



FIRST THINGS FIRST

SOUTHWEST MARICOPA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD Draft Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First - Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Avondale City Hall, 11465 West Civic Center, Avondale, Arizona 85323.

Chair Dr. Dawson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:34 p.m.

Members Present:

Dora Barrio
Kelli Cordova Wright
Dr. Carlian Dawson
Colleen Day Mach
Kimberly Flack
Amanda Reyes
Marithe Denys Sandoval

Members Absent:

Wendy Krisik
Arlene Santos
David Schwake
Christine Tax

Please Note: Member Barrio entered the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Conflicts of Interest:

None at this time.

Call to the Public:

None at this time.

Approval of May 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Vice Chair Flack made a motion to approve the May 12, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Day Mach. Motion was carried 7-0.

FY2016 Funding Plan Implementation:

• 2016 Funded Programs

Regional Director Santiago shared that since the last Board meeting on June 8, 2015, all contract renewals, recommendations for awards for RFGAs that took place is now public information. Regional Director Santiago provided a copy of the SFY2016 Services Funded Programs for the Southwest Maricopa Region and talked through the strategies that were funded. Director Santiago shared that there were minimal changes with the exception of Parenting Education/Grandparents Raising Grandchildren which now has a new service provider, Chicanos Por La Causa.

• Unfunded Approach Strategy

Regional Director Santiago provided Council with a copy of the Unfunded Approach Strategy and shared that Council may need to put together a more targeted discussion, possibly a subcommittee to discuss and talk about ideas for the unfunded strategies. Every quarter there is an update on how the unfunded strategies have been developing.

Council consensus was to meet on July 21, 2015, cancel the August meeting and Regional Director Santiago will have an agenda put together in order to choose a subcommittee to discuss the process of the unfunded approach strategies.

Community Outreach Coordinator Update:

- **Community Awareness Budget**

Community Outreach Coordinator Victoria Bray provided Council with a current copy of the Community Awareness Budget for FY2016. Bray talked through the budget and mentioned that there were not many changes since last year. There will be more opportunities to do more events in the next Fiscal Year.

Mrs. Bray provided Council with a draft of a letter to the Editor and asked for assistance from at least one Council Member to help put together a Letter to the Editor. Chair Dr. Dawson volunteered to help and Mrs. Bray will get together with Dr. Dawson to have her sign off on the draft.

Mrs. Bray reminded Council that at the May meeting, Council talked about the Champion for Young Children for the Southwest Maricopa Region. Council will be presenting Stacy Moreno with a plaque at the July 21, 2015 meeting and she will also receive a free admission to the Summit.

Mrs. Bray shared that she had the pleasure of collecting two success stories since the last meeting and shared them with the Council.

Please Note: Chair Dr. Dawson moved the order of the agenda.

Regional Director Report:

A. Grantee 3rd Quarter Data Reports

Regional Director Santiago provided Council with a copy of the Grantee 3rd Quarter Data Reports and shared that there is some data that will still be unclear compared to the targeted numbers versus the actual TSU's. Now that this process has all changed to the actual completion of the classes, there will be a difference of contracted service units. It takes time for the completion to take place to meet the targeted service units. Director Santiago provided more specific information regarding some of the data on the reports.

B. Grantee 3rd Quarter Narrative Report

Regional Director Santiago provided a copy of the Grantee 3rd Quarter Narrative Report and shared that Gila Bend has had some turnover of staff, but since then they have picked up and are coming around. They opened up a garden and continue offering the learning basket classes for parents and developmental screenings.

C. 2016 Regional Council meeting calendar

Regional Director Santiago asked Council if they would like to continue meeting every Third Tuesday of the month beginning at 5:30 p.m. Council consensus was to leave meeting schedule/calendar as is, to meet every Third Tuesday of the month beginning at 5:30 p.m. preferably at the Goodyear Branch Library beginning January 2016.

Council Member Sandoval will not be able to attend the July 21, 2015 Council meeting.

Chair – Vice Chair Elections (Discussion and Possible Action):

Regional Director Santiago stated the governance policy and shared that it is time to elect a New Chair and Vice Chair in accordance with the governance policy for the Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council FY2016.

- **Chair**

Regional Director Santiago called for nominations for Council Chair FY2016. Dr. Dawson nominated Kimberly Flack for Council Chair.

Dr. Dawson made a motion to nominate Kimberly Flack for Council Chair of the Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council. Motion was seconded by Council Member Barrio. Motion was carried 7-0.

Member Kimberly Flack is the new Council Chair.

