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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 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was located at the United Way of Northern Arizona Conference Room, 1515 E. Cedar Ave. Suite D-1, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Julianne Hartzell, the Chairwoman for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Members Present:

Julianne Hartzell, Mary McLellan, Agnes Chamberlain, Seobaghn Arambula, Noreen Sakiestewa, Tony Gonzales

Members Present by Phone: Debbie Winlock

Members Absent:

Kerry Blume, Barbara Worgess, Ken Edes

Vacancy:

Business

First Things First Staff Present:

Coconino Regional Coordinator Ellen Majure, Northeast Regional Manager AdiShakti Khalsa, Coconino Administrative Assistant Cristi Mallery

Call to the Public

Dr. Pamela Powell addressed the Coconino Council and welcomed the new and reappointed members. She commended the Coconino Council for their continued outstanding work. Dr. Powell also mentioned the November Ballot and the website dedicated to saving First Things First called SavingFirstThingsFirst.org. Chair Hartzell thanked Dr. Powell for her outstanding efforts on the First Things First State Board and noted the great teamwork between the Regional Councils and the State Board.

Disclosure of Conflicts

Chair Hartzell declared a conflict regarding Grantee Contract No Cost Time Extensions, and Funding Modifications for Potential Home Visitation Renewals; both agenda items relate to Coconino County Healthy Families and Parenting Arizona.

Consent Agenda

Member Gonzales moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Sakiestewa seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Grantee Contract No Cost Time Extensions

Chair Hartzell left the room. Vice Chair McLellan chaired the discussion.

Ms. Majure addressed the Coconino Council regarding offering a no cost extension to Healthy Families and Parenting Arizona to allow the programs to continue operating by utilizing unexpended funds through August 31, 2010.

Member Arambula moved that “we approve a no cost extension to Healthy Families and Parenting Arizona through August 31, 2010.” Member Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Funding Modifications for Potential Home Visitation Renewals

Ms. Majure explained to the Coconino Council that there was a difference in the funding amounts required to fund Healthy Families and Parenting Arizona during the next fiscal year than was approved during May meeting. The reason for this difference was due to the decrease of funding time from 14 months during last fiscal year to 10 months this fiscal year. The recalculated amounts for Healthy Families and Parenting Arizona based on a fiscal year of 10 months equal \$223,595 and \$59,000 respectively, with a grand total of \$282,595 for both programs in Fiscal Year 2011. The Coconino Council originally approved \$409,758 for these two programs, thus the remaining funding of \$127,163 would be placed into unobligated funds for the next fiscal year.

Member Sakiestewa moved “to approve the new funding modification of \$282,595 for the Family Support Strategy as stated in the modified document.” Member Chamberlain seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Introduction of New Council Members

Chair Hartzell reentered the room.

For the record, Chair Hartzell wished to publically thank Member Edes and Member Blume who have added so much to the Coconino Council during their two years of service on the Coconino Regional Council.

Chair Hartzell proceeded to introduce the newly appointed and reappointed Coconino Council Members who will begin their work on July 1, 2010. She welcomed two new members, Beth Johndrow who will serve as the Faith-based member and Colette Cox, who will serve as the At Large member and provided a brief bio of each. She then welcomed the returning members, Tony Gonzales who will continue serving in the Parent seat; Agnes Chamberlain, who will continue serving as the Tribal Representative; and Debbie Winlock, who will continue serving as the At Large member, and provided a brief bio of each of these members.

Celebration of Successes

All Coconino Regional Grantees and Statewide Grantees serving the Coconino Region during the past Fiscal Year were invited to this Coconino Regional Partnership Council Meeting to present the success of their programs made possible as a result of funding from the Coconino Council.

Ms. Majure presented the Coconino Council with the most recent data summary document which contained data for all of the Coconino Regional and Statewide programs. This quarterly document allowed the Coconino Council to observe the numbers being served through all of Coconino’s current contracts. Ms. Majure explained to the Coconino Council that the number served under Healthy Families was not accurate as it had not yet been updated in the First Things First database with the latest information.

Statewide Grantee: Quality First!: April King commented on the improvements she has been able to make using Quality First! funds for her child care home in Williams. She has also utilized Access and Affordability grant funds to acquire structural equipment for cognitive learning.

Statewide Grantee: TEACH: Rhonda Etsitty and Natash Lopez of the Association for Supportive Child Care updated the Coconino Council regarding TEACH scholarships. Fifteen providers have applied and 11 have been awarded scholarships thus far.

Statewide Grantee: Professional REWARD\$: Ms. Majure presented on behalf of John Cregg for Professional REWARD\$. This new program provides funding incentives for providers who continue their employment with child care centers and is intended to reduce the turnover rate at these centers. There are 36 slots in the Coconino Region and of the 27 applications received, 15 have been approved.

Statewide Grantee: Kith and Kin: Ms. Majure updated the Coconino Council regarding the Kith and Kin program which held a health and safety conference on June 5th. Currently, there are 34 participants in this program.

Regional Grantee: Oral Health Program: Ms. Majure presented a PowerPoint on behalf of Bethany Aronson of the Coconino County Health Department for the Oral Health program. Additionally, she passed around the infant and child oral health kits that are given out through this program. This program is well on its way toward reaching the 1800 individuals it initially intended to serve.

Regional Grantee: Parenting Arizona: Ms. Majure passed out brochures on behalf of Sue Branch regarding the Parenting Arizona program.

Regional Grantee: Access and Affordability Program: Allison Mitkowski of United Way of Northern Arizona presented the Access and Affordability program update to the Coconino Council. Currently, 18 families in the Coconino Region are receiving scholarships that enable them to pay \$2.00 per day for child care. Ms. Mitkowski shared some positive testimonies regarding improvements and scholarships.

Regional Grantee: Healthy Families Program: Barbara Wightman of the Coconino County Health Department presented for the Healthy Families program and expressed her gratitude towards the Coconino Council for funding this program. Fifty-nine percent of total families enrolled in this program are single parent households; 83 percent of total families enrolled live in poverty. Many of those served are pregnant women.

Council Member Update

Member Gonzales updated the Coconino Council regarding the success of his young daughter at soccer after he took the time to teach her and practice with her. This example indicated that a little effort goes a long way with young children.

Chair Hartzell stressed the importance of the Task Force Survey that will be sent out during the next couple of weeks. Once that is complete, there will be a meeting between Regional Council Members and State Board Members regarding priorities. She also informed the Coconino Council of the summit occurring at the end of August as well as the New Council Member training tentatively scheduled for July 21, 2010.

Chair Hartzell mentioned the upcoming radio spots intended to help spread the word about the First Things First in the Coconino Region.

Coordinator Report

Ms. Majure updated the Coconino Council regarding the Summit and State Board Meeting scheduled for August 30 and 31, 2010. She provided an update on Communications regarding the radio spots scheduled to run in the next couple of weeks. Also, the Communication Outreach and Parent Liaison position is expected to be posted in the near future and once it is posted, the description will be emailed to Coconino Council Members.

Next Meeting Date

The Coconino Regional Partnership Council will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2010 at United Way of Northern Arizona. There is currently no meeting scheduled for the month of July.

Meeting Adjourned

There being no other business, Chair Hartzell adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:27 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Ellen Majure, Coconino Coordinator

APPROVED BY:

Julianne Hartzell, Chair