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Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

Vista South School
221 E. 26th Place
Yuma, Arizona 85364
June 18, 2009

Minutes

Welcome/Introduction/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m. by Interim Vice-Chair Madeleine Coil. Members present included Council Member Ricardo Perez, Council Member Irene Garza, Council Member Roselia Ramirez, and Council Member Susan Pond. New Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra was introduced and joined the meeting by means of phone conference. Council Members not present were Council Member Coranne Swift Arrow, Council Member Sarah Seneker and Council Member Judy Watkinson. First Things First Staff: New Regional Manager Gary P. Arnold, Regional Coordinator Mary Reyes Sanford and Administrative Assistant Marie Megui were also present.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest regarding items on this agenda

Interim Vice Chair Coil provided Council members with an opportunity to declare any conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda. Interim Vice Chair Coil declared a conflict with Item #5 (RFGA FTF-RC023-10-0080-00, Strategy #9 of attachment #2) which was subsequently tabled for future discussion in the July 16, 2009 meeting as a result of loss of quorum for that item.

Discussion and Possible vote on Council Leadership

A motion was made by Council Member Roselia Ramirez to nominate Interim Vice Chair Madeleine Coil as Chair for the Yuma Regional Partnership Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Susan Pond. Motion Passed. Interim Vice Chair Madeleine Coil accepted. A motion was made by Council Member Susan Pond to nominate Council Member Irene Garza as the Vice Chair for the Yuma Regional Partnership Council, seconded by Council Member Ricardo Perez. The nomination was declined by Council Member Irene Garza due to scheduling conflicts and a full calendar. A motion was made by Chair Madeleine Coil to nominate Council Member Roselia Ramirez as Vice Chair for the Yuma Regional Partnership Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza. Motion passed. Council Member Roselia Ramirez accepted.

Consent Agenda

The items on the Consent Agenda included the Council Minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Susan Pond to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Ricardo Perez. Motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Adoption of Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)

Coordinator Mary Reyes Sanford provided the Council with an update of the Request for Grant Applications (RFGAs). There were no applications received for RFGA FTF-RC023-10-0079-00 Strategy 8, RFGA FTF-RC023-10-0080-00 Strategy 9, and RFGA FTF-RC023-10-0081-00 Strategy 10. Coordinator Sanford presented four (4) options for the council to consider in decision making for these three RFGAs. The four options were: reissuing the RFGA; direct contract with a government entity; develop a new/modify the strategy; or add to the existing contracts First Things First has with the agencies at state level. Consideration was also given to a combination of the options presented.

Pending RFGA strategies were considered by the Council. A motion was made by Vice Chair Roselia Ramirez that the Yuma Regional Partnership Council enter into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Arizona Department of Health Services for Strategy 1. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza. Motion passed. A motion was made by Council Member Susan Pond to enter into the MOU with the Statewide Administrative Home for Strategy 4 with the amount adjusted to \$152,400. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Roselia Ramirez. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Chair Madeleine Coil, there having been no applications for RFGA FTF-RC023-10-0079-00 Strategy 8, to recommend a contractual agreement with the Yuma Public Health Services District for the delivery of services outlined in RFGA FTF-RC023-10-0079-00 Strategy 8. The motion was seconded by Council Member Perez. Motion passed. A motion was made by Council member Irene Garza, there having been no applications for RFGA RFGA FTF-RC023-10-0081-00 Strategy 10, to partner with DES for the adding of the RFGA services to one of their existing contracts. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Roselia Ramirez. Motion passed.

Coordinator Sanford reported that a confidential packet will be provided to Council Members regarding the recommendations of the review committees for RFGA FTF-RC023-10-0083-00 Strategy 2 and FTF-RC023-10-0082-00 Strategy 5 for consideration at the Council's July 16, 2009 meeting.

Discussion and Possible Adoption of Frontier Adjustment Allocation Use Recommendations

Chair Coil initiated the council's discussion on the Frontier Adjustment Allocation Use and recommendations of the strategy development workgroups.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roselia Ramirez to add the unused balance of the allocation for RFGA FTF-RC023-10-0019-00 strategy 7 to the "Carry Forward" balance of the Yuma Region 2010 Funding Plan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Susan Pond. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Susan Pond to accept the recommendations of the workgroups for strategies #13 and #14. The motion was seconded by Council Member Irene Garza. Motion passed.

Council Member Ricardo Perez moved to approve Strategy #12 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Susan Pond.

A motion was made by Council Member Irene Garza to approve Strategy #6 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Chair Madeleine Coil. Motion passed.

Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Sanford presented the difficulties of staffing the RFGA review teams. The Council directed Coordinator Sanford to look outside the realm of the Yuma region for future recruitment of reviewers if necessary. The council was informed regarding statute requirements to assess Tribal Regional Boundaries. A recap of the status of Statewide Initiatives will be sent to the council prior to the next meeting. The Hon. Juvenile Court Presiding Judge John Nelson and CASA Program Coordinator Terry Pray will be addressing the Council regarding the needs of young children of incarcerated parents at the next council meeting. It is also expected a representative from the FTF funded Kith and Kin project will address the Council to provide an update of their efforts within the Yuma Region. The Council directed Coordinator Sanford to arrange for advocacy training as part of a future council meeting. It is also expected that a representative from the FTF Evaluation Consortium will address the Council in the near future to inform the council on the FTF longitudinal study and possibilities for data gathering and evaluation at the local level. Yuma Regional Partnership Council members with 1 year of service were provided with a certificate of recognition for their service by West Region Manager Gary P. Arnold and Coordinator Mary Reyes Sanford.

Valley of the Sun United Way Presentation Of Emergency Child Care Scholarships Program

A presentation was provided by United Way Spokesperson Madeleine Coil.

Call to the Public

None

Next Meeting

July 16, 2009, 4:30 p.m., Public Safety Building, located at 445 E. Main Street, Somerton, Arizona 85350.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Madeleine Coil
Vice Chair



Marie Megui
Administrative Assistant II

