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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
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Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2013 Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was held on April 16, 2013. The meeting was held at the Two Waters Building A, Wi:Hom Conference Room, 10061 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Loring at approximately 11:55 a.m.

Members Present

Chair Virginia Loring, Vice Chair Chris McIntier, Toni Harvier, Joyce Helmuth, Michelle Jameson, Frances Kaplan, Caroline Sekaquaptewa, and Deana Washington

Members Absent

Ron Ransom and Lance Silverhorn

Members of the Public

One member of the public attended.

Invocation

Invocation was conducted by Chair Loring prior to the beginning of the meeting.

System Building (called out of order)

Regional Director Darlene Vinarskai reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on system building and provided examples of collaboration with First Things First and the Community including the new Home Visitation Strategy.

Council Member Kaplan arrived at 12:05 p.m.

Discussion also took place about the planned kindergarten developmental and its applicability to the Community. Regional Director Vinarskai also briefly discussed three School Readiness Indicators which the Council selected as priorities.

Call to the Public

There were no Call to the Public forms submitted.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Helmuth moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 19, 2013 with the corrections to the spelling of Vice Chair McIntier's name on the second page. Council Member Kaplan



seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously 7-0 (Council Member Washington having not yet arrived).

Government to Government Agreements

Regional Director Vinarskai presented information to the Council about the government-to-government agreements which are in their third year of a three-year cycle and the need to discuss and vote on these agreements.

Council Member Washington arrived at 12:19 p.m.

Regional Director Vinarskai presented information about the Parent Education Community-Based Training program.

Chair Loring asked all Council members to declare any conflict which they might have. All members of the Council with the exception of Chair Loring stated that they have a conflict in that they work for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. At this time, Chair Loring declared the Rule Impossibility pursuant to Rule 8.8 of the Rules of Open Law.

Council Member Harvier moved to approve the Government-to-Government Agreement for the Parent Education Community-Based Training strategy with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for State Fiscal Year 2014 from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$98,315. Council Member Washington seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 8-0.

Regional Director Vinarskai presented information to the Regional Partnership Council, and Vice Chair McIntier answered questions about the Summer Transition to Kindergarten government-to-government agreement.

Council Member Helmuth moved to approve the Government-to-Government Agreement for the Summer Transition to Kindergarten Strategy with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for State Fiscal Year 2014 from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$18,000. Council Member Washington seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 8-0.

Renewals

Regional Director Vinarskai presented information on the grant renewal agreement for the Food Security and Reach Out and Read strategies, noting that these agreements are also in the second year of a three-year cycle.

Council Member Harvier moved to approve the Grant Renewal Agreement for the Food Security strategy with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for State Fiscal Year 2014 from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$10,000. Council Member Helmuth seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 8-0.

Vice Chair McIntier moved to approve the Grant Renewal Agreement for the Reach Out and Read strategy with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for State Fiscal Year 2014 from July 1,



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2013 to June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500. Council Member Helmuth seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 8-0.

Regional Director Updates

- Regional Director Vinarskai thanked Chair Loring and Council Member Harvier for attending a meeting with her with President Enos and Vice President Harvier in which Regional Director Vinarskai gave them an overview of First Things First strategies and the services that are funded, partnerships, the budget cut in FY2014, as well as a new Home Visitation strategy, and the 2014 needs and assets report.
- Regional Director Vinarskai and Council Member Kaplan discussed the upcoming needs and assets report and stated that the new vendor will be using the same data collection and evaluation tools for the report to have consistency so that an accurate comparison may be made from the previous report.
- Regional Director Vinarskai said that she will review the webinars on benchmarks and indicators and will forward the link to the Council members if appropriate.
- Regional Director Vinarskai stated that we have missing Council member documents, therefore, the documents will be provided at the next meeting to be completed and will be added as the last agenda item so that paperwork can be completed during the meeting.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates

- Council Member Jameson stated that she and Council Member Washington attended the Child Abuse Prevention event. She stated that they passed out onesies and other items.
- Vice Chair McIntier met with the WISH parent educators, and there was a discussion about parents wanting more classes. First Things First funds have been added for FY14, but there are no extra funds for this year. The Summer Transition to Kindergarten enrollment is happening at the elementary school, and Vice Chair McIntier encouraged Council members to pass the word to any parent of a child who will be entering kindergarten next year because registration has been very slow.
- Vice Chair McIntier stated that although the Parents as Teachers model will most likely be used for the upcoming Home Visitation program, they are also looking at a program out of Hopkins School of Public Health that has been used with other Tribal home visiting programs, and there will be a conference call with Hopkins on April 22 at 9:30 a.m. at the Education Administration front conference room. It's called the Family Spirit Program and is being implemented in White Mountain and Navajo and is an evidence-based home visitation program specifically geared towards Native American families.
- Vice Chair McIntier said that the kindergarten teacher who is doing the Summer Transition to Kindergarten program had previously had Eddie Basha doing a storytelling at her kindergarten class back in 1983. The picture of him with the class was used in the memorial service, and after the teacher talked to Nadine Basha, their son wants to also read to the class. Mrs. Basha also plans to visit a Summer Transition to Kindergarten class.
- Council Member Helmuth stated that the Reach Out and Read program also sends gently used books for older children and teens, and she has extras for anyone who would like those books.
- Council Member Helmuth stated that the new Certified Diabetic Educator Maggie Fisher has restarted diabetic education with the youth and is focusing on those children from 7 to 12. It is



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a 12-week program, and parent participation is encouraged, with at least half of the parents staying for the program. There are still openings for high-risk youth for the program.

