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### Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board

### Coconino Regional Partnership Council

#### **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the First Things First Coconino Regional Partnership Council was held on May 23, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the United Way of Northern Arizona Conference Room, 1515 E. Cedar Ave. Suite D-1, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Julianne Hartzell, Chair for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council, called the meeting to order at 4:27 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

#### Members Present:

Mary McLellan, Julianne Hartzell, Tony Gonzales, Beth Johndrow

#### Members Present by Phone:

Debbie Winlock, Colette Cox, Agnes Chamberlain

#### Members Absent:

Barbara Worgess, Seobaghn Arambula, Samantha Cowan, Noreen Sakiestewa

#### First Things First Staff Present:

Ellen Majure, Coconino Regional Director; Virginia Turner, Northeast Senior Director; Michelle Katona, Chief Regional Officer; Amanda Kristinat, Northeast Administrative Assistant; Amy Callahan, Parent Awareness and Community Outreach Coordinator

#### **Call to the Public**

Julie Anne Paschal, owner of Alpine Academy Preschool, addressed the Regional Partnership Council, thanking them for the service provided to young children. She expressed concerns with increased state fees and inquired on how to get involved with First Things First and find out about First Things First programs. Chair Hartzell directed Ms. Paschal to contact Ms. Majure, the Coconino Regional Director.

#### **Disclosure of Conflicts**

None

#### **Consent Agenda**

Vice Chair McLellan moved to approve the minutes from May 9, 2011. Member Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### **2012 Needs and Assets Additional Service Discussion and Possible Approval**

Chair Hartzell reminded the Regional Partnership Council that \$45,000 has been allocated to put towards additional services for the Needs and Assets report and a decision needs to be made regarding those additional services. Ms. Majure introduced Abigail Stevens and Susan Brutschy from Applied Survey Research, who participated in the discussion by phone and were available to answer questions. Ms. Stevens gave an overview of possible additional services to add to the base Needs and Assets report. Subsequent to much discussion, Chair Hartzell concluded that the Regional Partnership Council needs more time and information before making a decision on the additional services for the Needs and Assets report.

**Recruitment of Early Intervention Specialist Strategy – Grantee Program Presentation and Possible approval of Early Intervention Specialist Criteria**

Ms. Majure introduced Ana Roscetti, Patricia Tarango and Regina Alcantra, from the Arizona Department of Health Services, explaining that they are at this meeting to present information about the Early Intervention Stipend and Loan program and to answer questions related to the specialist criteria. Ms. Roscetti gave an overview of the organization, programs, incentives, contracts, monitoring and marketing. Chair Hartzell then opened the floor for discussion on choosing selection criteria for the program.

Following a great deal of discussion, Vice Chair McLellan moved to put forward the following priorities for the Early Intervention Specialist selection criteria: 1) No specialist to be recruited to provide services in the following zip codes: 86001, 86002, 86003, 86004, 86011, 86015, 86017 and 86038; and 2) the following priority order to be set for service provider specialty: 1-Speech/Language Pathologists, 2-Occupational Therapists, 3-Child Psychologists, 4-Mental Health Specialists, 5-Physical Therapist.

**Discussion and Possible Approval of Hopi Lavayi Early Childhood Assessment Government to Government Agreement**

Chair Hartzell stated that the Regional Partnership Council needs to approve the Hopi Lavayi Early Childhood Assessment government to government agreement in order for the project to move forward.

After a brief discussion, Member Gonzales moved that we approve the government to government agreement between the Hopi Tribe and First Things First in the amount of \$93,692 for the Hopi Lavayi Early Childhood Assessment for State Fiscal Year 2012. Member Chamberlain seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Agreement Discussion and Possible Approval to Allocate \$100,000 for Early Childhood Education (ECE) Study (Hopi Lavayi Early Childhood Assessment)**

Ms. Majure explained that the Regional Partnership Council already approved the funding for this strategy for State Fiscal Year 2011, but the funds need to be reallocated for State Fiscal Year 2012.

Vice Chair McLellan moved that we approve the Allotment for Early Childhood Education Study - Hopi Lavayi Early Childhood Assessment in the amount of \$100,000 for State Fiscal Year 2012. Member Johndrow seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Discussion and Possible Approval of Summer Transition to Kindergarten Program Government to Government Agreement**

This Item was tabled as the agreement is not ready to go to the Regional Partnership Council for possible approval.

**Quality First Center and Homes Selection Criteria Discussion and Possible Approval**

Chair Hartzell relayed that the Regional Partnership Council can change Quality First selection criteria for State Fiscal Year 2012. Ms. Majure gave a brief overview of current selection criteria.

After a concise dialogue, Member Gonzales moved to amend the Quality First center and home selection criteria by adding Williams zip code 86046 to both home and center criteria, remove Program Serves Toddlers from center criteria and add zip codes 86040, 86022, 86435, 86018, 86023, and 86039 to center criteria. Member Johndrow seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Election of Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair for FY2012**

Chair Hartzell opened the floor for discussion and nominations for Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Vice Chair McLellan moved to do the election of officers verbally. Member Johndrow seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Member Johndrow nominated Julianne Hartzell to serve as Chair of the Coconino Regional Partnership Council for fiscal year 2012. Member Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Member Gonzales nominated Beth Johndrow to serve as Vice Chair of the Coconino Regional Partnership Council for fiscal year 2012. Vice Chair McLellan seconded the nomination. Motion approved.

**Council Member Updates**

Vice Chair McLellan handed out a flyer regarding the Arizona Child Care Study online survey and encouraged participation.

Member Chamberlain announced she is a proud grandmother of three baby horses and one pig. Member Chamberlain exited the meeting at 6:50pm

Member Cox stated that the Kaibab Early Learning Center is now open.

**Community Outreach Coordinator Update**

Ms. Callahan submitted a written report to the Regional Partnership Council and reviewed the activities and deliverables. Ms. Callahan provided a power point presentation and general feedback on the current status of her community outreach efforts.

**Regional Director Report**

Ms. Majure announced that Allie Stender, the new Program Collaboration Specialist began on May 16, 2011. She also shared that there will be a First Things First Key Indicators Forum on June 9, 2011 and a Quality First Public Forum on June 1, 2011.

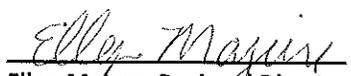
**Discussion of Next Possible Meeting Date: June 27, 2011**

None

**Meeting Adjourned**

There being no other business, Chair Hartzell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:04 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
Ellen Majure, Regional Director

**APPROVED BY:**

  
Julianne Hartzell, Chair