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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Yuma Regional Partnership Council was held on June 20, 2013, 4:30 p.m. at the Fernando Padilla Community Center, 800 E. Juan Sanchez Blvd., San Luis, Arizona 85349.

Vice Chair Garza called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Members Present:

Vice Chair Irene Garza
Council Member Judy Watkinson
Council Member Gloria Cisneros
Council Member Kim Fanning
Council Member Mary Beth Turner (retired from the meeting at approximately at 5:50 p.m.)
Council Member Rebecca Ramirez

Members Present Via Conference Call:

Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra
Council Member Laurie Gail Senko
Council Member Ricardo Perez

Members Absent:

Chair Darren Hawkins
Council Member Pilar Moreno

Conflict of Interest

Vice Chair Garza provided the Regional Council with an opportunity to declare any conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda. There were no conflicts declared at this time.

Consent Agenda

The items on the consent agenda included the minutes of the May 16, 2013, Yuma Regional Partnership Council regular meeting. A motion was made by Member Watkinson to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Member Turner, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on School Readiness Benchmarks

First Things First Evaluation Consultant, Amy Kemp, engaged the Regional Council on a discussion regarding the School Readiness Benchmarks. Indicator #7: #/% of children ages 2-4 at a healthy weight (Body Mass Index-BMI) and the process/source used to collect the data was the main focus of the discussion. Regional Councils will continue discussions on indicator benchmarks at future meetings. Ms. Kemp stated Regional Councils will set benchmark recommendations by November 2013 with final approval by the Board on April 2014.

Second Read: Annual review of Governance Policies

The Yuma Regional Partnership Council Governance Policies Manual was up for review by the Regional Council. A motion was made by Member Turner to approve the Governance Policies Manual, seconded by Member Watkinson, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on Election of Officers for FY2014

Vice Chair Garza announced Chair Hawkins' decision that although he was not able to attend and be present for nominations and voting on election of officers for FY2014 he was in accordance of his name to be included in the nomination/election process. Member Watkinson moved to retain Chair Hawkins in his present role as "Chair" for the FY2014 Yuma Regional Partnership Council, seconded by Member Ramirez, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present. Member Fanning moved to retain Vice Chair Garza in her present role as "Vice Chair" for the FY2014 Yuma Regional Partnership Council, seconded by Member Cisneros, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on Additional Work on 2014 Regional Needs & Assets Report

Regional Director Rudy Ortiz provided the Regional Council with additional information in regards to additional work needed on the 2014 Regional Needs and Assets Report. The work-plan will be inclusive of additional detailed data, analysis and reporting at the community level in order to provide a more complete "picture" of the region and to target strategies in order to most effectively and efficiently utilize resources. Secondary data will also be collected from state and community agencies.The anticipated products are 3 two-page fact sheets by geographic area that include similar health, early education, and family support indicators, and this community-level information will be integrated into the base report. In addition, geographic information system (GIS) maps will be developed and included in the report to show the variation across the region for a few key indicators that are available at the census block level (e.g., family income level, children living in poverty) or that can be usefully located geographically (e.g., early care and education centers and homes).. The total budget for the additional work on the 2014 Needs and Assets Report is approximately $25,000.

A motion was made by Member Watkinson, to approve the additional work-plan for the 2014 Needs and Assets Report as presented by First Things First staff, seconded by Member Turner, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on FY2014 Community Outreach Plan

Member Turner shared the Community Outreach Plan Workgroup recommendations with the Regional Council. The review included topics such as but not limited to: Goals of Community Outreach, Target Audiences in Yuma County, Community Outreach Tools and Measures. The workgroup also recommended to expand outreach to target audience such as but not limited to: Faith Organizations, Business Community, Military Families, Parents and Caregivers, Early Childhood Professionals, Professional Health Providers, Government Agencies (Department of Economic Security (DES), Women, Infant and Children (WIC) and the Yuma Community Food Bank. The Community Outreach Plan Workgroup has tentatively set a date of July 10, 2013 to meet once again and meet with Kelly McCullough, PBS General Manager for the purpose of strategic planning on reaching the business community.
The workgroup's final recommendation will be up for consideration by the Regional Council for possible approval at the July 18, 2013 meeting.

Discussion on FY2014 Community Awareness Budget

After a brief review of the FY2014 Community Awareness Budget the Regional Council was ready to take action on the agenda item. A motion was made by Member Turner, to approve the FY2014 Community Awareness Budget, seconded by Member Perez, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.
Member Turner retired from the meeting at approximately 5:50 p.m. however quorum was maintained and proceeded with the meeting.

Discussion on FY2013 Quarter 3 Data Report and Financial Report Update

A brief update on the FY2013 Quarter 3 Data Report and Financial Expenditures was provided by Regional Director Ortiz. The update also included program highlights for this quarter.

Regional Director's Report

A. **Grantee Update**-40 School Readiness Kits were donated by Eight, Arizona PBS-Educational Outreach for the Wellton Pilot (Summer Kindergarten Camp) earlier this month. The event was free to parents and children of the community.

B. **System Building**-The grantee collaboration meeting has rebranded itself and is now called "Yuma Early Childhood System Collaboration Meeting." The main focus of the meeting was the program directory that will be available in the quarterly publications of the "Raising Yuma Magazine." Regional Director Ortiz invited community partners to provide First Things First staff their agency information to become part of the directory.

Call to the Public

There were no Calls to the Public at this time.

Announcements

Council Member Cisneros shared the Division of Developmental Disabilities Newsletter on autism.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council is scheduled on July 18th, 2013, 4:30 p.m., Somerton Public Safety Building, 445 E. Main Street, Somerton, Arizona 85350.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

Irene Garza, Yuma Regional Partnership Council Vice Chair

July 18th, 2013