Transportation is also provided.

- Vice Chair McIntier extended an invitation to everyone to attend the South Campus art exhibit that will held this Thursday, April 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Roundhouse Café. This artwork was created by parents in the parent education class.

Adjourn

Chair Loring adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Caitlyn Hollins, Administrative Assistant III

Approved: _____

Virginia Loring, Chair

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Community Awareness Budget 2014
FTF Directed

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Budget Category	Description of Line Item	Total Cost
CONTRACTED SERVICES	Contracted Services Sub Total	
Educational reinforcement items	FTF branded educational reinforcement items	2,000.00
Books	Children's Books	1,000.00
Born Learning Materials	FTF approved parent education items	1,000.00
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES		
		-
Total		\$ 4,000.00

Budget Narrative--provide description of the activities and rationale for funding level for each line item		
Educational Reinforcement Items	FTF-branded educational reinforcement items will be purchased over the course of the year to be utilized at community events, partnerships with grantees and other community Partners such as: Head Start Resource Fairs, Health and Safety Fairs, Fall Carnival, Social Gatherings, community events centered on holidays, as well as, presentations and community meetings where a FTF presentation or update is being given. This will include: Onesies, Jumbo crayons, Fridge Magnets, Books and Stickers. <i>Note: bulk purchasing through FTF-wide buy will leverage additional quantities of each item.</i>	\$ 2,000.00
Children's Books	500 childrens' books at \$2.00 per book to be distributed at: Head Start Resource Fairs and Health and Safety Fairs, Social Gatherings, other Community events centered on holidays in partnership with grantees, Early Childhood education conferences, and other community events that are related to early childhood development and health.	\$ 1,000.00
Born Learning Materials	FTF approved educational materials to be distributed at community events, presentations to parents, and/or in partnership with grantees and other community partners. Items include playbooks, Posters - Understanding Children, Your Child Parent Tool Series.	\$ 1,000.00

2012 REGIONAL NEEDS AND ASSETS REPORT

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Data Highlights

The unemployment rate has been declining since 2010 but remains nearly double the statewide rate -- 15.1% unemployment in SRPMIC in January 2012 compared to 8% for Arizona.

The Tribal cash assistance program, LEARN, has been able to serve a growing number of children and families without the dramatic cuts in eligibility that eliminated participants in the state program.

One in four households with children lives in poverty.

Nearly one in three women who gave birth in SRPMIC during the last twelve months had less than a high school education compared to less than one in four women giving birth county-wide and statewide.

Young children in SRPMIC are much more likely to live with single moms or grandparents than young children in the rest of the county and the state.

Although vaccination rates declined in SRPMIC between 2005 and 2010, they remain significantly higher than in Maricopa County overall.

More children are participating in programs at the Early Childhood Education Center; there are also more children on the waiting list.

The need for high quality, affordable child care is strong. Two out of three households with children in SRPMIC have all caregivers in the labor force.

Where Does the Information in this Report Come From?

Quantitative Data

- U.S. Census Data
- SRPMIC Agency Data
- *Health Status Profile of American Indians in Arizona 2009 Data Book*, published by the AZ Dept of Health Services
- AZ Department of Economic Security
- AZ Dept of Health Services

Qualitative Data

- Community stakeholder meeting
- Two parent focus groups
- Written parent survey with 110 respondents
- On-line survey with 34 respondents

Highlights from SRPMIC Community Input

Community members value many assets in the region for young children and their families, including the Early Childhood Education Center, culture and literacy programs, health and wellness services, Family and Child Education (FACE), and on-site health care.

Parents and community stakeholders both identified key services that are missing in SRPMIC: support

for grandparents raising grandchildren, teen pregnancy prevention, parent coaching and mentoring, and high quality child care with alternative hours to meet families' needs.

Community members confirm major barriers preventing access to services, including lack of awareness, lack of transportation, service hours that don't match families' needs, and program rules that leave families out.

CONCLUSION

Babies born in the community are more likely to start out with risks compared to babies born in Maricopa County and other Native American communities in Arizona. Their mothers are more likely to be teenagers with less than twelve years of education; they are less likely to be married and less likely to get adequate prenatal care. The Early Childhood Education Center provides a range of quality services to a limited number of children. Unemployment and poverty continue to pose large challenges to children and families.

The data and community responses point to five potential priority areas for First Things First to focus on in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

1. Strengthen awareness and information for families with young children. Lack of awareness was frequently cited as a barrier preventing families from getting needed services.
2. Expand child care and preschool services, particularly for parents who work alternative hours.
3. Enhance services for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. Grandfamilies are more common in the Community than statewide and parents and stakeholders noted this as a missing service.
4. Provide more mentoring and parenting education to new moms who are young, single and uneducated. Linking these moms and children early with resources, education, and early childhood services can have large benefits.
5. Improve public transportation options, especially on weekends and evenings. Lack of transportation was frequently cited by stakeholders and parents as a major barrier.

