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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on May 20, 2009 at Guadalupe Town Council Chambers, 9241 S. Avenida Del Yaqui, Guadalupe, Arizona.

Jackie Garner, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

Members Present

Andrea Colby, Angela Capone, Bonni Pomush, Genoveva Acosta-Bueno, Glenn Waterkotte, Hope Dillon, Jackie Garner, Karen Emery, Kathy Halter, Maureen Duane, Trinity Donovan

Members Absent

None

Guests

Wendy Sabatini, First Things First Manager for Maricopa Regions
Gino Turrubiarres, Town of Guadalupe Community Development Director
Dr. John Molina, Founder of Las Fuentes Clinic
Margie Garcia, Town of Guadalupe Council Member
Seven members from the public

Approval of Regular and Executive Session Minutes

Member Pomush motioned to approve the April 1, 2009 regular meeting minutes, (as corrected), seconded by Vice-Chair Dillon. Motion carried.

Member Duane motioned to approve the April 1, 2009 executive session meeting minutes (as corrected), seconded by Member Dillon. Motion carried.

Presentations

Mr. Gino Turrubiarres shared information regarding their efforts to bring awareness of resources into the community and welcomed all to utilize their facility, the Guadalupe Town Council Offices.

Dr. John Molina echoed Mr. Turrubiarres' sentiments and provided background information on the economic status of the Guadalupe community, the history of Las Fuentes Clinic, the various types of medical plans that are offered, and where the community and clinic stand today. Las Fuentes Clinic is a non-profit clinic. Dr. Molina attended medical school in order to return and serve the medical needs of the people of Guadalupe.

Council Chair Garner and First Things First Board Member The Hon. Cecil Patterson toured the St. Augustine school and childcare center which receives Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council expedited funding for childcare scholarships. Council Chair Garner also stated that she received a letter of gratitude from Leslie Jackson, Director of St. Augustine.

Member Waterkotte stated that words from the directors are usually translations from the families and encouraged Council members to gather sentiments from those families who are the actual beneficiaries of the scholarships.

Emergency Response Updates

Coordinator Floth shared the following information:

- Expedited Family Support contracts have been signed.
- \$210,000 has been awarded to Southwest Human Development for their Healthy Families program.
- \$140,000 has been awarded to the Arizona Partnership for Children (AzPaC) to institute a Parents as Teachers model.
- Thirty-four childcare centers within Central Maricopa received childcare scholarships. Contracts are still being signed and the Council is encouraged to share with centers that scholarships are still available.

Member Halter thanked Coordinator Floth for helping centers and district managers understand facilitation of the scholarships that were awarded in her district.

- Food banks have been funded to provide food boxes specifically for families with young children.

Central Maricopa Regional Strategy Updates/Timeline

Coordinator Floth reported the following:

- Six grant applications were received for Oral Health and six were received for Community-Based Professional Development.
- Review teams are secured for the RFGAs and training is scheduled. The Council can expect to receive review committee recommendations at the next council meeting.
- There remains three outstanding strategies to consider: Medical Home, Medical Home Study and Parent Education. Discussions were held regarding these strategies including whether to forego the Medical Home Study or whether to buy into the First Things First Statewide Health Strategy regarding Medical Homes.

Medical Home

Member Donovan motioned to move the \$100,000 from strategy 3a (an in-depth study and evaluation to identify barriers of using a medical/dental home model) into strategy 3b (develop and implement a plan to improve access and coordinate services ensuring consistent and quality health and dental care for families of children 0-5), seconded by Member Pomush. Motion carried.

Infant Toddler Care Planning/Expansion

Member Duane motioned to combine strategy 7b (outreach materials and visits within the early childhood community to recruit centers to participate in infant/toddler expansion) with strategy 7c (expansion grants to develop high quality infant toddler programs within existing quality programs), seconded by Member Acosta-Bueno. Motion carried.

Family Support/Parent Education

Vice Chair Dillon motioned to move the \$20,000 from strategy 9a (conduct a comprehensive assessment and develop an implementation plan) to strategy 9b (Provide effective family support to parents of children 0-5 by coordinating and/or expanding parenting education programs, home visiting programs and providing follow up assistance to ensure families are accessing and using all resources necessary to support their child's safety, health and well-being), seconded by Member Acosta-Bueno. Motion carried.

- Establish a workgroup to further develop the Medical Home Strategy

Council members will invite professionals to the workgroup that are familiar with this topic.

- June 24 is the deadline for all three strategies to be developed.

Council Chair and Vice Chair Nominations

Member Colby motioned to reelect Jackie Garner as the Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Chair, seconded by Member Waterkotte. Motion carried.

Member Donovan motioned to reelect Hope Dillon as the Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Vice Chair, seconded by Member Duane. Motion carried.

The Council thanked Council Chair Garner and Vice Chair Dillon for their leadership.

The Council thanked Coordinator Floth for the great job she continues to do.

Regional Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Floth shared the following information:

- The University Consortium comprised of all three state universities (will be contacting all the councils) and would like to share information regarding First Things First evaluation project and to receive feedback about the components of the evaluation.
- Pointed out information within the Council packet such as key action dates; State Board meetings; upcoming meeting locations; and the Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council newsletter, which will be placed on the First Things First website.

Regional Council Member Updates

Member Pomush will resign her position after the July 15th Council meeting. This will leave a vacancy for a School Administrator. Parties interested in filling this vacancy are encouraged to complete the application on the First Things First website. Member Pomush received many accolades for her excellent service.

Call to the Public

Town of Guadalupe Council Member Garcia thanked the Council for having the meeting in their town. She also stated she was impressed with the Council's knowledge and dedication.

Next Meeting

June 24 at Mountain Park Health Center. This center will provide a tour and has an example of a medical home model.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice Chair Dillon adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Sharon Smith, Administrative Assistant III

Approved:

Jackie Garner, Regional Council Chair