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COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
Arizona Western College, Room 111, 1109 Geronimo Avenue, Parker, Arizona 85344

April 30, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council was held on March 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Homer at 10:16a.m.

Members Present

Veronica Homer- Chair, Jillian Esquerra- Vice- Chair, Dru Waggoner, James “Dan” Wolfe, Gloria Flores-Lopez, Arlinda Setoyant, Elizabeth “Heather” Wilson

Members Absent

Jackie Flores, Rachel Garcia, Monica Corcino, Patricia Fritz

Staff Present

Ashley Pascual- Regional Director, Bylli Esquerra- Administrative Assistant II, Erin Taylor - La Paz/Mohave Community Outreach Coordinator, Gary Arnold- Senior Regional Director, Beverly Russell- Senior Director Tribal Affairs

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair Homer provided the Regional Partnership Council the opportunity to declare a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda. No Members declared a conflict.

Approval of Minutes from March 26, 2013 (Attachment 1)

Motion made by Member Wolfe to approve the March 26, 2013, meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Member Wilson.
Motion passed unanimously by Members present.

Chair Report

Chair Homer informed the Regional Council Members of meetings she attended and shared the information discussed during these meetings. Chair Homer and Vice-Chair Esquerra attended the First Things First Regional Board Roundtable to present their Regional Funding Plans to Board Members and staff held in Lake Havasu City on February 26, 2013. Chair Homer also attended the Chair and Vice-Chair meeting held in Phoenix on February 7, 2013.

Tribal Affairs Update

Senior Director of Tribal Affairs, Beverly Russell, updated the Regional Council on the Annual First Things First Summit being held on August 25 – 27, 2013, in Phoenix, Arizona, and discussed some of the topics and guest speakers. Sr. Director Russell also informed the Regional Council First Things First will be hosting the 4th Tribal Consultation on August 15, 2013, in Phoenix, Arizona, and topics will include discussion on the Quality First model changes, public/private partnerships, and data and evaluation.

Sr. Director Russell shared where FTF is at with the Data and Evaluation plan that is specific to Tribes, explaining that currently FTF is starting an approval process with the Tribes to collect and use tribal data related to the school readiness indicators that will be used to set regional bench marks.



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FY2013 Program Implementation

Early Literacy Program Update- Lee Mitchell, Literacy Coordinator for the Colorado River Indian Tribes Library, provided the Regional Council with an update of activities she has been working on at the Library and in the community.

Professional Career Pathway Project (PCPP) Update- Linda Williams-Tuenge, Outreach Program Specialist for PCPP-Central Arizona College, provided the Regional Council with an overview of PCPP and an update on progress with the implementation of the program in the CRIT region. Ms. Williams-Tuenge noted that interest has not been expressed from the School District, she described the participation requirements of the program, and she offered to conduct recruitment through other venues in the region.

Recommendations for FY2014 Grant Renewal (Attachment 2a-2b)

Regional Director Pascual presented the recommendations to the Regional Council for the following FY2014 grant renewals: Nutrition, Obesity and physical Activity, Parent Outreach and Awareness – Family, Friend and Neighbor, and Scholarships non-TEACH-Professional Career Pathway Project.

Member Wilson made a motion to approve the FY2014 grant renewal recommendations as presented. Motion was seconded by Member Wolfe. Motion passed unanimously by members present.

Recommendations for FY 2014 New Grant Agreement

Regional Director Pascual presented the recommendation to the Regional Council for the FY2014 New Grant Agreement for the Parent Outreach and Awareness-Early Literacy strategy.

Member Wolfe made a motion to approve FY2014 grant renewal recommendation as presented. Motion was seconded by Member Flores-Lopez. Motion passed unanimously by members present.

Kith and Kin Program Presentation

Claudia Ortiz-Vazquez, Assistant Coordinator for the Association for Supportive Child Care, provided the Regional Council with an overview of the Kith and Kin program. Ms. Ortiz-Vazquez informed the Regional Council of current locations that are providing the Kith and Kin workshops, and also explained the differences between the workshops provided through the FTF grant with the Colorado River Indian Tribes Department of Health and Social Services, and the 14-week training for Family, Friend, and Neighbor Caregivers in the community provided through the FTF grant with the La Paz/Mohave Region.

Member Wilson left the meeting at 11:30a.m. A quorum of the Regional Council remained.

