

## Board Wrap-Up

Meeting Date: June 15, 2010

### **FTF Continues Commitment to Arizona's Youngest Kids: \$100 Million for Services in 2011**

The Board approved more than \$100 million in contracts for Fiscal Year 2011. The amount included 189 contract renewals from Fiscal Year 2010 as well as five new contracts.

The funding will support both statewide initiatives and community-based strategies in five major areas: improving the quality of early education services (including early literacy efforts); helping the teachers of young children enhance their professional skills; expanding health services (including oral health and developmental screenings); supporting parents with home- and community-based services; and, building public awareness of the importance of early childhood.

The [approved contracts](#) are with organizations ranging from state agencies working with young kids to non-profit groups and municipal or tribal governments.

### **Budgets Adjusted to Make Up for Lost Tobacco Revenues, Ensure Continuity of FTF Services Planned for Fiscal Year 2011**

For Fiscal Year 2010 the Board took action to allow year end to be closed in balance and in line with statutory requirements. For FY11, the Board approved various budget recommendations that will result in a net increase of funds available for programs. The revised budget includes:

- A reduced base budget of \$135 million to align with revised Tobacco Tax projections.
- Revised statewide and regional program allotments based on the reduced Tobacco Tax projections.
- The use of \$20 million of unallocated fund balance for distribution between statewide and regional programs.
- The use of approximately \$2 million in unallocated fund balance to cover one-time costs in the administrative area, primarily related to technology.
- The use of FY10 regional fund balances to be carried forward and combined with other revenues to establish a revised FY11 regional allocation.

### **More than 100 Community Members Appointed to Serve on FTF Regional Councils from 2010-2014**

The Board approved 126 people to serve on FTF Regional Partnership Councils for four-year-terms beginning on July 1. A complete list of those appointed is included starting on Page 3.

### **Chair Lynn and Vice Chair Thompson to Continue in Leadership Positions for FY11**

Board Chair Steve Lynn and Vice Chair Dr. Eugene W. Thompson were both unanimously re-elected to serve in their positions in Fiscal Year 2011.

## **FTF –funded Research Showing AZ Kids Already Behind in Kindergarten**

Dr. Ron Marx and other members of the University Consortium (comprised of Arizona’s three state universities), presented the Board with a status update on three evaluation studies commissioned by First Things First. Preliminary results from the Kindergarten Readiness study indicate that upon entering kindergarten, an achievement gap already exists among Arizona’s children. Preliminary results also suggest that early math achievement lags behind language skills.

The Longitudinal Child Study will examine the long-term impact of FTF programs by understanding how children’s increasing opportunities change their well-being over time. Preliminary results are expected in late fall. Finally, the Family and Community Case Study includes interviews with a smaller group of families and community members describing how First Things First is affecting opportunities for their young children. These case studies will provide stories from families that illustrate the data compiled from the other studies.

### **System Building Work Session**

Deputy Director Karen Woodhouse reported to the Board that the Task Force met June 3 and will meet again August 11 prior to the Arizona Early Childhood Summit August 30-31.

In the interim, staff members will plan, coordinate and staff approximately eight Regional Area forums to update FTF Regional Council members on the Task Force’s work and engage members in identifying FTF’s role and priorities within the early childhood system.

Statewide FTF Board members were encouraged to participate in the Regional Area forums.

An online survey will encourage FTF stakeholders – including Regional Council members – to participate in identifying FTF priorities for the next three- to-five years.

The two-day Summit in August will include a Board meeting, a joint planning session, and an opportunity for Regional Council members to network. The definitive outcome will be a slate of priorities that will be submitted to the Board for final approval in September.

### **FY2011 Board Meeting Calendar**

The Board approved a new meeting schedule and format change for Fiscal Year 2011. The Board agreed to six two-day meetings in FY 2011. Meetings will begin on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and end Tuesdays by 3:00 p.m.

The August meeting will coincide with the 2010 Arizona Early Childhood Summit (*see Save the Date on Page 3*).

The new meeting format is designed to maximize the effectiveness of the Board’s time, allowing time to discuss policy and philosophy, establish more in-depth relationships by touring FTF-funded activities, informal meetings with Regional Council members and community stakeholders, etc.

The Board also approved a meeting schedule for four standing committees: Executive; Finance, Audit and Administration; Programs; and the newly formed communications and Government Affairs committee.

