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## Arizona Early Child Development and Health Board Yavapai Regional Partnership Council

### **DRAFT** Minutes

#### **Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the First Things First – Yavapai Regional Partnership Council was held on April 27, 2011 at the Yavapai County – Cottonwood Annex, Board of Supervisors Room, 10 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Cottonwood, AZ 86326.

Mica LaBellarte Williams, Regional Council Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Members Present: Sara Lienau, Kathy Watson, Barbara Jorgensen, Mica LaBellarte Williams, Julie Clark, Ophelia Tewawina, Sherry Birch. Becky Ruffner attended telephonically.

Members Absent: Anne Babinsky Rawlings

#### **Approve RPC Meeting Minutes**

Council Member Barbara Jorgensen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2011 regular meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sherry Birch and passed unanimously.

#### **Council Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

Council Member Sara Lienau declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning agenda item 6 because she works for an organization that has applied for Quality First. Council Member Lienau declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 6 with regard to TEACH because one of her employees has applied to the TEACH program.

Council Member Mica Williams declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning agenda item 5 because she works for an organization that receives Child Care Health Consultant services. Council Member Williams declared a conflict of interest agenda item 6 with regard to Quality First because her organization is a Quality First site and her organization may potential receive TEACH scholarships.

Council Member Sherry Birch declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning agenda item 5 because she works for an organization that is a recipient of Child Care Scholarships and receives services for Child Care Health Consultation. Council Member Birch declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 6 with regard to TEACH because one of her employees has applied to the TEACH program. Council Member Birch also declared a conflict of interest with Quality First because her agency is a Quality First site.

Council Member Barbara Jorgensen declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning agenda item 5 because she is a contractor for child care health consultation and nurse home

visitation and works for an organization that receives funding for these services. Council Member Jorgensen declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning agenda item 6 because Yavapai County Community Health Services is a contractor for grants that may possibly be renewed.

Council Member Becky Ruffner declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning agenda item 6 because she is a contractor who works for an organization that receives funding for Prevent Child Abuse Arizona through the Never Shake a Baby and Court Teams services.

#### **Presentation and Discussion on the 2011 Strategies (Grantees)**

Grantee Member Susan Lacher provided a presentation about the Parenting Partnership, a Home Visitation program through the Verde Valley Medical Center.

Grantee Member Sherie Gifford addressed the council with a power point presentation regarding Bright Start, a Home Visitation program through the Arizona's Children Association.

#### **Review and Discuss Child Care Health Consultation Strategy**

Based on 3 Council Members who established a conflict of interest pertaining to the Child Care Health Consultation Strategy conflicts of interest, only 5 members could participate in agenda item 5 pertaining to discussion and possible action. Therefore, Acting Chair Mica Williams invoked the rule of impossibility. Regional Director Lori Deutsch provided an overview regarding the Child Care Health Consultation Strategies, statewide and local funding levels and corresponding target service units. Susan Bell, Yavapai County Community Health Services Director provided a target service number that could be met by the grantee. Kelly Murphy, Sr Program Specialist provided the council cause and effect of target services at a statewide expectation and level. Council Member Kathy Watson made a motion that Child Care Health Consultation strategy be allotted the amount of up to \$280,000.00 with a target service unit of 50 centers and homes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Julie Clark and passed unanimously.

#### **Review and Discuss Recommendations for Renewal of SFY2010 Grants**

Regional Director Lori Deutsch and Lead Fiscal Specialist Kathy Rice presented the renewal process which was conducted with organizations that were awarded grants in SFY2010 for Family Support and Coordination. All grant awards under these strategies were discussed.

Council Member Jorgensen made a motion to recommend grant #FTF-RC022-11-0294-02 with Coalition for Compassion and Justice to provide Emergency Food Boxes in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$49,500.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Watson and passed with a majority of votes. Council Member Birch abstained.

Council Member Clark made a motion to recommend grant #FTF-RC022-09-0039-01-Y2 with Verde Valley Medical Center to provide Parenting Partnership home visiting program in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$345,000.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lienau and passed unanimously.

Council Member Birch made a motion to recommend grant #FTF-RC022-09-0094-01-Y2 with Yavapai Regional Medical Center to provide Healthy Families in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$395,000.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Watson and passed unanimously.

Council Member Jorgensen made a motion to recommend grant #FTF-RC022-09-0095-01-Y2 with Arizona's Children Association to provide the Bright Start home visiting program in the Yavapai Region

be renewed in the amount of \$105,999.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Clark and passed unanimously.

Council Member Watson made a motion to recommend grant #FTF-RC022-10-0011-01-Y2 with Yavapai County Community Health Services to provide Nurse Home Visitation in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$144,287.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Birch and passed with a majority of votes. Council Member Jorgensen abstained.

Council Member Lienau made a motion to recommend grant #FTF-RC022-10-0070-02-Y2 with Arizona's Children Association to provide a Parent Education program in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$69,699.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Clark and passed unanimously.

Council Member Birch made a motion to recommend grant #FTF-RC022-10-0070-03-Y2 with Youth Count to provide Parent Education in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$175,000.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lienau and passed with a majority of votes. Council Member LaBellarte Williams abstained.

Council Member Watson made a motion to recommend grant agreement #GRA-RC022-11-0215-01 with Prevent Child Abuse Arizona to provide the Parent Education program Never Shake a Baby in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Watson and passed with a majority of votes. Council Member Ruffner abstained.

Council Member Tewawina made a motion to recommend grant agreement #GRA-RC022-11-0237-01 with United Way of Yavapai County to provide United Way Community impact in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Birch and passed unanimously.

Council Member Clark made a motion to recommend grant #FTF-RC022-10-0065-01-Y2 with Prevent Child Abuse Arizona to provide Court Teams in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$62,000.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Watson and passed with a majority of votes. Council Member LaBellarte and Ruffner abstained.

### **Director's Report**

Regional Director Lori Deutsch reported on a number of updates and current events, including: the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council Members will conduct a special meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 which will include an executive session to address the Requests for Grant Applications; there will be a retreat held on June 22, 2011 for Council Members which will include a work session at 8:30am at Yavapai College in Building 2, Room 119; a First Things First summit will be held on August 29-31<sup>st</sup> information will be available at a later time; information was provided about determining a needs and assets vendor at the next regular May meeting; Council Member Kathy Watson made a recommendation that the Yavapai First Things First staff take care of doing the vendor review. All members concurred. Council Member Heidi Atkinson has taken a position in Washington D.C. and has resigned with the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council.

**Communications Update**

Community Outreach Coordinator Claire Louge reported on a number of updates including; success stories for the month of April including Aftershock; the Yavapai Diaper Drive including media stories and coverage; the Child Care Coalition Conference April 9, 2011; upcoming events such as the Bullying Workshop which will be held April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Community Outreach Coordinator Louge requested presentation opportunities from Council members and the public.

**Council Member Reports and Updates**

Council Member Jorgensen announced that she will be going to Phoenix to accept an award from TAPP who is the Arizona Partnerships of Immunizations on behalf of the Yavapai County Community Health Services. Council Member LaBellarte William announced she will be leaving Sunday May 1, 2011 for the Smart Start conference and is excited to report back to the council about the experience at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Regional Partnership Council is a special meeting scheduled for May 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Prescott.

**Adjourn**

Regional Council Acting Chair Mica LaBellarte Williams adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.



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Lori Deutsch, Yavapai Regional Coordinator

Approved:

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Anne Babinsky Rawling, Chair

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May 25, 2011