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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 28, 2010 at the Yavapai County – Cottonwood Annex, Board of Supervisors Room, 10 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Cottonwood, AZ 86326.

Anne Babinsky, Regional Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Members Present: Anne Babinsky, Barbara Jorgensen, Margie Beach, Ann Sult, Ophelia Tewawina, Kelly McCready, and Mica Williams. Members Absent: Becky Ruffner and Sherry Birch.

Chair Babinsky welcomed Michelle Katona, Assistant Director, Regional Councils, Kathy Rice, Senior Grants and Contracts Specialist and Rhian Evans Allvin, Executive Director of First Things First to the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council Meeting.

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

Council Member Ann Sult made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2010 regular meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Margie Beach and passed unanimously.

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

Council Member Mica Williams declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning child care scholarships because she works for an organization that receives scholarships. Council Member Williams declared a conflict of interest with TEACH because one of her employees has applied to the TEACH program. Council Member Williams declared a conflict of interest with Quality First because her organization has applied for Quality First.

Council Member Barbara Jorgensen declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning Nurse Home Visitation for High Risk Children in Foster Care; Home Visitation programs and child care health consultation because she works for an organization that receives funding for these services.

Council Member Ann Sult declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning parenting education because Prescott Unified School District receives funding for parenting education.

Council Member Kelly McCready declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning Quality First because her organization has applied for Quality First.

### **Executive Director's Update**

Executive Director Rhian Evans Allvin presented on the major priorities she wants to focus on as executive director including the importance to reinforce the culture and the tone of the organization to establish and strengthen relationships and establish clarity around the governance structure with the state and the regional partnership councils ensuring local flexibility and statewide accountability; the importance of establishing an early childhood system that prioritizes the direction of FTF. This work is currently taking place through a statewide taskforce. The task force is entering a critical phase of its work in which they will begin to discuss the role of FTF. To ensure the involvement of the Regional Councils the state board will hold a joint planning retreat collaborate and set the priorities for FTF.

Legislative report: To Date, the Legislature has refused to hear the loan option presented by FTF. Two government affairs firms have been hired to help First Things First.

### **Call to the Public**

Community Member Lori Deutsch addressed the council on behalf of Youth Count and the fiscal agent of Parenting Education. In Yavapai County since the first of September, Parenting Education has had 1095 contacts with parents of which 446 were unduplicated through three grantees. A total of 446 parents have come to gather information about Parenting Education. A google website has been established. Kindergarten roundup was held by the Yavapai College and parents were benefitting from the information about Parenting Education. ACT has won a national award. Outreach has been established in Ashfork and classes will be available in Black Canyon City. Love and logic has also been successful in the Yavapai-Apache Nations.

Community Member Barbara Wisler-Waldock and Cheryl Jacobson declared that their two forms of Calls to the Public were more in line in case questions should arise specifically from the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council and or the grants specialist in terms of renewals.

### **Coordinator's Report**

Assistant Director Michelle Katona with First Things First reported on a number of updates and current events, including: Marcia Jacobson's departure and appreciation towards her leadership and assistance to First Things First; the Regional Coordinator position being posted; the Chair and Vice Chair meeting to be held May 6, 2010; the development of the Statewide Access and Affordability strategy and; the Communication Plan is now available on the First Things First website. Assistant Director Katona discussed the regional council's short term communication plan that included billboards and radio spots using the Born Learning materials and that due to restrictions by the United Way of America, these spots could not be used unless it was through earned media. FTF's communication consultant Moses Anshell has developed a media campaign specific to FTF and the Regional Council will be able to utilize the ads developed for both outdoor and radio. The media campaign will specifically focus on Early Childhood Development and Health and First Things First.

### **Child Care Study Update**

Assistant Director Michelle Katona presented a component of the funding plan, to conduct a child care study so that information would be available on supply and demand of child care in the Yavapai Region. Dr. Amy Kemp has been working over the last several months with the University Consortium to develop a child care study. The child care study will look at urban, rural, border, and tribal communities. The Yavapai Region will have specific information designed for the Yavapai Region to ensure the alignment with the request of the council to place \$50,000 in this study.

