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## Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

### Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council

#### Meeting Minutes

##### **Call to Order**

The special telephonic meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2011, at 3:00 p.m. at the Yuma First Things First Regional Office, 100 E. 24<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 2, Yuma, AZ 85364.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Members Present: H. Jill McCormick, Dr. Michael Reed, Rev. J. Deal Begay, Gina Nierenhausen, Patricia R. Weissenberg, LaDonna Crabb

Members Excused: Cristina Solorzano

Members Absent: Monica Torres and Paul Soto

##### **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Chair McCormick provided the Regional Council with the opportunity to declare a conflict of interest regarding any items on the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

##### **FY2012 Grant Renewals**

The Regional Council reviewed the FY2012 Grant Renewals for the Food Security Strategy and the Home Visitation Strategy. Discussion was held on the successes of the programs, as well as what progress has been made in overcoming the barriers to implementation. Regarding the Staff Recommendation and Renewal Consideration notes provided on the Grantee Renewal Report for the Cocopah Early Steps Program, Director Pascual provided a verbal update on the modified budget submitted by the program for FY2012.

A motion was made by Member Begay to approve the grant renewals for the Yuma Community Food Bank and the Cocopah Indian Tribe Early Steps Program. The motion was seconded by Member Weissenberg. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

##### **Discussion on 2012 Needs & Assets Vendor Selection**

The Regional Council reviewed the region's Vendor Selection options for the 2012 Needs & Assets Assessment. Chair McCormick recommended continuing with Applied Survey Research (ASR) as the Needs & Assets Vendor further stating that members of the Tribal Council mentioned their satisfaction

with the 2010 assessment by the same vendor. Chair McCormick added that ASR was thorough, had considered the Regional Councils' feedback in their report, and was familiar with the process of the Needs & Assets. Other members of the Regional Council agreed they were pleased with the final product.

A motion was made by Dr. Reed to approve Applied Survey Research as the vendor for the Needs & Assets Assessment for 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Nierenhausen. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

**Second Read and Adoption of Amendment to Governance Policy: Attendance Policy 1-113**

A second reading of the Governance Policy section 1-113: Attendance Policy was reviewed by the Regional Council. The amendment to the attendance policy included the addition of three letters which will be sent from the Regional Council Chair to notify the Regional Council members of any attendance records that warrant an attendance problem.

Dr. Reed made a motion to approve the amendment to the Governance Policy. The motion was seconded by Member Begay. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

**Adjourn**

Dr. Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Nierenhausen provided a second to the motion. Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

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Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

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H. Jill McCormick, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Chair