



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes for May 22, 2008,

Council Members in attendance

Patty Cook
Melissa Madrid
Priscilla Foote
Byron Donahue
Duane Johns
Pamela Johnson
Council member Reyna Byler called and informed that she would be arriving late.

First Things First Staff

Cathy Thornton- Gila River Indian Community Regional Coordinator
Ana Garcia -Region C Administrative Assistant

Consultant

Aleena M. Hernandez

Public

One member of the public, Orvan Byler arrived at 5:59pm.

Call to order

Meeting called to order by the Chair Priscilla Foote at 5:51 PM.

Invocation by Duane Johns

Suggestion by Byron Donahue that all agendas include a segment for invocation. Everyone agreed to have invocation at the beginning of the meetings

Call to Public

No public comments

Consent Agenda

Motioned by Byron Donahue, seconded by Melissa Madrid to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried no objections

Reports

Brief description by Pamela Johnson of report given to the Education Standing Committee and Tribal Council. Report was received positively at the Tribal Council.

Council member Reyna Byler joined meeting in progress 5:59 PM
Member of the Public joined the meeting in progress 5:59 PM

For the Record:

Questions by the Tribal Council:

Needs and Assessments
When are they due?
When will they be completed?

Question by Council Member Gordon Santos
Will consultant be working with existing groups?
Will they take into consideration special needs programs?

Question by Council Member Cecil Lewis
Will the Tribal Council be consulted?
Will this program be for just 2 or 3 years or is it long range?
Dr. Djangi clarified this Council member's concerns and explained the program and its longevity.

Question by Council Member Brenda Robertson
What are the plans to meet the needs of young parents living at GRIC?
Teenagers need more education to prevent unplanned teenage pregnancies.
More parenthood classes are needed.

At this time consultant Aleena Hernandez advised that she took notes at the tribal Council Meeting and that all the concerns that were communicated would be addressed by her.

Everyone thanked Pamela for all her work and effort in representing the Regional Council.

Update on Regional Needs and Assets Report

Brief re-cap of last meeting and discussion on the template.

Data sources and tribal protocols need to identify sources and gaps.

Aleena Hernandez explained:

Section 1 and 2 will be gathered by LeCroy and Mulligan.

Additional Information added:

1. Priscilla added that **Section II e** some optional data might be gathered through an employment placement program called WEA.
2. Byron stated that **section II i** Child Safety-Might be able to access more data through CPS case mgmt.
3. Priscilla added to **Section III d** Possibility of additional health data available through School Health Services Gila River Health Care.
4. Byron wanted Special needs services under **Section c Access**

Aleena asked about the nearest community college in the area for Section F- Professional Development.

Section III F- Professional Development Council informed her that it is Central AZ College located between Coolidge and Sacaton.

Aleena was informed that Ms. Charlotte Quiroz is in charge of the data and program and she is the person that gives the training to EECC.

Mesa Community College offers courses to tribal personnel regarding social work.

Tribal Contact Person for MCC Social Work Education Training Program is Bonnie Weiber. She works in Tribal Education Department.

Under system coordination **Section III G-Public Information & Awareness**

Sources to get information and survey into the community are:

1. Bulletin Boards
2. Intranet (Can only be accessed by tribal employees)
3. Gila River Indian News (GRIN)
4. District Community Meetings (7 districts in the region)
5. Urban Assistant programs (for community members not living within GRIC boundaries)
6. Council of Elders (Meet 2 times per month on Fridays)
7. Elder Concerns (Meet once a month on Wednesdays)

Cathy assured the council members that protocol will be followed in the collection of data. It was discussed, and agreed by the council, that after data is obtained, the Chair and Cathy will present the data to Tribal Council for review and approval of use in the GRIC Needs and Assets Report.

Brief description of the surveys and Aleena is in the process of composing the survey. Next meeting the council will be able to see a sample of the survey.

Council member Patty Cook excused herself from the meeting due to a prior commitment 6:45 PM

Reyna Byler motioned to place survey on next meeting's agenda for approval. Seconded by Council member Byron Donahue. Motion carried no objections.

Aleena Hernandez left the meeting @ 6:50pm

Outreach into the community

Suggestion by Pamela Johnson to submit an introduction article to GRIN. Overview of FTF, and GRIC Regional Partnership Council Member introduction.

Reyna Byler volunteered to write an article to introduce the FTF program and goals to the community.

Preparation for next meeting

Dates for next meetings:

June 16th 2008 @ 5:30 PM

Location: Administrative room @ the GRIC hospital (Confirmed)

July 8th, 2008 @ 5:30 PM TBD.

June 26th dead line for material to be presented in order to be placed on the agenda for the Tribal Council meeting held July 2, 2008. 21 copies need to be submitted to the Tribal Council Secretary.

Melissa motioned to accept the schedule for the meetings so that they can be placed on the calendar. Seconded by Pamela. Motion carried no objections

Duane provided Cathy with the name of a possible candidate for the vacancy position of Philanthropy. Allison Anderson-Sits on Board of Directors for Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned @ 7:28

SUBMITTED BY:

Ana Garcia AA III

Approved:

Priscilla Foote, Regional Council Chair