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**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board**  
**Coconino Regional Partnership Council**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the First Things First Coconino Regional Partnership Council was held on June 27, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the United Way of Northern Arizona Conference Room, 1515 E. Cedar Ave. Suite D-1, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Julianne Hartzell, Chair for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council, called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

**Members Present:**

Mary McLellan, Julianne Hartzell, Seobaghn Arambula, Samantha Cowan, Noreen Sakiestewa, Beth Johndrow, Debbie Winlock

**Members Present by Phone:**

None

**Members Absent:**

Barbara Worgess, Agnes Chamberlain, Tony Gonzales, Colette Cox

**First Things First Staff Present:**

Ellen Majure, Coconino Regional Director; Virginia Turner, Senior Director Northeast; Amanda Kristinat, Northeast Administrative Assistant; Amy Callahan (Phone), Parent Awareness and Community Outreach Coordinator; Allie Stender, Program Collaboration Specialist

**Call to the Public**

Deborah Harris of Northern Arizona University addressed the Regional Partnership Council, informing the Council that they have obtained a \$500,000 federal grant to aide accredited child care centers and would like to find a way to partner with the Regional Partnership Council. Ms. Harris stated that she would be willing to come back and give a formal presentation on the grant.

Sapna Sopori, Director of Willow Bend Environmental Education Center, provided a brief overview of the organization and the new early education programs they now offer at Willow Bend. Ms. Sopori invited the Regional Partnership Council members to visit the center and welcomed opportunities for future collaboration.

**Disclosure of Conflicts**

None

**Consent Agenda**

Vice Chair McLellan moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Winlock seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Community Outreach and Awareness Implementation Plan Presentation and Discussion**

Chair Hartzell informed the Regional Council that Ms. Majure and Ms. Callahan are still working on the data and how to present it to the Regional Partnership Council. The information will be presented at a future meeting.

Ms. Callahan guided a discussion on possibly designating a lead person for Community Outreach in each of the hubs. This was one of the recommendations that Coconino Regional Council members came up with at the Community Outreach Forum last April.

Chair Hartzell directed Ms. Majure to have this be an agenda item for the next meeting to allow for brainstorming on what the hub specific outreach will look like.

### **Presentations by Coconino Grantees**

#### **Statewide Grantee: Kith and Kin**

Sarah Ocampo-Schlesinger, Kith and Kin Program Coordinator, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation about the Kith and Kin Program and celebrating the program's success over the last year.

#### **Regional Grantee: TEACH Program**

Elaine Bradford and Rhonda Etsity gave a PowerPoint presentation about the TEACH Program and its impact in the Coconino area over the past year.

### **Discussion and Possible Approval of the FY2012 Community Awareness Budget**

Ms. Majure provided an overview of the Community Awareness Budget.

After a brief discussion, Member Arambula moved that we approve the Community Awareness budget of \$10,000 for the Fiscal Year 2012. Member Sakiestewa seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **Discussion and Possible Approval of 2012 Needs and Assets Project Additional Services**

Chair Hartzell reviewed the Applied Survey Research information provided at the May 23, 2011 meeting. Chair Hartzell notified the Regional Partnership Council that Ms. Majure has researched the additional services and will present her finding and recommendations to the Regional Council. She suggested to the Regional Council that a decision should be during this meeting on the additional deliverables for the 2012 Needs and Assets project.

Ms. Majure guided the Regional Partnership Council through the Needs and Assets Additional Service document item by item noting her recommendations.

After an extensive discussion, Member Cowan moved that we approve the cost for additional deliverables of \$20,000 with the recommendations by Ellen, minus the Key Informant Interviews, plus increasing the Issue Briefs from two to four which will include Early Learning, Health, Children of Incarcerated Parents and Special Needs, and minus Travel Costs. Vice Chair McLellan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice Chair McLellan motioned to reduce the Needs and Assets Additional Service strategy allotment from \$45,000 to \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2012. Member Sakiestewa seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **Council Member Updates**

Chair Hartzell handed out a letter she received to the Regional Partnership Council about the Reach Out and Read Program.

### **Coordination and Collaboration Update**

Ms. Stender handed out a written report and gave a verbal overview of her efforts and her coordination and collaboration mapping process.

### **Regional Director Report**

Ms. Majure reviewed the report she presented to the Regional Partnership Council and handed out certificates of appreciation to each of the Regional Partnership Council members for their dedication and years of service. Ms. Majure also informed the Regional partnership Council that there has been a delay in the Child Care Demand and Capacity Study and that the consortium is working with First Things First to extend the deadline. Chair Hartzell expressed her frustration that it has been three years since the study discussion started and she requested to find out if the Regional Council can get their data before the statewide data is completed. Ms. Turner offered to investigate Chair Hartzell's request. She will inquire to see if it is possible to get a preliminary look at the Coconino Region's data.

**Discussion of FY2012 Meeting Dates and Next Meeting Date: August 22, 2011**

Chair Hartzell opened the floor for discussion on whether the Regional Partnership Council would like to keep the Regional Council meeting dates the same or change them. After a brief discussion the Regional Partnership Council decide to keep the meeting dates the same, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 4:00pm.

**Meeting Adjourned**

There being no other business, Chair Hartzell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:08 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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**Ellen Majure, Regional Director**

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Julianne Hartzell, Chair**