



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Draft Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the First Things First – Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the San Carlos Apache Tribe Wikiup Village, 297 East Highway 70, Bylas, Arizona 85530.

Chair Lynn called the meeting to order at approximately 8:35 a.m.

Members Present:

Steve Lynn, Dr. Eugene Thompson, Nadine Mathis Basha, Dr. Pamela Powell, Vivian Saunders, Gayle Burns and Cecil Patterson

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Mary Ellen Cunningham, Brad Willis, and Kathy Hrabluk

Conflict of Interest

Chairman Lynn asked the Board members if there were conflicts of interest regarding items on this agenda. There were no conflicts at this time.

Call to the Public

There were no calls to the public at this time.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Member Patterson. Motion carried.

Board Member Report/Update

Member Powell reported that she attended the North Pima and LaPaz Mohave Regional Partnership Council meetings with staff.

Member Patterson reported that he attended the Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council meeting with staff.

Member Cunningham updated the Board on federal grants and home visiting assistance.

Member Willis reported on his recent trip to San Francisco to meet with the CDC on obesity prevention.

Member Saunders reported to the Board that she attended the March National Panel meeting and sat in on the Tribal sub-group.

Chairman Lynn reported to the Board that he will be presenting on a panel at the Smart Start conference in May and is invited to the Global Institute on Early Childhood Education Group in Chicago.

CEO Report/Update

Rhian Evans Allvin, Chief Executive Officer updated the Board on the following items;

Ms. Allvin reported that the Governor has appointed Janice Decker the First Things First Board. Ms. Decker is scheduled for Senate confirmation tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Allvin reported that the National Advisory Panel Member Greg Duncan will present the panel's recommendations to the Board at the June meeting.

Ms. Allvin reported that we have received preliminary worked of another Race to the Top Grant and will keep everyone posted.

Ms. Allvin noted that in May she will be attending a conference in DC with the Governor's staff.

Ms. Allvin updated the Board regarding the Governor's budget that was recently released.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Statewide and Multi Regional RFGA Recommendations

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha to move into Executive Session to discuss Statewide and Multi Regional RFGA Recommendations, at approximately 11:20 a.m., seconded by Member Thompson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha to close Executive Session and return to Regular Session at approximately 12:00 p.m., seconded by Member Burns. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Thompson to approve the Statewide and Multi Regional RFGA recommendations as presented and to proceed with the direction the CEO presented on pending RFGA matters, seconded by Member Burns. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Appointment of Regional Partnership Council Applicants

A motion was made by Member Powell that the Board approve the appointment of Regional Council applicants as presented, seconded by Member Patterson. Motion carried.

Tribal Designation - Michelle

Michelle Katona, Chief Regional Officer, presented to the Board SFY 2013-2015 Regional Boundary Tribal decisions as follows;

For SFY13-15 there are no changes to the tribal regions: The following ten tribes will continue to have their tribal lands treated as separate regions: Cocopah Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Hualapai Tribe, Navajo Nation, White Mountain Apache Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and the Tohono O'odham Nation.

The following tribes will continue to participate in a geographically-based region: Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Tonto Apache Tribe, Yavapai Apache Nation, Fort Yuma-Quechan Indian Tribe, Hopi Tribe, Havasupai Tribe, and the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians.

Regional Funding Plans Updates

CEO Allvin presented to the Board a regional funding plan overview recognizing regional councils and staff, giving a brief overview of Regional funding plans for LaPaz Mohave, North Pima and Central Phoenix.

LaPaz/Mohave

A motion was made by Member Thompson to approve the LaPaz Mohave plan as recommended, seconded by Member Burns. Motion carried.

North Pima

A motion was made by Member Powell to approve the North Pima plan as recommended, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion carried.

Central Phoenix

Chris Tompkins, Council Member for the Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council, presented to the Board an overview of the Council Funding Plan. Brooke Toles-Johnson, Regional Director supported the recommendation.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha to approve the Central Phoenix plan as recommended, seconded by Member Patterson. Motion carried.

Legislative Report

Sam Leyvas, Vice President of External Affairs, presented to the Board an update on legislative activities and bills that could be of possible interest to First Things First.

Race to the Top Analysis

Ida Rose Florez, Sr. Director for Strategic Initiatives reviewed with the Board an analysis of the Race to the Top- Early Learning Challenge Grant application that included common trends in state's proposals.

Communications Campaign Update

Liz Barker Alvarez, Sr. Director of Communications, gave an update to the Board on the First Things First communications campaign. Ms. Alvarez introduced the Light Campaign that specifically incorporates early childhood content into the creative concept and messaging.

Sam Leyvas, VP for External Affairs, reported that the creative elements of the campaign would focus on encouraging the reader/viewer to visit the First Things Facebook page and to join in the conversation about the importance of early childhood. This reflects the latest research demonstrating that individuals – including parents – increasingly are forming and sharing opinions via social media, and First Things First's desire to ensure that early childhood is an issue that is constantly being talked about in individual communities and throughout our state.

Quality First Appeal and Corrective Action Policies – First Reading

Karen Woodhouse, Chief Program Officer and Ginger Sandweg, Director of Quality First, presented to the Board for first reading the Quality First Appeal and Corrective Action Policies. Chairman Lynn called for Board comment; there were no comments at this time.

Governance Policies –Second Reading

CEO Allvin presented the second reading of the revised Governance Policies for Board review and comment.

2-101 Responsible Government Statement

The Board recommends further review of Governance Policy 2-101 Responsible Government Statement, and bring back to the June meeting.

2-102 Duties and Job Description

A motion was made by Member Thompson to approve Governance Policy 2-102 Duties and Job Description as amended, seconded by Member Mathis Basha. Motion carried.

2-103 Principles of Engagement

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha to approve Governance Policy 2-103 Principles of Engagement as amended, seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried.

2-104 Board Priorities

A motion was made by Member Thompson to approve Governance Policy 2-104 Board Priorities as amended, seconded by Member Burns. Motion carried.

Proposed Future Board Meeting Dates

A motion was made Member Mathis Basha to approve the CEO recommendations that the Board establish the FY2013 Board meeting dates, seconded by Member Burns. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 11-12, 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.