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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the First Things First – White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on June 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., at the Cibecue Community School, 1001 Main Street, Cibecue, Arizona 85911.

Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at approximately 2:07 p.m.

Members Present:

C. Bradley Brock, Shine Burnette, Valerie Dehombreux, Laurel Endfield, Velma Kaytoggy, Maura Riesop, Dawnafe Whitesinger and Kathy Wynn

Members Absent: Ranelda Hastings

Other Attendees: Cyndi Chism, Kate Dobler-Allen, Rhonda Etsitty, Pam Flake, Myrna Ivins, AdiShakti Khalsa, Mona Lupe, Maureen Theobald, Virginia Turner and Peggy Wojtal

Discussion and Possible Approval of the May 3, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Chair Endfield asked the members to review the minutes of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Regular meeting held on May 3, 2011. Member Brock motioned for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council to approve the May 3, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. Member Burnette seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Call to the Public

Mona Lupe, Head Start, presented a matrix outlining Head Start staff members who need college coursework and the costs involved. Head Start is seeking funding assistance from First Things First as well as other organizations.

Member Dehombreux arrived.

Report on Cibecue Child Fest Held on June 10, 2011

Cyndi Chism, Public Health Nurse, Cibecue Health Center, shared there were not as many attendees this year as there were last year; however, many parents were working the Wallow Fire, which kept the children at home. Also, this event coincided with summer school. Information available during the event included: health tips, child safety, poison control, suicide intervention, car seats, etc.

Review and Discussion of Statewide Strategy Updates

- a. **Child Care Health Consultant:** Regional Director Dobler-Allen informed the members there is one Quality First site in the region. First Things First has been in conversation with Indian Health Services related to this strategy; however, a final agreement has not been reached. Member Wynn stated Indian Health Services would require reimbursement for travel and training costs to consider proceeding with this agreement.
- b. **Arizona Parent Kit Distribution:** Regional Director Dobler-Allen shared there were 165 Parent Kits delivered to Indian Health Services, with a birth cohort of 65 in Fiscal Year 2010. Member Wynn offered to assist with determining a process of tracking the distribution of the kits.
- c. **T.E.A.C.H. Arizona:** Consultant Khalsa stated these scholarships are funded through Quality First. There is nothing more the Regional Council can do to defer costs since waivers are already in place.

Member Kaytoggy arrived.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Line Item Community Awareness Budget for State Fiscal Year 2012

Regional Director Dobler-Allen shared the proposed Line Item Budget for State Fiscal Year 2012 along with the community event expenditures from State Fiscal Year 2011.

Vice Chair Whitesinger motioned to approve the State Fiscal Year 2012 Line Item Budget, as presented. Member Wynn seconded; the motion passed 8:0:0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of an Extension of Time for the Indian Health Services Parent Coaching Contract through August 31, 2011

Member Wynn recused herself due to her employment with Indian Health Services. Regional Director Dobler-Allen shared this is a "no-cost" extension to allow Indian Health Services to continue to provide Parent Coaching services through August 31, 2011, utilizing funding from State Fiscal Year 2011.

Member Brock motioned that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council extend funding for the Indian Health Services Parent Coaching program through August 31, 2011, utilizing State Fiscal Year 2011 funding. Vice Chair Whitesinger seconded; the motion passed 7:0:1.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Next Quarter's Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

As a reminder, the next Regional Council meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at Red Devil Pizza in Pinetop, Arizona. There will be no August meeting. The following meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at ABC Day Care in Whiteriver, Arizona.

After discussion of potential third quarter meetings dates, Member Burnette motioned that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the following meeting dates, times and locations, as follows:

- a. 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 4, 2011, ABC Day Care, Whiteriver, Arizona
- b. 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2011, ABC Day Care, Whiteriver, Arizona
- c. 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2011, ABC Day Care, Whiteriver, Arizona

Member Riesop seconded; the motion passed 8:0:0.

Discussion and Vote for Chair/Vice Chair for State Fiscal Year 2012

The members voted via paper ballot for their recommendation for the Chair and Vice Chair seats for State Fiscal year 2012.

Administrative Assistant Theobald tallied the votes; the outcome was: Chair Endfield will continue as Chair; Vice Chair Whitesinger will continue as Vice Chair for State Fiscal Year 2012.

Regional Director's Report

- a. **Follow-up on Head Start Professional Development Request:** Regional Director Dobler-Allen confirmed what Ms. Lupe presented earlier, that Head Start receives approximately \$26,000 annually from its Federal technical assistance grant and that Head Start is requesting funding assistance from various organizations, including First Things First, for professional development in the form of college coursework. Regional Director Dobler-Allen further stated if the Regional Council considered adding a Professional Development strategy in State Fiscal Year 2013, such as T.E.A.C.H. or Professional Career Pathways Project, it would be available to all organizations. Since the remaining Carry Forward funds will be known in October, the Regional Council could choose to amend the funding plan in November. The Regional Council directed Regional Director Dobler-Allen to obtain more information from Head Start related to other funding assistance and also the outcome for Head Start staff who do not meet the educational mandate by October 2011.
- b. **Statewide Indicator On-line Survey:** Regional Director Dobler-Allen reminded the members that the Statewide Indicator Survey is available through June 20, 2011 and the Regional Boundaries Survey is available through June 24, 2011.
- c. **Update on Identifying Community Champions:** Regional Director Dobler-Allen informed the members that the mechanism for this strategy is still in process; more information will be presented as it becomes available.
- d. **Status Update on White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Director Position:** Northeast Senior Director Turner expects the job posting will be posted today; once available, it will be e-mailed to the Regional Council members. Interviews are slated for late July or early August and will be held in the First Things First Lakeside office. The interview team will most likely consist of one of the Regional Council members; Beverly Russell, Senior Director, Tribal Liaison; Chief Regional Officer Katona or Regional Director Dobler-Allen and Northeast Senior Director Turner. Suggestions were made regarding potential posting sites and websites.

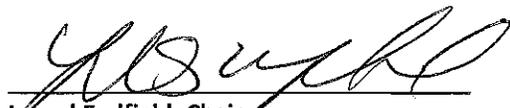
Regional Council Member Updates and Reports

Member Dehombreux informed everyone that this is her last meeting because she will be resigning to accept a position as Principal of a school in Abu Dhabi.

Adjourn

The next meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council will be held at 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at Red Devil Pizza in Pinetop, Arizona. Having no further business, Chair Endfield adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:31 p.m.

Approved:



Laurel Endfield, Chair



Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director
Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council