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Arizona Early Child Development and Health Board Yavapai Regional Partnership Council

DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First – Yavapai Regional Partnership Council was held on May 25, 2011 at the Yavapai College Building 1, Room 200, 1100 E. Sheldon Street, Prescott, AZ 86301.

Anne Babinsky Rawlings, Regional Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

Members Present: Anne Babinsky Rawlings, Sherry Birch, Sara Lienau and Kathy Watson. Mica LaBellarte Williams and Julie Clark attended telephonically.

Members Absent: Barbara Jorgensen and Ophelia Tewawina.

Approve RPC Meeting Minutes

Council Member Kathy Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2011 regular meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sara Lienau and passed unanimously.

Council Member Sherry Birch made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011 special meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sara Lienau and passed unanimously.

Council Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Council Member Sara Lienau declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning agenda item #4a and #4b because she works for an organization that has applied for Quality First. Council Member Lienau declared a conflict of interest with agenda item #4b with regard to TEACH because one of her employees has applied to the TEACH program.

Council Member Mica Williams declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning agenda item 5 because she works for an organization that is a Quality First site and her organization may receive TEACH scholarships.

Council Member Sherry Birch declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning agenda item #4a and #4b because she works for an organization that is a Quality First site. Council Member Birch declared a conflict of interest with agenda item #4b with regard to TEACH because one of her employees has applied to the TEACH program.

Presentation and Discussion on the 2011 Strategies (Grantees)

Grantee Barbara Gordon provided a presentation about the Quality First Program, a Statewide program that provides Arizona's Quality Improvement and Rating System for Early Care and Education Programs.

Grantee Elaine Bradford and Natasha Lopez addressed the council with a power point presentation regarding TEACH, a comprehensive scholarship program for child care professionals.

Grantee Merliee Fowler and Ann Sult provided a power point presentation to the council regarding Parent Education, through Youth Count, a grant that funds classes, workshops and resources for parents throughout the county.

Review and Discuss Financial Report

Regional Director Lori Deutsch provided updates pertaining to the Financial Report including financial highlights; This report will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Review and Discuss 2nd Quarter Data

Regional Director Lori Deutsch discussed the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council Data Summary Report for Quarter 2. Council Members reviewed statewide and regional funding.

Review and Discuss Needs and Assets Vendor

Regional Director Lori Deutsch provided detailed information in regard to the selection process of a Needs and Assets Vendor for 2011. Two vendors were discussed in detail which were University of Arizona (U of A) and Applied Service Research (ASR). Council Member Kathy Watson made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council approve the selection of U of A as the vendor for the 2012 Needs and Assets Report. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sherry Birch and passed unanimously.

Director's Report

Regional Director Lori Deutsch reported on a number of updates and current events including: the Diaper Drive updates and future events; stories from Community Outreach Coordinator Claire Louge are available in the back of the room; media outreach has been conducted on KPPV; thanks to Barbara Andre for providing pictures; and discussion on talking points; an upcoming forum will be held June 9th in Flagstaff which will include a pre-survey for Council Members to address indicators and funding plans; a summit will be held in August; the Quality First debriefing and follow up will be held Wednesday June 1st in Flagstaff from 5pm-7pm and two webinars will be offered for all Council Members to view on June 13th, 2011 and July 7th, 2011; the year end Regional Council Member survey will be sent via email to all Council Members; the Regional Boundary survey will also be sent by Chief Regional Officer, Michelle Katona; the June retreat will begin at 8:30am on June 22, 2011 and will include Council Member Elections. The fiscal year will be closing June 30, 2011 Council Members were asked to finalize all travel claims; the interviews for an AmeriCorps Vista have been completed and Jennifer Gosnel has been selected and will begin her contracted year in July. Chief Executive Officer, Rhian Evans Allvin will be attending the July Yavapai Regional Partnership Council meeting.

Call to the Public

No members of the public addressed the Regional Partnership Council during Call to the Public.

Council Member Reports and Updates

Council Member Birch announced that the Sonshine Learning Center raised \$2,000.00 to pay for their State licensing fee through bake sale and car wash. Council Member Birch also shared that Kohl's Kids Care also assists with projects through fundraising and will donate up to \$500.00 if anyone is interested. Vice Chair LaBellarte Williams announced that Claire Louge conducted a presentation to the church body and provided information about First Things First. Member LaBellarte Williams gave details about the Smart Start conference and the Leadership Forum. The Council Members requested that the Smart Start Conference be added as an agenda item next month to elaborate on the conference.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Partnership Council is a regular meeting scheduled for June 22, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. to noon in Prescott.

Adjourn

Council Member Sherry Birch made a motion to adjourn the Yavapai Regional Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Sara Lineau and passed unanimously. Regional Council Chair Anne Babinsky Rawlings adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.



Lori Deutsch, Yavapai Regional Coordinator

Approved:

Anne Babinsky Rawling, Chair

June 22, 2011