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## Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

### Draft Meeting Minutes

#### **Call to Order**

The special meeting of the First Things First – Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on May 1, 2009 at the First Things First Board Office, 4000 N. Central Ave., Ste. 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85012.

Chair Mathis Basha called the meeting to order at approximately 2:02 p.m.

#### Members Present:

Nadine Mathis Basha, Steve Lynn, Vivian Saunders, Rhian Evans Allvin, Hon. Cecil Patterson, and Dr. Pamela Powell

#### Ex-Officio Members Present:

Brad Willis, Mary Ellen Cunningham and Amy Corriveau

#### Absent:

Dr. Eugene Thompson and Dr. Arturo Gonzalez

#### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Member Evans Allvin to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Member Patterson. Motion approved.

#### **Regional Strategies Requiring Further Development**

##### Yavapai

Marcia Jacobs, Coordinator of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Yavapai Regional Funding Plan Strategy #14.

A motion was made by Member Lynn that the Board approve the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council strategy #14 to provide \$250,000 as a 50% match for the purchase of a Head Start facility in Chino Valley subject to the following: 1) NACOG (Northern Arizona Council of Governments) acceptance of the terms set forth by the Attorney General; and, 2) the Federal Head Start provides the remaining \$125,000 match to complete the purchase. Seconded by Member Evans Allvin. Motion approved.

##### South Phoenix

Michelle Katona, Director of Regional Administration presented to the Board an overview of the South Phoenix Regional Funding Plan Strategy #10.

A motion was made by Member Lynn that the revised strategy #10 submitted by the South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council be approved. Seconded by Member Patterson. Motion approved.

#### **Regional Partnership Council Member Applicants**

A motion was made by Member Lynn that the Board appoint the Regional Partnership Council members recommended by staff for the Yuma, South Pima, Yavapai, and Tohono O'Odham Nation Regional Partnership Councils. Seconded by Member Powell. Motion approved.

**Discretionary Funding Allocations**

Elliott Hibbs, Director, presented to the Board the staff recommendations to shift the discretionary funding allocations for the Salt River Pima Maricopa, Cocopah Tribe and Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Councils. Director Hibbs stated that the Emergency Child Care Scholarships were initially made available to all 31 Regional Partnership Councils and approved by the FTF Board of Directors in the February 2009 meeting. The four mentioned tribal regions lack a mechanism to use the scholarships since their programs do not require a parental financial contribution for child care.

A motion was made by member Lynn that the Board approve the staff recommendations to shift the Discretionary Funding Allocation for the Salt River Pima Maricopa Regional Partnership Council, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council and Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Councils from limited use for child care scholarships to other uses as deemed appropriate and necessary by each Regional Partnership Council. Further, the Tribal Regional Partnership Council's affected are required to return to the Board for approval if they choose to use these discretionary funds for any purpose other than one already approved for their region by the Board and they are subject to reporting the use of the funds even for approved projects prior to the funds expenditure. Seconded by Member Patterson. Motion approved 5-1. Member Saunders abstained.

**Adjourn**

There being no other business, Chair Mathis Basha adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:40 p.m.