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Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

ALC Copper Hills House
12234 N. Frontage Rd.
Yuma, Arizona 85367
April 16, 2009

Minutes

Welcome/Introduction/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Interim Vice Chair Madeleine Coil. Council Members present were Council Member Judy Watkinson, Council Member Irene Garza, Council Member Susan Pond, Council Member Coranne Swift Arrow, Council Member Roselia Ramirez and newly appointed Council Member Ricardo Perez. First Things First Staff: Senior Policy Specialist for Interagency Coordination and Alignment, Judy Walruff, Health Policy Specialist, Kelley Murphy, Regional Coordinator Mary Reyes Sanford and Administrative Assistant Marie Megui were also present.

Consent Agenda

The items on the Consent Agenda included the Council Minutes of the March 19 and March 27, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Pond to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Watkinson. Motion passed.

Call to the Public

State Coordinator for Reach Out and Read Arizona (RORAZ), Pat VanMaanen provided the Council with a brief introduction of the RORAZ as well as informational literature.

Update on Emergency Response Plan and Award of Expedited Grants

Interim Vice Chair Coil informed the Council of grantee notifications with an effective date of April 13, 2009. A grant agreement will be required for each grantee so that a full understanding of the programmatic and financial expectation be well clarified for grantees thus enabling a better understanding of a successful grant relationship.

Discussion and Possible Adoption of Upholding of Voter Protection Acts Position Statement

Interim Vice Chair Coil engaged the Council in a discussion of the Voter Protection Act Position Statement and the Councils' position on the Voter Protection Act. A motion was made by Council Member Watkinson to approve the Voter Protection Acts Position Statement with the modification to include additional quotes and comments from the Council Members, seconded by Council Member Garza. Motion passed.

Yuma County Public Health Services District Presentation

A Child Care Health Consultation presentation was provided by Diana Gomez, Program Manager for the Yuma County Public Services District. She was assisted by Nutrition Program Coordinator Sandi Veitch and Deputy Director Laura Hamilton.

Discussion and Possible Action on Yuma Regional Partnership Council Funding Plan FY2010

The Council discussed the Yuma Regional Partnership Council Funding Plan for FY2010. Use of the Frontier Adjustment Allocation for Quality First slots was a topic of discussion by the Council. The Council also suggested workgroups for further discussions of the issues at hand. Interim Vice Chair Coil directed the Council to communicate with Regional Coordinator Sanford for coordination of future workgroup activity.

Coordinator's Report

A total of 6 Requests for Grant Applications (RFGA) were received in the First Things First Yuma Office according to Coordinator Sanford. A Review Team Orientation is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2009 at 4:15 p.m. with a review meeting to take place on Monday, May 4, 2009 at the Yuma First Things First Office. Coordinator Sanford also stated the date for the Pre-Application Conference for the currently released RFGA's is April 28, 2009, approximately 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Dr. Weiss was extended an invitation to Speak to the Council in reference to children of incarcerated parents. The Council also directed Coordinator Sanford to provide a speaker that will make available information concerning Quality First, Teach, and Pathways for a special meeting of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council scheduled for May 7, 2009, where the Council will discuss and possibly adopt updates and additional strategies to the Yuma Regional FY2010 funding plan.

Next Meeting

May 21, 2009, 4:30 p.m., Regional Center for Border Health located at 214 W. Main Street, Somerton, Arizona 85350. A special meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2009, 4:30 p.m. Location to be determined.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Madeleine Coil
Interim Vice Chair



Marie Megui
Administrative Assistant II