Regional Director's Update

- A. **April 2013 Board Meeting Summary (Attachment 4)** –Regional Director Pascual provided the Regional Council a copy of the Board meeting summary for their review.
- B. **Quality First! SFY2015 Proposed Model Updates (Attachment 5a-5c)** - Regional Director Pascual provided the updates to the Regional Council for their review.
- C. **FY2013 Financial Expenditures Update (Attachment 5)** - Regional Director Pascual provided the Financial reports to the Regional Council for their review.
- D. **Director's Report (Attachment 6)** - Regional Director Pascual provided the Regional Council with a written report for their review.
- E. **Community Outreach update-** Community Outreach Coordinator Taylor provided a presentation to the Regional Council on the activities that she has been involved in over the last month. Ms. Taylor also informed the Regional Council of media outreach that the Regional Councils have been receiving.



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Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

There were no announcements made by the Regional Council Members.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Regional Council reviewed the following dates of upcoming events:

- a. May 7th at 9:00am – 1:00pm, Grantee Coordination Meeting, Arizona Western College
- b. May 22nd at 9:00am – 2:30pm, Family Friend and Neighbor Workshop, Blue Water Resort & Casino
- c. June 10th -11th FTF Board Meeting, Phoenix
- d. June 19th at 9:00am – 2:30pm, Family Friend and Neighbor Workshop, Blue Water Resort & Casino
- e. **June 25th at 10:00 am, Regional Partnership Council Meeting, Arizona Western College**

Member Wolfe motioned to Adjourn at 11: 40a.m. Motion was seconded by Member Flores-Lopez. Motion passed unanimously by members present.

Veronica Homer, Chair CRIT Regional Partnership Council

Bylli Esquerra, Administrative Assistant II

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Colorado River Indian Tribes

Fiscal Year: 2013

Quality First Child Care Scholarships

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fiscal YTD Total	
FTF-MULTI-11-0302-01-Y3 / Valley of the Sun United Way	Quarterly Data Submission Status*			3	3		
	Number of children receiving scholarships			10	12		
	Center based providers: Number of infants receiving scholarships			4	5		
	Center based providers: Number of infants receiving scholarships at the end of the quarter (subtracting disenrolled)			0	0		
	Center based providers: Number of toddlers receiving scholarships			6	6		
	Center based providers: Number of toddlers receiving scholarships at the end of the quarter (subtracting disenrolled)			0	0		
	Center based providers: Number of preschool aged children receiving scholarships			1	6		
	Center based providers: Number of preschool aged children receiving scholarships at the end of the quarter (subtracting disenrolled)			0	2		
	Center based providers: Number of children with special needs receiving scholarships			0	0		
	Center based providers: Number of children with special needs receiving scholarships at the end of the quarter (subtracting			0	0		
	Number of Infant (0-12 months) slots filled end of the quarter				2.0	3.0	
	Number of toddler (13-35 months) slots filled end of the quarter				11.5	7.0	
	Number of preschooler (36 months - 5 yrs) slots filled end of the quarter				4.0	8.0	
	Number of slots filled with children (0-5 yrs) end of the quarter		20		17.5	18.0	18.0
	Number of FTF slots vacant for children (0-5 yrs)				1.5	1.0	

Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council
FY 2013 Contract Detail Report (as of June 10, 2013)

	Grantee Name	Contract Period	Total Allotment	Awarded	YTD Expense	Expense Variance	% of Award Expended
Evaluation	Statewide Evaluation Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$6,290	\$6,290	\$6,290	\$0	100.0%
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)	07/01/2012- 06/30/2013		\$6,290	\$6,290	\$0	100.0%
	Goal Area Subtotal:		\$6,290	\$6,290	\$6,290	\$0	100.0%
Family Support	Parent Outreach and Awareness	Strategy Subtotal:	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$16,250	\$43,750	27.1%
	Colorado River Indian Tribes	07/01/2012- 06/30/2013		\$45,000	\$11,250	\$33,750	25.0%
		10/01/2012- 06/30/2013		\$15,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	33.3%
	Goal Area Subtotal:		\$60,000	\$60,000	\$16,250	\$43,750	27.1%
Health	Child Care Health Consultation	Strategy Subtotal:	\$5,040	\$5,028	\$3,563	\$1,465	70.9%
	Nutrition/Obesity/Physical	Strategy Subtotal:	\$27,102	\$27,102	\$13,551	\$13,551	50.0%
	Colorado River Indian Tribes	07/01/2012- 06/30/2013		\$27,102	\$13,551	\$13,551	50.0%
	Goal Area Subtotal:		\$32,142	\$32,130	\$17,114	\$15,016	53.3%
Professional Development	Scholarships non-TEACH Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$1,500	\$1,500	-	\$1,500	0.0%
	Central Arizona College	07/01/2012- 06/30/2013		\$1,500	-	\$1,500	0.0%
	Goal Area Subtotal:		\$1,500	\$1,500	-	\$1,500	0.0%
Quality and Access	Quality First Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$36,112	\$33,251	\$20,109	\$13,142	60.5%
	Quality First Child Care	Strategy Subtotal:	\$121,441	\$121,441	\$121,441	-	100.0%
	Valley of the Sun United Way	07/01/2012- 06/30/2013		\$121,441	\$121,441	-	100.0%
	Goal Area Subtotal:		\$157,553	\$154,692	\$141,550	\$13,142	91.5%
	Overall Total:		\$257,485	\$254,612	\$181,204	\$73,408	71.2%





