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### **Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council**

#### **Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council took place on July 10, 2014 at the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Education Center- Conference Room 243, 5100 West Calle Tetakusim, Tucson, Arizona, 85757. Chair Cecilia Garcia welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:53 a.m.

#### **Members Present:**

Chair Cecilia Garcia, Pete Guerrero, Amalia Reyes, John Jensen, Veronica Darnell, Juanita Ayala, Marilynn Sando

#### **Members Absent:**

Francisco Munoz, Bill Rosenberg, Shanna Tautolo, Hector Youtsey

#### **Blessing**

Member Jensen provided a blessing.

#### **Approval of June 12, 2014 Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Member Reyes that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the June 12, 2014 Regional Council meeting as presented, seconded by Member Ayala. Motion carried.

#### **Call to the Public**

None at this time.

#### **Presentation and Discussion: System Building**

Chair Garcia turned the floor over to Desirae Cruz-Bailey from the Easter Seals Blake Foundation who gave a presentation on the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP), which included background information about AzEIP, as well as information about home visits and screening, eligibility, child and family assessment, individualized family service plans, team based early intervention, and transitioning out of AzEIP.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action: Election of the Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair**

Chair Garcia asked the regional council if there were any nominations or interest for the position of Chair. She also let the regional council know that she was willing to stay in the position. John Jensen moved that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the election of Cecilia Garcia as Chair for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, seconded by Member Sando. Motion carried.

Chair Garcia let the regional council know that Member Youtsey notified her that he was willing to continue as Vice Chair. Regional Director Tiburcia Yocupicio-Chambers announced that Member Reyes had also expressed interest in a leadership position. Member Guerrero moved that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the nomination of Hector Youtsey and Amalia Reyes as Vice Chair for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, seconded by Member Sando. Motion carried. Member Reyes was elected as Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

Veronica Darnell moved that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the election of Amalia Reyes as Vice Chair for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, seconded by Member Jensen. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action: Fiscal Year 2015 Meeting Dates and Times**

Chair Garcia turned the floor over to Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers, who reviewed the proposed FY 2015 meeting date calendar. She let the council know that the proposed calendar kept the current meeting day as the second Thursday of each month, and explained that there were slight variations for October and January due to school schedules and holidays.

Member Sando moved that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the proposed meeting times for Fiscal Year 2015, seconded by Member Ayala. Motion carried.

**Discussion: Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council Governance Policies**

Chair Garcia explained that at the current meeting the regional council would look at the Governance Policies and that at the August meeting they would discuss and approve any changes. Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers let the regional council know of one change that would need to be made per First Things First's legal counsel. In section 1-108 (Council Officers and Their Duties), the Governance Policy reads, "The election shall be by ballot or voice vote." The updated Governance Policy should now read, "The election shall be by voice vote". Member Darnell volunteered to review the Governance Policies and present recommendations at the next meeting.

**Discussion: Strategic Planning for next Funding Cycle**

Chair Garcia turned the floor over to Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers, who gave a presentation about strategic planning for the next funding cycle. Some discussion was had about TEACH Scholarships and boundary changes.

**\*\*Break from approximately 1:35-1:44 due to lost quorum\*\***

**Regional Director's Report**

Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers reviewed her director's report. She gave a brief update on the 2012-2014 Needs and Assets Report, which she let the regional council know was approved by Tribal Council and would now be presented to the FTF State Board at their September meeting. She let the regional council know that FTF CEO Sam Leyvas would be at the Educational Oversight Committee meeting to present the School Readiness Indicators. She also let the regional council know that there would be a Pima Cross-Regional Communications Committee that gathered at the 2014 FTF Early Childhood Summit, and confirmed with the regional council that Member Youtsey would be representing their regional council at that committee. She also gave a brief update on the FTF Public Awareness Campaign, which includes a pediatrician, early childhood teacher, and juvenile court judge promoting FTF on television, billboards, radio ads and newspapers.

**Regional Council and Staff Announcements**

Member Reyes announced that there would be a Family Read Aloud Night at the library that evening from 6-7 p.m.

Chair Garcia announced that the Health Department would be holding their Back to School Bash during the next four Saturdays at the clinic from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The sessions would include physicals, immunizations, and vision screenings for the children.

Member Sando announced that Pima Community College had been invited to participate in an Educator Fair on July 29 at Casino Del Sol.

Member Ayala announced that the Higher Ed deadline is July 30.

**Future Agenda Items**

Discussion was had about cancelling the August meeting due to its date falling so close to the FTF Summit. The regional council members decided that they should cancel the August meeting.

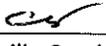
**Announcement of Next Regular Meeting**

Chair Garcia reiterated that there would be no August meeting.

**Adjourn**

As there was no further business, Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:43 p.m.

Submitted By   
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Approved By   
Cecilia Garcia, Chair

Dated this 11 day of September, 2014.