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La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council

April Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 2nd, 2009 @ 9:00am
2200 Havasupai Blvd
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Members Present:

William Allsbrooks
Alisa Burroughs
Jose Garcia
Melissa Howell
Lenore Knudtson
Nancy Mongeau
Debra Weger
Vijette Saari

Members Absent:

Riley Frei
Ariana DeLeon
Betsy Lewis

Guests Present:

Yesenia Fernandez
Margie McLaughlin
April Jones
Desiree Fullam
Shelly Fischer
Laurie Holmquist
Janie Scott
Gloria Rohrer
Hoogi Somerville
Terri Holloway
Rich Miers
Malou Steele
Lisa Steele
Diane Parker

Staff Present:

Merritt Beckett
Della Gray

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by **Chairman Allsbrooks** at 9:06 am. Chairman Allsbrooks introduced new member Vijette Saari announced that she was appointed by the State Board to fill the Health Service Provider position. Guests were invited to introduce themselves.

Call to the Public

None

Approval of March 6, 2009 Minutes

Member Mongeau made a motion to approve as written. Motion was seconded by **Member Garcia**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Adoption of Statement to Uphold Voter Protection Act

Member Howell made a motion to approve as written. Motion was seconded by **Member Mongeau**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Discussion and Possible Action on FTF Emergency Response Plan

Coordinator Beckett gave the members an update on the progress with the Emergency Response Plan. The decision was made not to expedite health strategies under the competitive bid-waiver because most of the health services impacted by recent State budget cuts are direct services and the First Things First Board has a policy not to pay for direct cost of health care with First Things First funds. Because the Council has already voted to participate in the Emergency Response Plan, no action is required at this time.

Coordinator Beckett reviewed Attachment 3 Update on the Emergency Child Care Scholarships. The emergency scholarships approved by the Board are a temporary strategy that will be provided with state wide discretionary funds. La Paz/Mohave region was allocated \$675,133, for approximately 330 scholarships for four months. United Way of Northern Arizona will be the administrative home for the La Paz/Mohave region. The Council has the option to allocate additional regional resources to fund scholarships in the region and can use the state-wide vendor or select a different administrative home. All regulated child care providers in the region were sent written letters, emails and faxes to alert them of this opportunity.

Discussion and Possible Action on Regional Funding Plan

Coordinator Beckett explained that when the funding plan was approved by the Council it included a cross-regional pilot study. As a result to expedite the strategies under the competitive bid waiver, 4 of the 5 regions that were participating have pulled out of the study and put their resources into emergency scholarships.

Member Howell made a motion to leave the money from the pilot study in the original funding plan. Motion was seconded by **Member Mongeau**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

***Member Mongeau** made a motion to move into Executive Session at 9:53am pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of discussing the Award of Expedited Grants. Motion was seconded by **Member Howell**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.*

Member Mongeau moved, seconded by Member Garcia, to return to regular session at 12:42pm. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Discussion and Possible Award of Expedited Grants

Chairman Allsbrooks called public session back to order at 12:42 pm.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding the award of expedited grants for Scholarships Application Number 1- United Way of Northern Arizona.

Member Weger made a motion not to fund the application. Motion was seconded by **Member Garcia**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding Scholarship Application Number 2- River Cities United Way. **Member Garcia** made a motion not to fund the scholarship. Motion was seconded by **Member Howell**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding Food Assistance Application Number 1- Kingman Area Food Bank. **Member Burroughs** made a motion to fund Kingman Area Food Bank for \$18,000. Motion was seconded by **Member Saari**. **Vice Chair Knudtson** ask for conditions of the funding: implementing food service by April 15th, funding for 1 year, required to target families with children 0-5 by having monthly food boxes available, including supplies specifically targeted for the 0-5 age group. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding Food Assistance Application Number 2- Yuma Community Food Bank. **Member Mongeau** made a motion starting April 15 to fund the Yuma Community Food Bank, for 1 year, targeting families 0-5, minimum monthly food boxes and 0-5 age group supplies for \$18,000. Motion was seconded by **Member Garcia**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding Food Assistance Application Number 3- Social Service Interagency Council. **Member Howell** made a motion to fund Social Services Interagency Council for \$24,000, beginning April 15, for 1 year, minimum monthly food boxes targeting child with food and supplies 0-5 of age. Motion was seconded by **Member Garcia**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding Food Assistance Application Number 4- Cornerstone Mission Project. **Member Garcia** made a motion not to fund project. Motion was seconded by **Member Howell**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding Food Assistance Application Number 5-Desert Rose Charities. **Member Saari** made a motion to approve Desert Rose Charities for \$24,000 under stipulation of starting April 15 for 1 year; monthly food boxes for families targeted 0-5 and include supplies for age group 0-5. Motion was seconded by **Member Garcia**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding Food Assistance Application Number 6-Salvation Army Kingman Corps. **Member Howell** made a motion to approve Item number 6 Salvation Army in the amount of \$18,000 to provide service starting April 15 for 1 year, minimum monthly food and supply boxes targeting families with child ages 0-5. Motion was seconded by **Member Mongeau**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding Home Visitation Application Number 1-Child and Family Resources. **Vice Chair Knudtson** made a motion to fund Child and Family Resources at the level of \$118,000 with the following conditions: Service under the program start April 15, service period 1 year, specifically fund 4 Family Support Specialists, 1 Family Assessment worker, including fringe benefits and a monthly mileage amount. Motion was seconded by **Member Garcia**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding Home Visitation Application Number 2-Social Service Interagency Council. **Member Mongeau** made a motion to fund Social Service Interagency Council for \$212,000 starting April 15, for 1 year, for 4 full time Family Support Specialists, 1 Family Assessment Specialists, plus fringe benefits and monthly mileage amount. Motion was seconded by **Member Weger**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by members present.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding Home Visitation Application Number 3-Mohave County Department of Public Health. **Vice Chair Knudtson** made a motion to fund Mohave County Department of Public Health at a level of \$72,000 with the restriction that funding not be used for indirect costs. Motion was seconded by **Member Garcia**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by members present.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding Home Visitation Application Number 4-Arizona Partnership for Children. **Member Howell** made a motion not to fund Arizona Partnership for Children. Motion was seconded by **Member Saari**. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by members present.

Chairman Allsbrooks asked for a motion regarding Home Visitation Application Number 5-Arizona's Children Association. **Member Howell** made a motion to fund Arizona's Children Association in the amount of \$82,000 to be used for direct costs only and stipulating that supplies be for the direct benefit of children. Motion was seconded by **Member Garcia**. **Member Mongeau** abstained. The motion carried.

Coordinator Report

Coordinator Beckett updated members of the Statewide Initiatives including TEACH, Parent Kits and Quality First.

Items for Future Meetings

None

Adjourn

Member Garcia made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by **Member Saari**. Motion to adjourn carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

There being no further business, **Chairman Allsbrooks** adjourned the meeting at 1:58 pm.

Minutes **NOT** approved

William Allsbrooks, Chair

Della Gray, Administrative Assistant II