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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on July 15, 2009 at 12:00 noon at Grumpy Jake's Restaurant, 5647 White Mountain Blvd., Show Low, AZ 85901.

Chair Massey Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 12:25 p.m.

Members Present:

Shine Burnette, Harrisen DeClay, Velma Kaytoggy, Kirk Massey, Jr., Faye Smith, and Dr. Tim Strand

Members Absent: Deborah Clendon, Dennie Cromwell, Laurel Endfield, Mary Kline, and Erwin Thompson

Other Attendees: Joe Dorsey, Ranelda Hastings, AdiShakti Khalsa, Rochelle Lacapa, Marsha McIntosh, and Maureen Theobald

Discussion and Possible Adoption of the June 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Chair Massey, Jr., reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 18, 2009. Member Burnette questioned Agenda Item 12 of the minutes related to the vote for Vice Chair, which had been taken during the meeting and reflected a vote of the majority of the members present but not a majority of the entire membership. Coordinator Lacapa stated the minutes are correct as written; however, we will need to revisit this today to redo the vote in order to meet the requirement of the majority of the membership. Coordinator Lacapa also noted that we will have to correct the signature line of these minutes, which should reflect the new Chair, Kirk Massey, Jr. Member Strand motioned to accept the minutes as presented with the correction to the signature line. Member Burnette seconded the motion; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Call to the Public

None

Discussion and Possible Election of White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Vice Chair Seat

According to the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Governance Policy, Section 1-108: Regional Council Officers and their Duties, an "election shall be conducted by majority vote or secret ballot as deemed by the Council." Coordinator Lacapa explained that we must have a majority of the entire Regional Partnership Council for this vote to pass; therefore, the vote was retaken using secret ballots and the members present (six) voted for Laurel Endfield to be the new Vice Chair.

Discussion of FY2010 Annual Timeline

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed the items listed on the FY 2010 Timeline, which she had prepared for the members and also shared with the members the Biennial Report reflecting the progress of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council, which will be presented to the Health Board and Tribal Council members. Coordinator Lacapa explained there will be a state-wide contractor for the Needs & Assets Report and stated Chair Massey, Jr., may be presenting the Funding Plan to the First Things First Board in December.

Discussion of Re-Designation of Tribal Lands as a First Things First Region

Regional Manager AdiShakti Khalsa explained that every two years Tribes have the option to re-designate their Tribal Lands; the statute states that there is a requirement to consider this option; and therefore, asked if there is any reason the White Mountain Apache Tribe would want to change the current status. Member Burnette stated she prefers to keep the Tribe as its own region. Member Burnette then moved to keep the Fort Apache Indian Reservation as a separate, tribal region under First Things First. Member Smith seconded the motion; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Chair Massey, Jr., requested the members move to Agenda Item #8.

Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed her monthly activities including the community meetings she's attended and the articles submitted to *The Apache Scout*. Member Burnette asked about the Economic Community Relief Meeting; Coordinator Lacapa stated this meeting gave an overall view of the economic impact to the local community; however, she noted there was a lack of Tribal representation at the meeting, which results in less collaboration between Tribal and non-Tribal areas. Coordinator Lacapa informed the members the grantees will be asked to submit articles to *The Apache Scout* related to their progress. Coordinator Lacapa shared that there is a new Family Support Consortium, which represents different service providers and their available programs, which is attempting to build a stronger system to access services; further information regarding this will be available soon.

Discussion for 2009 Tribal Fair & Rodeo Booth

Coordinator Lacapa stated this is part of Strategy 4a. Members expressed that the theme this year is "Celebrate the Apache Children" and will be held from September 2-7, 2009. Member Strand suggested input be gathered from grantees (Johns Hopkins and Northland Pioneer College). Coordinator Lacapa stated the booths typically display a pictorial representation of its program(s) and suggested pictures be taken of food boxes being prepared or distributed, children at the day care centers, families engaging in reading activities, etc. The members asked if Coordinator Lacapa would organize this; Coordinator Lacapa committed to providing a mock-up of the pictorial at the next meeting.

Items for the Good of the Order

Coordinator Lacapa shared a handout with the members, which was a memo from First Things First Assistant Director for Regional Administration, Michelle Katona, regarding the proposed new attendance policy. Member Burnette expressed some concern over the new policies especially regarding excused and unexcused absences. Regional Manager Khalsa stated the purpose of this memo is for the State Board to seek input from members prior to their vote in August, it is not meant to be punitive; instead, this is a means of making sure community members' voices are heard. Member Burnette further expressed her concern with the stringent attendance policies especially because it is so hard to replace members. Coordinator Lacapa asked the members to give their feedback to her at least 10 days prior to the State Board Meeting. Member Burnette informed the members that she will now be working in Whiteriver Monday through Wednesday and will be in Cibecue on Thursdays.

Chair Massey, Jr., referred back to Agenda Item #7 but called for a brief break, which lasted from approximately 1:20 to 1:45 p.m.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Oral Health RFGA Review Committee Recommendations

A motion was made by Member DeClay to move into Executive Session at approximately 1:47 p.m. to discuss confidential grant documents pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (2). Member Kaytoggy seconded the motion; the motion passed 6:0:0.

A motion was made by Member Smith to return to regular session at approximately 2:14 p.m. Member Strand seconded the motion; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Member DeClay motioned to have the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council review the application for the Oral Health RFGA. Member Strand seconded the motion; the motion passed 6:0:0. Members then agreed to meet on Thursday, July 23, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., at Head Start in order to make the review.

Adjourn

Having no further business, Chair Massey, Jr., adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Approved:



Kirk Massey, Jr., Chair



Rochelle Lacapa, Coordinator