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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2009

Welcome and Call to Order

The Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at Central Arizona College, RM M101, 8470 N. Overfield Road, Coolidge, AZ 85228.

Regional Council Chair Mezzio called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM.

Council Members in attendance:

Barbara Mezzio, Kai Gerkey, Melanie O'Neil, and Christina Jenkins

Council Members in attendance via teleconference:

Mary Kyle, Bryant Powell, Arnoldo Hernandez, and Charity Russell

Council Members not in attendance:

Mary Allen

First Things First Staff in attendance:

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Kelley Murphy, and Carrie Loos

Public in attendance:

13 members of the public were present

Consent Agenda

The items on the Consent Agenda included the May 13, 2009 Work Session Meeting Minutes and the Meeting Minutes from the May 13, 2009 Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Member O'Neil to accept the May 13, 2009 Work Session Meeting Minutes and the May 13, 2009 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Member Jenkins. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Election of Regional Council Officers

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi announced that the Council members have not recommended any changes for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins to re-elect Barbara Mezzio as Pinal Regional Partnership Council Chair, seconded by Member O'Neil. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins to re-elect Kai Gerkey as Pinal Regional Partnership Council Vice Chair, seconded by Member Russell. Motion carried.

Presentation and Discussion on Emergency Child Care Scholarships

Regional Council Chair Mezzio skipped item #4, moved to item #5, due to having a quorum for this topic; and recognized Terra Masias, Project Administrator, Valley of the Sun United Way. Copies of the Emergency Child Care Scholarships PowerPoint and flyer were distributed to the Council Members and to the public attendees. The action items were: what is the emergency child care scholarship program, United Way's role, the application process, metrics for our region, call to action, and to apply and for more information.

Discussion of Alternative Agreement to Administrate Child Care Health Consultation

Regional Council Chair Mezzio recognized Kelley Murphy, Senior Health Policy Specialist, First Things First for a discussion of alternative agreement to administrate child care health consultations. Copies of the Child Care Health Consultation Fact Sheet were distributed to the Council Members and to the public attendees.

Kelley Murphy stated at this time the Pinal County Health Department is currently not interested in providing the Child Care Health Consultation service. Ms. Murphy asked the Council for their guidance on how to proceed. There are three options/alternatives:

- County Health Department in another region (for example Gila or Pima County)
- Contract with a government agency in Pinal County (Intergovernmental Agreement)
- Request for Grant Application (RFGA)

The Councils preference, if the Health Department is not interested in providing services, is to explore the possible entities and review the agency profiles to see if there is capacity to provide the service. If an appropriate governmental agency cannot be identified, the Child Care Health Consultation service would be opened to an RFGA.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Review Teams Recommendation for Community Based Professional Development

Member Gerkey tabled item #4 due to a lack of quorum.

Discussion and Possible Approval to Proceed with Government to Government Agreement to Establish Recruitment Scholarship

Member Gerkey tabled item #7 due to a lack of quorum.

Discussion and Possible Approval to Proceed with Government to Government Agreement to Expand PCPP

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi gave an overview of strategy 9A/B. The Quality and Access Strategy Work Group would like to recommend going through Central Arizona College and expanding their contract. The dollar allocation for strategy 9A would be \$76,000.00 and strategy 9B would be \$50,250.00.

A motion was made by Member O'Neil to move with Central Arizona College for a Government to Government Agreement in regards to Strategy 9A/B, seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried. Council Members that were in conflict of interest (Barbara Mezzio and Christina Jenkins) did not vote.

Administration Health Strategy Work Group Update and Discussion

The Health Strategy Work Group did not have any items to discuss.

Quality and Access Strategy Work Group Update and Discussion

The Quality and Access Strategy Work Group did not have any items to discuss.

Family Support Strategy Work Group Update and Discussion

The Family Support Strategy Work Group would like to recommend a reduction of funds, by \$1.00, to allow the Home Visitation Consortium strategy to go through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The allocated funds would be reduced from \$50,000.00 to \$49,000.00.

A motion was made by Member Gerkey to reduce the allocated funds from \$50,000.00 to \$49,000.00 and proceed with a Request for Proposal process, seconded by Member Jenkins. Motion carried.

Professional Development Strategy Work Group Update

The Professional Development Strategy Work Group did not have any items to discuss.

Regional Coordinator's Report

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reviewed the Coordinator's Report. Copies of the Coordinator's Report were distributed to the Council Members and to the public attendees. The action items were: strategy work group meetings, highlights in the Pinal region, regional Council vacancies, community awareness meetings: First Things First presentations and events, and upcoming regional events.

Call to the Public

There was one call to the public at the Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting.

Lisa Garcia, Pinal County Health Department – Topic of Remarks: Child Care Health Consultant.

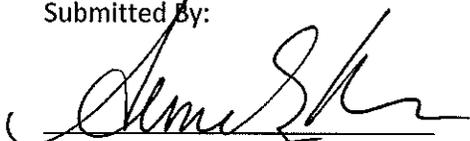
Next Meeting – July 8, 2009 (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

The next Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at Central Arizona College.

Adjourn

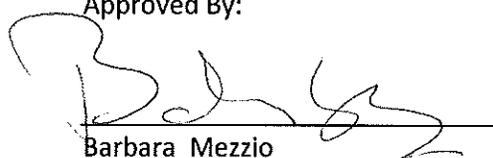
A motion was made by Member O'Neil to adjourn the Council Meeting at 3:25 PM, seconded by Member Jenkins. Motion carried.

Submitted By:



Aimee Kempton-Sarosi
Regional Coordinator
Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Approved By:



Barbara Mezzio
Chair, Pinal Regional Partnership Council