### **Governance – First Reading**

The Board completed a first read of the charters for four standing committees: the Executive Committee; the Statewide and Regional Program Committee; the Audit, Finance and Administrative Committee; and the newly formed

Communications and Government Affairs Committee.

Executive Director Rhian Evans Allvin said she envisions using the committee structure to encourage deeper conversations outside of Board meetings.

Director Allvin also said that she anticipates expanding the committees to include Regional Council representatives and stakeholder representatives.

**Save the Date**

Regional Council members are asked to join First Things First Board members and staff for the 2010 Arizona Early Childhood Summit on August 30-31 at the Mesa Convention Center.

The Summit will include an interactive joint planning session between the FTF Board and Regional Council members to determine FTF priorities for the next three to five years. In addition, there will be a regular Board Meeting on August 31.

**First Things First Regional Council Members Appointed June 15, 2010**

*Below are the names of individuals approved by the statewide Board to serve on First Things First Regional Partnership Councils for terms beginning on July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2014.*

<b>CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL AREA</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Regional Partnership Council</b>	<b>Category</b>
Jennifer Ryan	Cochise	Health Services Provider
Michael Vetter	Cochise	At Large
Melissa Watts	Cochise	At Large
Ann Tolman	Gila	Child Care Provider
Sharron Moody	Gila	Faith Based
Suzanne Yale	Gila	At Large
Belinda Guerra	Gila	Tribal Representative
Carol Moore	Gila	School Administrator
Dena Barentine-Whetten	Graham/Greenlee	Child Care Provider
Donna McGaughey	Graham/Greenlee	School Administrator
JoAnn Morales	Graham/Greenlee	At Large
Stacy Morris	Graham/Greenlee	Parent
Leon Jamison	Pinal	Business
Bryant Powell	Pinal	Parent
Mary Kyle	Pinal	School Administrator
Richard Saran	Pinal	At Large
Louis Manuel	Pinal	Tribal Representative
Vernon Poncho	San Carlos Apache Tribe	Faith Based

<b>MARICOPA REGIONAL AREA</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Regional Partnership Council</b>	<b>Category</b>
Genoveva Acosta Bueno	Central Maricopa	At Large
Karen Emery	Central Maricopa	At Large
Trinity Donovan	Central Maricopa	Business
Kathy Halter	Central Maricopa	Child Care Provider
Zita Johnson	Central Maricopa	Philanthropy
Gary Loutzenheiser	Northeast Maricopa	Tribal Representative
Stuart Turgel	Northeast Maricopa	Philanthropy
Ron Henry	Northeast Maricopa	Business
Dana Vela	Northeast Maricopa	Child Care Provider
Marie Raymond	Northeast Maricopa	At Large
Joanne Meehan	Northeast Maricopa	School Administrator
Armandina Brown	Northeast Maricopa	Early Childhood Educator
Judith Brengi	Northwest Maricopa	Business
Ashley Flowers	Northwest Maricopa	Parent
Karen Mankoski	Northwest Maricopa	At Large
Deborah Pischke	Northwest Maricopa	School Administrator
Lance Silverhorn	Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	Faith Based
Edna Helmuth	Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	Health Care Provider
Anna David	Southeast Maricopa	At Large
David Wade	Southeast Maricopa	Faith Based
Erica Alexander	Southeast Maricopa	School Administrator
Jack Dillenberg	Southeast Maricopa	Health Care Provider
Julie Sailquist	Southeast Maricopa	Parent
Michelov Rhau	Southeast Maricopa	At Large
Carol Humble	Southwest Maricopa	At Large
Carlían Dawson	Southwest Maricopa	Faith Based
Susan Laurita	Southwest Maricopa	Child Care Provider
Patricia Avery-Schuster	Southwest Maricopa	Health Service Provider
Marithe Sandoval	Southwest Maricopa	Business
<b>NORTHEAST REGIONAL AREA</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Regional Partnership Council</b>	<b>Category</b>
Colette Cox	Coconino	At Large
Debbie Winlock	Coconino	At Large
Agnes Chamberlain	Coconino	Tribal Representative
Beth Johndrow	Coconino	Faith Based
Tony Gonzales	Coconino	Parent
Jeanette Yazzie	Navajo Nation	At Large
Catherine Taylor	Navajo/Apache	At Large
Margie Tapia	Navajo/Apache	Child Care Provider
Jessica Raymond	Navajo/Apache	Parent
Leslie Meyer	Navajo/Apache	Philanthropy
Michael Downs	Navajo/Apache	At Large

