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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on **May 12th, 2010** at 9:00 a.m. at Peach Springs School, 403 Diamond Creek Road in Peach Springs, AZ.

Chair Imus called the meeting to order at 9:15a.m.

Members present:

Rev. Pete Imus, Candida Hunter, Sandra Irwin, Shelly Bachison, Cheryle Beecher, Helen J. Watahomigie, Steve Condict

Members Excused:

Carrie Imus, Lucille Watahomigie, Jessica Powskey, Penny Renfro,

Recognition of Regional Council Members with 2 Years of Service

Coordinator Pascual thanked Regional Council Members for being present and recognized members that have been on the Regional Council for two years. Coordinator Pascual presented Member Helen J. Watahomigie, Vice Chair Sandra Irwin, Member Carrie Imus, Member Jessica Powskey, and Member Lucille Watahomigie with certificates of appreciate for their commitment to young children.

Approval of April 14th, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Irwin moved to approve the April 14th, 2010 meeting minutes. Chair Imus provided the second. The motion passed by all members present.

Approval of April 29th, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes

Member Hunter moved to approve April 29th, 2010 meeting minutes. Member Bachison provided the second. The motion passed by all members present.

Call to the Public

Terri Holloway thanked the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council for all they are doing. She has been coming out and observing their meeting for almost two years. She will be leaving Health Choice and wished them the best in their endeavors.

Address Potential Conflicts of Interest Regarding Items on the Agenda

Chair Imus stated that Member Condict will need to declare a conflict of interest with agenda item number ten, support for Peach Springs School SIG application, when he arrives.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

Member Helen J Watahomigie and Member Beecher announced they are reapplying for seats on the Regional Partnership Council.

Officer Election/Governance Policy 1-108

Chair Imus gave a brief overview of governance policy 1-108. Chair Imus asked the Regional Council how they would like to proceed with the election for new officers for the regional council. Consensus of the Members was to wait until July for election of the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Fulfilling Arizona's Commitment to our Youngest Kids - FTF Strategic Communication Plan FY 2011-2013

Coordinator Pascual reviewed the strategic communications plan that will be implemented over the next two years. The plan was presented to the State Board in April and was also presented to the Chairs and Vice Chairs at the Leadership Forum on May 6th. Coordinator Pascual reviewed the four main objectives that the communications plan is striving for. Communications is restructuring their guidelines so that the mentioning of First Things First will have the same tone to it across the state. Chair Imus made several suggestions for local communications using media templates with local faces; local stories will have more impact on the tribal communities to relate to First Things First. Member Hunter discussed how to recruit champions and get the youth involved. Coordinator Pascual explained the role of a champion as a person willing to talk about First Things First, serve on the Regional Partnership Council, make a presentation(s) to another organization, write letters, host a training conducted by First Things First, or talk to the media. Coordinator Pascual will be attending the La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council meeting to see if any questions come up about collaboration with hiring an Outreach Liaison. She explained the recommendation is that one full time person could cover all of La Paz and Mohave Counties including the Hualapai and Colorado River Indian Tribes. Gary Arnold, Regional Manager, stated there is a definite need for public awareness; out of 600 people polled, only three individuals could identify First Things First. Manager Arnold stated that the State Board will be taking a position in opposition to sweep the First Things First program and future funding, which will be on the November ballot. He added there is a group that is in the process of educating the public about the importance of keeping First Things First alive.

Support for Peach Springs School SIG Application-discussion and possible action

Chair Imus read a letter of support from the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council for Peach Springs School and their School Improvement Grant (SIG) application. Member Condict did not participate in the discussion.

Member Hunter moved to approve the letter of support for Peach Springs School SIG application. Vice Chair Irwin provided the second. Member Condict abstained from voting. Vote passed by members (6 yes, 1 abstention).

First Things First Grantee Program Updates

Alyce Crook, Maternal Child Health Advocate, gave a brief update to the Regional Council. She mentioned that she attended the Hualapai Youth Partnership meeting, attended Food Handlers Training, submitted articles to the Gamyu, and made five home visits.

Lynn Bergeson, RN, with the Hualapai Community Maternal Child Health program, updated the Regional Council. Ms. Bergeson handed out a monthly report summarizing strategies, progress and collaboration with AzEIP, Head Start, Indian Health Services (I.H.S.), and the Hualapai Behavioral Health Family Therapist. She spoke with the Director of Human Resources regarding the support and feasibility of a possible tribal policy change to allow breast feeding mothers to bring their infants to work, until they are mobile. A survey will be given to all the employees of the tribe. She has continued to provide prenatal education, home visits, and addressing developmental concerns. Ms. Bergeson clarified that the program will not be offering direct maternal child health services to Supai, and those activities were not included on the final grant renewal application.

Regional Council Member Recruitment and Nominations

Chair Imus reminded the Regional Council if they were not interested in reapplying for their position on the Regional Council, they were to recruit a replacement for their seat. Manager Arnold stated there are five seats with terms expiring as of June 30th. Interviews for three applicants are scheduled to be held after the meeting. As of the day of the meeting no other applications had been received.

Coordinator Update

Regional Update

Coordinator Pascual was pleased to announce that Tribal Council adopted a resolution approving the grant renewal for the Maternal Child Health Program to continue through June SFY2011. Vice Chair Irwin requested that the Coordinator send revised copies of the Grant Renewal Agreement to all members of the Tribal Council.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) National Conference will be held in Phoenix. Its focus is on professional development for the early education field. First Things First applied for and was awarded a grant for parent participation, and part of the grant funds are being used to pay for the registration and attendance at the national conference for a parent from every regional council. Member Hunter will be attending the four day conference.

2010 Needs and Assets Report Update

The vendor is still moving forward collecting data. Coordinator Pascual reported that a suggestion from Member Imus was to contact law enforcement to see if there is addition information from their department. An outline of the report will be provided to the Coordinator at the end of the month.

Board Update

There is no written Board update at this time. The Regional Council requested that a copy of the Board's opposition statement be provided to the Regional Council next month. Coordinator Pascual reported that a follow up with the Kingman Regional Medical Center and the Parent Kits revealed that turnover and not being able to house the Kits in an easily accessible area for the nursing staff to hand out to new parents, were the main reasons for the Kits not being distributed.

Legislative Update

The phone call meeting will continue every Friday. The loan offer was not accepted by the Legislature, and therefore, First Things First will be on the ballot in November. Manager Arnold stated there will be as many as eight or nine different propositions on the ballot.

Next Meeting – June 9, 2010

The Regional Council members rescheduled the next meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on June 23rd, 2010 at Peach Springs School.

Adjourn

Chair Imus adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Della Gray, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Pete Imus, Chair