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Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2013 Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order
The Regular Meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was held on July 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 11:45 a.m.

Members Present
Chair Virginia Loring, Vice Chair Chris McIntier, Lance Silverhorn, Ron Ransom, Joyce Helmuth, Michelle Jameson, Caroline Sekaquaptewa, and Deana Washington.

Members Absent
Toni Harvier.

Members of the Public
Four members of the public attended.

Invocation
Invocation was conducted by Council Member Silverhorn.

Call to the Public
There was no Call to the Public.

Consent Agenda
Council Member Helmuth moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 16, 2013, with the correction of the Government-to-Government Agreement for the Summer Transition to Kindergarten Strategy with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for the State Fiscal year 2014 in the amount of $18.000 to $18,000 on the second page. Council Member Ransom seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously 7-0 (Council Member Washington having not yet arrived).

Nomination and Election of Council Chair and Vice Chair For SFY 2014

Regional Director Vinarskai asked for nominations for Council Chair and Vice Chair. Council Member Helmuth nominated Council Vice Chair McIntier for Council Vice Chair and Council Chair Loring for Council Chair with Council Member Silverhorn seconding both nominations. There were no other nominees. Both nominees accepted the nominations. Since there were no other nominees, a ballot vote was not necessary and a verbal vote was made electing Chris McIntier to Vice Chair with a 6-0 vote. Council Member McIntier abstained from voting for Vice Chair. Virginia Loring was elected to Chair with a 7-0 vote.

Community Awareness Budget

Regional Director Vinarskai presented the 2014 draft Community Awareness Budget. There was a consensus on the budget.

Council Member Washington arrived at 11: 53 a.m.

2014 Needs and Assets Vendor Presentation

Regional Director Vinarskai informed the Regional Council that she requested to be placed on Tribal Council agenda on August 7, 2013. This meeting will be to request approval to start work on the 2014 Needs and Assets Report and to inform them of the new vendor, University of Arizona. First Things First Tribal Affairs Director Beverly Russell will also be going before Tribal Council to obtain approval to gather community data for the School Readiness Indicators.

Deanna Kaplan, Research Specialist, and Violeta Dominguez, Research Scientist, both of University of Arizona, conducted a presentation about their team and the Needs and Assets process. They will be seeking input from the Regional Partnership Council on the most appropriate way to conduct the parent surveys.

Chair Loring asked if Regional Council Members were in agreement for Regional Director Vinarskai and Vice Chair McIntier to work directly with the vendor and convey information to the Council as necessary. The Regional Council was in agreement.

SFY2014 Strategy Discussion

Regional Director Vinarskai informed the Regional Council that after further meetings between the three home visitation programs under the Education Department, it was determined that a new home visitation program was not feasible this year. Therefore the Regional Council could identify needs and discuss funding another strategy for SFY2014.

Discussion took place about the following possible strategies: expanding the Summer Transition Program, parenting classes for grandparents raising grandchildren, and in-home education or education on wheels program for families with children 0-5. Regional Director will meet with Michelle Jameson and Chris McIntier to discuss ideas about the education on wheels program, as well as, follow up on other strategy possibilities.

Council Member Jameson left the room at 12:55 p.m.

Regional Director's Updates

- School Readiness Indicator #8 will not apply this year because the Region will not be implementing a home visitation program in 2014.

Council Member Jameson returned to the room at 12:58 p.m.

- Parent focus group will take place on July 23 to obtain parents' perspectives on messages around quality child care.
- 2012 Needs and Assets report was placed in SRPMIC Intranet and passed out at Tribal Directors meeting by the Community Manager in May.
- Article was placed in the July 3rd edition of the SRPMIC newspaper about the 2012 Needs and Assets Report along with a picture of the Regional Council.
- Tribal Council consultation to be held August 15, 2013. Need Council Members to assist in writing up talking points for President and Vice President.
- Quality First rating will not be made public.

- First Things First Summit to be held on August 26-27, 2013. Six Council Members to attend.
- Open Council Seat. One applicant to interview.
- Nadine Basha visited our First Things First Summer Pre-K class on June 4, 2013. President and Vice President attended. Picture and article were placed in SRPMIC newspaper.
- Safety Day October 7, 2013. Regional Council Members needed to help oversee table.

Council Member Silverhorn left the room at 1:12 p.m.

- FTF CEO Rhian Evans Allvin resigned. First Things First conducting national search for candidates.

Regional Partnership Council Members Updates

- Council Member McIntier attended the TEACH Graduation.
- Council Member Washington announced a Fetal Alcohol Workshop put on by the FACE Program on July 18 and 19, 2013.
- Council Member Ransom shared information about Back to School night on July 31, 2013.

Council Member Silverhorn returned to the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

- Council Member Helmuth informed Council of a diabetes class for ages 7-12 and teens.

Chair Loring announced that there will not be a council meeting in August 2013 due to most Regional Council members attending the First Things First Summit. Next meeting will take place in September 2012.

Adjourn

Chair Loring adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Patty Morris, Administrative Assistant II

Approved by: Virginia Loring

Virginia Loring, Chair