- **Vice Chair**

Regional Director Santiago called for nominations for Council Vice Chair for FY2016.

Dr. Dawson nominated Member Barrio for Vice Chair.

Member Cordova Wright self-nominated herself for Vice Chair.

Chair Dr. Dawson called for a paper vote. Each member selected who they wanted to nominate for Council Vice Chair. 4 out of 7 voted for Kelli Cordova Wright.

Member Cordova Wright is the New Vice Chair for the Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council.

Announcements & Future Agenda Item Requests:

Chair Dr. Dawson thanked council for the opportunity to serve as Chair for the Southwest Maricopa Region.

Dr. Dawson shared that she received resignations from Council Member Day Mach and her last day on the Council is effective June 30, 2015.

A resignation letter was also received from Council Member Krisik and her last day on the Council is effective June 30, 2015.

Chair Dr. Dawson, Council and Regional Director Santiago thanked Member Day Mach for all her years of service, leadership, commitment and her positive impact as Council Chair and Council Member of the Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2015 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Goodyear Branch Library, 11455 West Van Buren Street, Suite C-102, Goodyear, Arizona 85338.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:29 p.m.

Telephone Procedures (use only if applicable; describe the actual procedures used)

The Blackberry telephone was used for members participating by telephone. Speakers physically present on the blackberry phone at the meeting spoke into microphones to ensure that members on the telephone could hear. Members on the telephone were identified when they spoke for the benefit of those physically present at the meeting.

**Note: A signature is not required for meeting minutes. If it is the practice of your council to have the Chair sign the minutes once approved that is acceptable. If it is normal practice for the Admin II or III to sign the approved minutes that is acceptable as well. You may use the following signature line in either case:*

Respectfully submitted on this XXth Day of XX, 20XX

XXX, Chair

Or

XXX, Administrative Assistant III

Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

System Building Unfunded Approaches Implementation SFY 2016

A) Southwest/Northwest Maricopa Developmental Screening Collaborative:

- **Regional Priority Need:** Increase parent/caregiver access to child development information and early identification of developmental delays and Increase coordination of follow up with families of children identified with developmental delays.

- **System Building Approach:**

Connections *Creating strong and effective linkages across the system*

Description: Northwest/ Southwest Maricopa Developmental Screening Collaborative: A Multi-Agency Collaboration on Developmental and Sensory Screenings and Early Intervention services in Western Maricopa County. The intent is to convene service providers conducting developmental screenings, sensory screenings, and early intervention services together to develop opportunities for children to be screened and, if indicated, referred for assessment and services.

- **Outcome to Achieve:**

- Improved data sharing among service providers conducting developmental and sensory screenings.
- Reduced duplicative and unnecessary screenings.
- Improvements in the rate at which children with developmental delays or concerns are identified and in the rate at which they are connected to services and supports that address those delays or challenges.
- Increased number of professional development opportunities, relating to developmental and sensory screenings, available to west valley providers.

- **Role of Regional Council:**

- **Leader** – Council is responsible for bringing community members together to implement approach.

- **Current and Potential System Partners to Engage:**

Current Partners:

- All Northwest and Southwest Maricopa First Things First grantees conducting developmental and sensory screenings.
- Council Member representatives
- Local AZEIP providers

Potential Partners to Engage:

- West Valley Headstart
- Local School Districts
- Local AZEIP providers (those not currently engaged).
- Pediatricians
- Home Visitation Providers (non FTF funded)

- **Forthcoming challenges and barriers: ??????**

B) Southwest Maricopa Early Childhood Network Collaborative:

- **Regional Priority Need:** Increase parent and caregivers' access to child development, and literacy development information and resources. More information available to parents and providers who come in contact with families with children 0-5.

- **System Building Approach:**

Connections *Creating strong and effective linkages across the system*

Description Southwest Maricopa Early Childhood Network Collaborative: Establish a formal early childhood network that will enhance the work of the Regional Council by guiding and assisting the Council in strategy planning, implementation, and resource leveraging and public awareness.

- **Outcome to Achieve:**

- Expanded funding opportunities and leveraging of resources to enhance the early childhood system.
- Strengthen relationships with key community stakeholders.
- Increased public awareness about the importance of the early childhood system.

- **Role of Regional Council:**

Convener/Leader – Regional Council members and Regional Director will convene and facilitate the Collaborative to implement this approach.

- **Current and Potential System Partners to Engage:**

Potential partners:

- Elementary School District Superintendents
- Local Health Providers
- Read On Partner Cities in the region

- **Forthcoming challenges and barriers: ???????**