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## **Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting**

Public Safety Building  
445 E. Main Street  
Somerton, Arizona 85350  
July 16, 2009

Minutes

### **Welcome/Introduction/Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chair Madeleine Coil. Members present included Council Member Irene Garza, Council Member Susan Pond, Council Member Sarah Seneker, Council Member Coranne Swift Arrow, Council Member Judy Watkinson and Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra. Council Member Ricardo Perez joined the meeting by means of a conference call. Members not present included Council Member Roselia Ramirez. First Things First Staff: Grant Specialist Perla Renteria, Regional Manager Gary P. Arnold, Regional Coordinator Mary Reyes Sanford and Administrative Assistant Marie Megui were also present.

### **Declarations of Conflict of Interest regarding items on this agenda**

Chair Madeleine Coil provided Council members with an opportunity to declare any conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda. Chair Madeleine Coil declared a conflict with Item #6 of the agenda (RFGA FTF-RC023-10-0080-00, Strategy #9) and Council Member Sarah Seneker declared a conflict with item #5 (RFGA FTF-RC023-10-0082-00, Strategy #5).

### **Consent Agenda**

The items on the Consent Agenda included the Council Minutes of the June 18, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Susan Pond to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Irene Garza. Motion passed.

### **Casa Program Presentation**

The CASA presentation was postponed and tentatively moved to the Agenda for the Yuma Regional Partnership Council on August 20, 2009 at the presenter's request.

### **First Things First Regional Partnership Funding Guidelines Presentation**

Chair Madeleine Coil provided a Power Point review of the "Regional Partnership Funding Guidelines" to encourage Council member thoughtfulness toward system building when making funding and strategy development decisions.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Council Member Susan Pond to move into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A) (1) and ARS 38-431.03 (A) (3) for the purposes of:

Agenda Item #5 Discussion and Possible Approval of Review Committee Recommendations  
**FTF- RC023-10-0082-00** and **FTF-RC023-10-0083-00**.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Watkinson. Motion carried. It is approximately 4:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Watkinson to close Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra. Motion carried. The time is now 5:08 p.m.

**Discussion and Possible Approval of Review Committee Recommendations**

A motion was made by Council Member Susan Pond to accept the Review Committee Recommendation for RFGA **FTF-RC023-10-0082-00**. Motion seconded by Council Member Ricardo Perez. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council Member Irene Garza to accept the Review Committee Recommendation for RFGA **FTF-RC023-10-0083-00**. Motion seconded by Council Member Susan Pond. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Adoption of VSUW MOU Reference Strategy 9**

Coordinator Mary Reyes Sanford engaged the Council in a discussion of the Yuma Regional Partnership Funding Plan and provided an update to the Council. Coordinator Sanford informed the Council there were no applications for RFGA **FTF-RC023-10-0080-00**, Strategy 9, and the recommendation was to add those funds to the Emergency Child Care Scholarship Administrative Home funds to further meet the Access need in the Yuma Region.

The Council expressed concerns regarding Strategy 9. A motion was made by Council Member Irene Garza to review and reflect on the content of Strategy 9, its allocations and consider other options in order to better serve the community. Motion seconded by Council Member Susan Pond. Motion carried. Coordinator Sanford was directed to bring a recommendation to the council for the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting with consideration given to the council's expressed concerns.

**Discussion and Possible Adoption of Operational Plan Recommendations to State Board**

The Council discussed the Operational Plan Recommendations to the FTF State Board. Council Member Susan Pond made a motion to accept the recommendation for Health Strategy #15 reference Speech Language Pathology and the necessary changes to the Frontier Adjustments based on attachment 2b of the agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Sarah Seneker. Motion carried.

**Coordinator's Report**

Coordinator Sanford referenced a memo by Michelle Katona FTF Assistant Director Regional Partnership Council, concerning the attendance policy. The Yuma Regional Partnership calendar for 2010 was also discussed by the Council. Council members agreed meetings would continue to be the third Thursday of each month. Coordinator Sanford was also directed to proceed with preparations for participation in "Step Up for Kids 2009" as a regional celebration of local success, acknowledgement of grantees and promotion of system building to ensure children are healthy and ready for school.

**Call to the Public**

Lorena Larios Magaña, Quality First Coach provided an update on Quality First and the Emergency Scholarships in the Yuma region. She commended the council for approving additional Quality First! slots and asked consideration be given to additional slots in the future.

**Next Meeting**

August 20, 2009, 4:30 p.m., Diagnostic Imaging Center, located at 1501 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364.

**Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

*Madeleine Coil*

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Chair

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Administrative Assistant II