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## White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

### Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2009

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Burnette called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the Whiteriver Unified School District Day Care, 422 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Whiteriver, AZ 85941. Chair Burnette asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**Members Present:** Shine Burnette, Deborah Clendon, Velma Kaytoggy, Mary Kline (telephone), Kirk Massey, Jr., Dr. Tim Strand; Harrisen DeClay arrived at 10:35 a.m.

**Members Excused:** Laurel Endfield

**Member Unexcused:** Dennie Parker-Cromwell, Faye Smith, Erwin Thompson

**Other Attendees:** Melissa Bonney, Ranelda Hastings, Rochelle Lacapa, Charlene Surber, Maureen Theobald
- 2. Discussion and Possible Adoption of the April 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes:** Chair Burnette reviewed the April 21, 2009 meeting minutes. Member Strand motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented; Member Kline seconded the motion; motion passed 6:0:0.
- 3. Call to the Public:** None
- 4. Tribal Planning Department Presentation:** Melissa Bonney, Tribal Census Liaison, stated she was appointed to this role by the Tribe in November in order to create a partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau in Tucson. The Planning Department has set up a Tribal office in order to recruit people for jobs; a recruiting assistant has been hired. Mrs. Bonney is in the process of setting up a campaign committee to promote the census. A segregated funding account has been established in the Grants and Contracts Department.

  - a. Question:** Chair Burnette asked how much time Mrs. Bonney can commit to this.

**Answer:** Mrs. Bonney stated she devotes Fridays, evenings and weekends to this effort; and since she has been assigned as the liaison, she can also take calls at work.
  - b. Question:** Chair Burnette asked how the money planned for by the Regional Partnership Council would benefit her work.

**Answer:** Mrs. Bonney stated it would increase participation in the census because her committee could go door-to-door, prepare flyers/promotional items, attend events

(Pow Wows, rodeos), etc. Mrs. Bonney informed the members Stimulus money is provided; however, she shared how competitive the available money is for census committees so some groups have done fund walks/ runs to bring in revenue.

**c. Question:** Member Strand raised the question as to what would happen if the Tribe goes back to a five-day work week.

**Answer:** Mrs. Bonney stated she has to fit this into her schedule.

**d. Question:** Member Strand and Chair Burnette raised concern as to whether the funding would be assigned to the segregate account or be allocated prior to the account being established.

**Answers:** Coordinator Lacapa confirmed this could be stipulated in a Government-to-Government agreement and Mrs. Bonney stated she has authority to set up a segregate account and will discuss that when she goes before Tribal Council next week.

Chair Burnette reminded the members of the importance of getting greater participation in the census and the importance of informing the population that funds follow the head of household's Tribe. Member Strand stated there are approximately 200 children who are not accounted for in the census data.

**5. Update on Strategy 4b: Communications:** Coordinator Lacapa reminded the members that this strategy relates to community awareness in early childhood development, specifically an early childhood conference organized by either the FCCLA Club at Alchesay High School or the tribal Child Find program. Laurel Endfield, the FCCLA advisor stated that if they were awarded the funds the FCCLA planning guidelines must be followed and the event must be held on school premises. Chair Burnette and Member Strand expressed an interest in hearing more about FCCLA's guidelines and Child Find's interest in the event. Coordinator Lacapa will contact both.

**6. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Strategy 4a (Census Participation) and 4b (Community Awareness/Early Childhood Conference):** Discussion was held and it was agreed that the slated \$10,000 for Strategy 4a will benefit the promotion of the census. Member Strand motioned that First Things First White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council enter into a government –to- government agreement with the White Mountain Apache Tribe Planning Department to provide funds to assist them in their activities during the duration of the 2010 U.S. Census. Member Kline seconded the motion; the motion passed 6:0:0.

After further discussion of Strategy 4b, Chair Burnette determined this would be tabled until the next meeting when FCCLA and Child Find (if interested) could make a presentation to them.

**7. Coordinator's Report:** Coordinator Lacapa gave birth to a beautiful daughter on March 28, so she has been on maternity leave; however, she continued to submit articles to *The Apache Scout*.

**8. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Early Literacy Review Team Recommendations:** Chair Burnette read the guidelines for going into Executive Session and asked for any conflicts of interest. There were no conflicts of interest. Member Kaytoggy motioned to go into Executive Session in order to discuss Agenda Item No. 8. Member Clendon seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

*Executive Session began at 10:06 a.m. and ended at 10:15 a.m.*

Member Strand moved that to accept the recommendations for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Early Literacy Request for Grant Application as presented by the Review Committee. Member Clendon seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

*Chair Burnette called for a break at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:37 a.m.*

**9. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Family Support Review Team Recommendations:** Chair Burnette read the guidelines for going into Executive Session and asked for any Conflicts of Interest. Member Massey, Jr., stated he has two conflicts of interest with this agenda item and read the following statements from his Conflict of Interest Disclosure form:

- a. The Apache Christian Training School [ACTS] has applied for funds from the Family Support grant. In my duties as Coordinator of the Native American Missions, the ACTS program is under the auspices of my duties and I do some teaching in the program.
- b. My wife is an employee of the Johns Hopkins Project who applied for funds under this strategy.

Chair Burnette motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item No. 9. Member Strand seconded; motion passed 6:0:0.

*Executive Session began at 10:40 a.m. and ended at 11:06 a.m.*

Member Clendon moved to approve the recommendations for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Family Support Request for Grant Application as presented by the Review Committee. Member Strand seconded the motion; motion passed 6:0:0.

**10. Items for the Good of the Order:** Coordinator Lacapa informed the members that she presented the data collection resolution to the Tribal Council and was approved. The administrative leave resolution was also presented but was tabled in order to explore whether or not employees are required to take administrative leave for committee meetings.

**11. Adjourn:** Having no further business, Chair Burnette adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

**Approved:**

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**Aletha "Shine" Burnette, Chair**

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**Rochelle Lacapa, Coordinator**