Ranelda Hastings	White Mountain Apache Tribe	Parent
Valerie Dehombreux	White Mountain Apache Tribe	School Administrator
Kathleen Wynn	White Mountain Apache Tribe	Health Services Provider
Velma Kaytoggy	White Mountain Apache Tribe	Child Care Provider
Dawnafe Whitesinger	White Mountain Apache Tribe	At Large
<b>PHOENIX YAVAPAI REGIONAL AREA</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Regional Partnership Council</b>	<b>Category</b>
Judi Gottschalk	Central Phoenix	School Administrator
Joyce Millard Hoie	Central Phoenix	At Large
Giff Loda	Central Phoenix	Health Service Provider
Amy Terreros	Central Phoenix	Parent
Toby Urvater	Central Phoenix	At Large
Dale Enos	Gila River Indian Community	Philanthropy
Patricia Foster	Gila River Indian Community	Educator
Mary Tatum	Gila River Indian Community	At Large
Sally Downing	North Phoenix	Educator
Jenna Goad	North Phoenix	At Large
Barbara Nicol	North Phoenix	At Large
Cindy Hallman	North Phoenix	Business
Robert Donofrio	South Phoenix	At Large
Riann Balch	South Phoenix	Child Care Provider
Patricia Merk	South Phoenix	Educator
Kristi Langley-Wells	South Phoenix	School Administrator
Jasmine Sanchez	South Phoenix	Parent
Ida Rose Florez	South Phoenix	At Large
Michele LaBellarte	Yavapai	Parent
Kelly McCready	Yavapai	Child Care Provider
Sara Lienau	Yavapai	At Large
Heidi Atkinson	Yavapai	School Administrator
Julie Clark	Yavapai	Business
<b>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AREA</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Regional Partnership Council</b>	<b>Category</b>
David Hill	Central Pima	Business
Sarah Woodworth	Central Pima	Child Care Provider
Martha Rothman	Central Pima	At Large
Dorothy Johnson	Central Pima	At Large
Susan Pitt	Central Pima	Philanthropy
Amber Jones	North Pima	Educator
Christopher Heller	North Pima	Health Services Provider
Esther Capin	North Pima	Philanthropy
Gillian Needham	North Pima	Parent
Scott Ingram	North Pima	Business
John Jensen	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Philanthropy
Cecilia Garcia	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Health Service Provider

Renee Travers-Huerta	Santa Cruz	At Large
Melisa Lunderville	Santa Cruz	Child Care Provider
Paul Ohm	South Pima	School Administrator
Cyndi Barnignham	South Pima	Business
Rosanna Gabaldon	South Pima	Philanthropy
Connie Espinoza	South Pima	Educator
Kymerlii Tenario	Tohono O'odham Nation	Child Care Provider
Janine Prewitt	Tohono O'odham Nation	Public School Administrator
Albert Adler	Tohono O'odham Nation	Health Services Provider
Marilynn Sando	Tohono O'odham Nation	Educator
<b>WEST REGIONAL AREA</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Regional Partnership Council</b>	<b>Category</b>
Paul Soto	Cocopah Tribe	Faith Based
Gina Nierenhausen	Cocopah Tribe	Tribal Representative
J. Deal Begay	Cocopah Tribe	Parent
Delores Leivas	Colorado River Indian Tribes	Parent
Elizabeth "Heather" Wilson	Colorado River Indian Tribes	Philanthropy
Rachel Garcia	Colorado River Indian Tribes	At Large
Jillian Esquerra	Colorado River Indian Tribes	Tribal Representative
Cheryle Beecher	Hualapai Tribe	At Large
Helen J. Watahomigie	Hualapai Tribe	Educator
Charlene Imus	Hualapai Tribe	At Large
Alisa Burroughs	La Paz/Mohave	Early Childhood Educator
Debra Weger	La Paz/Mohave	Child Care Provider
Betsy Lewis	La Paz/Mohave	Tribal Representative
Terri Holloway	La Paz/Mohave	At Large
Jose Garcia	La Paz/Mohave	Faith Based
Judy Watkinson	Yuma	Early Childhood Educator
Mario Ybarra	Yuma	School Administrator
Darren Hawkins	Yuma	Faith Based