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Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council took place on June 12, 2014 at the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Education Center- Conference Room 243, 5100 West Calle Tetakusim, Tucson, Arizona, 85757. Chair Cecilia Garcia welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair Cecilia Garcia, Vice Chair Hector Youtsey, Pete Guerrero, Amalia Reyes, John Jensen, Shanna loane-Tautolo, Juanita Ayala, Marilynn Sando

Members Absent:

Francisco Munoz, Bill Rosenberg

Blessing

Vice Chair Youtsey provided a blessing.

Approval of May 8, 2014 Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chair Youtsey that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the May 8, 2014 Regional Council meeting as presented, seconded by Member Reyes. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

None at this time.

Presentation and Discussion: System Building

Chair Garcia turned the floor over to Mercedes Garcia, Pascua Yaqui Tribal Deputy Prosecutor, who gave a presentation about the state of the Tribal Child Welfare System. The presentation included information on tribal demographics, poverty, teen pregnancy, the child welfare database and an update on the juvenile court wards. Member Tautolo asked Ms. Mercedes Garcia if she had any recommendations for the regional council going forward. Ms. Garcia suggested providing information on parenting skills, and reaching out to single moms.

Chair Garcia then turned the floor over to Mildred Manuel, who provided an update on Sewa Uusim. She let the regional council know that Sewa Uusim is planning on hiring 4-5 new staff members, 3 of which will be considered Social Worker I's. The applications are currently open and many have been submitted, but they are waiting a little longer to review them in order to accumulate more applications to ensure they are able to find the best candidates. Member Jensen asked Ms. Manuel what their goal was time-wise for filling the two positions that the regional council was funding. Ms. Manuel responded that they were hoping for either July or August. She also let the regional council know that Kim Clark, Sewa Uusim's home visitor, has begun to generate revenue by billing clients for services, and they hope to eventually become self-sustainable by doing this.

Discussion and Possible Action: 2012-2014 Regional Needs and Assets Report- Draft

Chair Garcia let the regional council know that they would be providing feedback and possibly approving the draft of the Needs and Assets report, and that afterwards, ALTA Consulting would revise the final draft according to their suggestions. After that, the regional council will present the report to the Tribal Research Review Committee for their review and possible recommendation to Tribal Council to publish the report. Upon approval, the regional council would then submit the report to the First Things First State Board. Chair Garcia then turned the floor to Allison Titcomb of ALTA Consulting, who provided a general overview of the draft of the Needs and Assets Report. She reminded the members that the primary audience for the report would be the regional council, the secondary audience would be tribal departments, and the additional audience would be families. She mentioned that the purpose of the report was to compile available data and highlight the region's needs and assets. Finally, she reminded the regional council that the content came from the U.S. Census, the State of Arizona, Tribal Departments and data from the survey that the regional council had conducted.

A motion was made by Member Jensen that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approves the 2012-2014 Needs and Assets Report with the changes suggested by the members, seconded by Member Reyes. Motion carried.

Chair Garcia announced that the regional council would take agenda items numbers 7 and 8 out of order.

Acknowledgment of the Sixth Anniversary of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Chair Garcia turned the floor over to Senior Director Erin Lyons, who acknowledged each of the regional council members for their service, and handed out plaques and certificates.

Regional Director's Report

Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers delivered her regional director's report. She let the regional council know that she had given a presentation to the Education Oversight Committee the previous month. She let the regional council know that they were planning on having a meeting with First Things First CEO, Sam Leyvas, about the school readiness indicators.

Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers also let the regional council know that the next state board meeting would be held on July 22nd.

She gave a brief overview of the expenditure report, and noted that they were currently 70.3% expended. She also noted that June is the last month of the fiscal year and grantees will have 45 days after June 30th to submit any expenses.

Regional Council and Staff Announcements

Member Tautolo reminded the regional council of a previous conversation they had had about the possibility of having a fair for young children and their families. She let the regional council know that she, Member Youtsey, Member Jensen and other tribal staff had gotten together to begin the initial planning process. Their idea is to hold it at the AVA Amphitheater and have booths, activities, workshops, children's performances and educational materials to hand out. This would serve as a way to connect families with services.

Ms. Lyons let the members know that there would need to be some further planning and conversation with First Things First to determine their level of involvement, such as whether First Things First would be a participant or a sponsor. She let the members know that sponsorship would be a very involved process that could take some time.

Future Agenda Items

Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers let the regional council know that she was planning on having the Arizona Early Intervention Program staff attend a future meeting to do a presentation about how to bring more early intervention services to the community.

Announcement of Next Regular Meeting

Chair Garcia announced that the next meeting would be held on July 10, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. at a location to be determined.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:25 p.m.

Submitted By 
Emily McDuffie, Administrative Assistant

Approved By 
Cecilia Garcia, Chair

Dated this 10th day of July, 2014.

