work they do.

Member Adler moved (that the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council) increase the amount of Quality First Scholarships targeted to the Baboquivari Unified School District to a total of \$272,740 for Fiscal Year 2016, seconded by Vice Chair Tenario. Motion carried.

Regional Partnership Council Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Mr. Le Duc reminded the members that their next election would be the first meeting following July 1st, and asked any interested members to send him an email stating which seat they were interested in serving. Members asked for an email reminder to send their interest.

Regional Director Report

Mr. Le Duc went over the expenditure and community awareness reports. Mr. Le Duc invited Administrative Assistant Siobhan McDonald to present the proposed Community Awareness Budget. Ms. McDonald highlighted the intent and cross regional efforts of the Community Awareness Strategy, and showed members samples of the items that are proposed to purchase.

12:22 pm loss of quorum, as Member Mease lost telephonic connection. 12:23 Member Mease called back in and the meeting resumed.

Call to the Public

There were no members of the public who requested to speak at this time.

Announcements & Recommended Future Agenda Items

Chair Manuel asked for any announcements or future agenda items. Mr. Le Duc stated that the council members' requests for presentations and information at this meeting will be addressed at future meetings, including the request for a presentation from Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and updates from the Community of Practice (Professional Development) and the Family Support Coordination grantees.

Mr. Le Duc presented member Jeanne Leon with a one year certificate and pin, thanking her for her great work and contributions to the regional council.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will take place Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., with a location to be determined. The council spoke about the need to also have a special telephonic meeting before May 18, time, date, and location to be determined, in order to address the pending responses for Fiscal Year 2016 From the Tohono O'odham Nation for the Family Support Coordination and Expansion grant agreements.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:31 p.m.