**Review and Discuss Revisions to Regional Council Governance First Reading: Email Policy**

Chair Anne Babinsky presented a proposed revision to the Regional Council governance that addresses use of email by Regional Council members. The proposed revision is consistent with how the Regional Council has used email in the past. The governance policy includes examples of what is and is not acceptable email communications for Council members. Council Member Jorgensen made a motion to adopt the new email communication as written without changes. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCready. Outreach Coordinator Pemberton acknowledged a correction to the open meeting law statement in paragraph one as it had a parenthesis of OMG and should state OML. Correction was noted and passed unanimously.

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

Assistant Director Michelle Katona presented the renewal process which was conducted with organizations that were awarded grants in SFY2010 for Home Visitation, Court Teams and Parent Education Community Based Training. All grant awards under these strategies were discussed.

Council Member Beach made a motion to recommend the grant #FTF-RC022-10-0011-01 with Yavapai County Community Health Services to provide Nurse Home Visitation in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$101,849.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2010. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCready and passed with a majority of votes. Council Member Jorgensen abstained.

Council Member Williams made a motion to recommend the grant #FTF-RC022-09-0094-01 with Yavapai Regional Medical Center to provide Healthy Families home visiting program in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$389,967.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2010. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCready and passed unanimously.

The grant #FTF-RC022-09-0095 with Arizona's Children Association to provide the Bright Start home visiting program in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$121,173.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2010 was not recommended at this time. The Yavapai Regional Council asked for clarifications to obtain the number of families to be served in FY2011.

Council Member McCready made a motion to recommend the grant #FTF-RC022-09-0039-01 with Verde Valley Medical Center to provide Verde Valley Parenting Partnership home visiting program in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$337,212.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2010. The motion was seconded by Council Member Beach and passed unanimously.

Council Member Sult made a motion to recommend that grant #FTF-RC022-10-0070-02 with Arizona's Children Association to provide Parents as Teachers in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$64,227.00 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2010. Council Member Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Council Member Williams made a motion to recommend the grant #FTF-RC022-10-0065-01 with Prevent Child Abuse Arizona to provide Court Teams in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of \$49,440 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2010. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tewawina and passed unanimously.

Council Member McCready made a motion to recommend the grant #FTF-RC022-10-0070-03 with Youth Count to provide Parent Education programs in the Yavapai Region be renewed in the amount of

\$162,096 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2010. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jorgensen and passed with a majority of votes. Council Member Sult abstained.

**Update and Discuss SFY2011 Strategy Implementation**

VISTA Volunteer Claire Louge presented to the Yavapai Regional Council options for how to proceed with the Expanding Infant and toddler care and Child Care Scholarships strategies. After a regional survey it was concluded that addressing the cost of care through the provision of scholarships would increase access to existing quality infant and toddler slots. Given the current allocation to Child Care scholarships will result in a decrease in the number of available scholarships starting July 1, 2010 it was noted that maintaining existing support for families was important. Council Member Beach made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council increase the allocation for fiscal year 2011 Scholarships from \$583,041 to \$800,966, utilizing \$200,000 currently allocated to Infant and Toddler Expansion and \$17,925 of unexpended 2010 emergency to increase scholarship funding. Council Member Jorgensen seconded the motion and passed with a majority of votes. Council Member Williams abstained.

**Council Member Reports and Updates**

Council Member McCreedy announced Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the Child Care Coalition hosted its second conference called “Spring in Action” based on Health and Safety, a service for Child Care Providers and parents in Yavapai County. Every class was based on needs from the first Child Care Coalition conference survey. First Aid Kits were provided as giveaways to all attendees. All classes and trainings were well received.

Council Member Jorgensen requested information about the Diaper Drive. Claire informed the Council that there have been approximately 6,000 diapers donated to the First Things First Diaper Drive. The Diaper Drive will end May 10, 2010.

Chair Babinsky reported on the farewell gathering that took place for Regional Coordinator Marcia Jacobson’s departure.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Regional Partnership Council is a regular meeting scheduled for May 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Prescott.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.



Michelle Katona, Assistant Director, Regional Councils

Approved:

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Anne Babinsky, Chair

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March 26, 2010