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Creating an Early Childhood System



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What is a System?

An organized, inter-related network of elements, programs and services for all children.



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Why is a System Important?

Affecting school readiness requires Multi-sector Collaboration



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Developing a Model Early Childhood System

SYSTEM VISION: All Arizona children by the time they are 5 years old have a solid foundation for success in school and in life because we have worked together to create a family-centered, comprehensive, collaborative and high-quality early childhood system that addresses the child's development, health and early education.

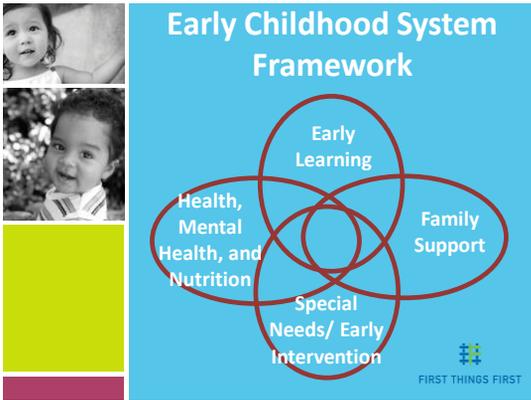


Young Children & Families

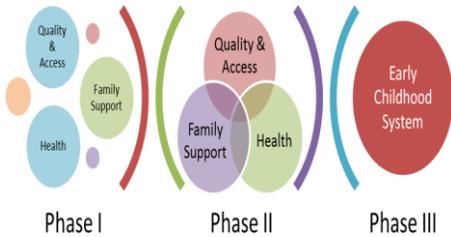
Key System Elements and System Outcomes

Having all elements in place will help accelerate positive outcomes.









Arizona School Readiness Indicators

The following indicators are designed to guide and measure progress in building an effective early childhood system in Arizona. Taken collectively, they provide a comprehensive picture of how our state is preparing its youngest children for success in kindergarten and beyond.



CHILDREN'S HEALTH

1) Well-Child Visits

% of Arizona children receiving at least six well-child visits within the first 15 months of life

2010: 64% 2020 Goal: 80%

2) Healthy Weight

% of Arizona children age 2-4 with body mass index (BMI) in healthy weight range

2010: 65% 2020 Goal: 75%

3) Dental Health

% of Arizona children age 5 with untreated tooth decay

2007: 35% 2020 Goal: 32% or less



FAMILY SUPPORT

4) Confident Families

% of Arizona families report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well being

2012: 63% 2020 Goal: 73%



CHILD DEVELOPMENT & EARLY LEARNING

5) School Readiness

Benchmark related to developmental domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical to be recommended in FY15 based on baseline data from Arizona kindergarten developmental inventory

6) Quality Early Education

% of Arizona children enrolled in an early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars

Baseline and 2020 Goal to be determined in July 2013.

7) Quality Early Education – Special Needs

% of Arizona children with special needs/rights enrolled in an inclusive early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars

Baseline and 2020 Goal to be determined in July 2013.

8) Affordability of Quality Early Education

% of Arizona families that spend no more than 10% of the regional median family income on early care and education programs with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars

Baseline and 2020 Goal to be determined in July 2013.

9) Developmental Delays Identified in Kindergarten

Benchmark to be recommended in fall 2013 after completion of the comprehensive opportunity analysis on the Arizona early intervention system for children birth to age 5

10) Transition from Preschool Special Education to Kindergarten

% of Arizona children exiting preschool special education enrolled in kindergarten regular education

2010: 22% 2020 Goal: 30%



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