



FIRST THINGS FIRST

ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council Draft Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council was held on June 24, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the Masada Charter School located at 365 West Cannon Avenue in Centennial Park, Arizona 86021.

Chair Mongeau called the meeting to order at approximately 9:51 a.m.

Members Present:

Terri Holloway (via telephone)
Betsy Lewis
Nancy Mongeau
Robert Libberton (via telephone)
Vanessa Sandoval (via telephone)
Debra Weger
Howard Weiske

Member Absent:

Alisa Burroughs
Riley Frei
Jose Garcia
Catie Sondrol

Conflict of Interest

Chair Mongeau asked the Council members if there were conflicts of interest regarding items on this agenda. There were none declared at this time.

Possible Approval of May 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Weiske moved to approve the May 14, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Weger. Motion carried.

Introduction of New Regional Partnership Council Members

Vijette Saari, Regional Director introduced new Council members Vanessa Sandoval and Robert S Libberton. Both bring a wealth of knowledge and experience with them, and we welcome them.

2015 Champion for Children Award Presentation

Chair Mongeau spoke about the wonderful work of Debbie Justice, who founded The Learning Center for Families in 1993. Since that time, her organization has helped over 13,000 families in the Arizona Strip area. Ms. Justice will be retiring soon, but her work will live on. The Council honored her and her important work with the 2015 Champion for Children Award.

SFY 2015 Implementation Update

Director Saari presented the current financial expenditures report, and noted all grantees are on track. State fiscal year 2015 will close at the end of this month.

Director Saari reviewed the grantee quarterly reports, highlighting the efforts of several grantees and partners. Erin Taylor, Community Outreach Coordinator updated the Council on recent events. Coordinator Taylor has spoken with many parents in the region, and has been able to connect people with services. Coordinator Taylor has several partnerships planned, including Parent University and Early Childhood Every Day with Bullhead City, the Last Chance for Summer Fun with the Lake Havasu History Museum, and the Kingman Kindergarten Transition Team.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

None at this time.

Senior Regional Director's Report

Ashley Pascual, Senior Director elaborated on the recent Association for Supportive Child Care conference. Member Lewis attended the conference and was recognized, and the La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council was acknowledged several times.

Senior Director Pascual reminded Council members to complete the regional council member survey. The deadline was extended to June 30.

Senior Director Pascual asked members to Save the Date for the next Tribal Consultation on September 17.

Senior Director Pascual spoke about the new Eddie Basha Service Excellence Award, which can be seen on the First Things First website. Basha family members will choose award recipients and they will be announced at the Early Childhood Summit.

Senior Director Pascual advised members to submit their Early Childhood Summit registrations through Director Saari.

Regional Director's Report

Director Saari advised that Member Riley Frei will be presenting a session at the Early Childhood Summit, and Member Catie Sondrol will be a co-presenter on another session.

Chair Mongeau opened nominations for officer elections. Member Holloway nominated Chair Mongeau for Chair, and Vice Chair Weiske for Vice Chair, seconded by Member Weger. Hearing no additional, Chair Mongeau closed the nominations. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Director Saari reviewed the SFY 2016 implementation of the financial plan. Chair Mongeau noted this was a difficult process due to the reduction in regional funds by approximately \$1M.

Call to the Public

Debbie Justice spoke about challenges specific to this area of the region. She noted that parents sometimes have to take their children all the way to Phoenix for services, and First Things First is the only public funded service available here. Ms. Justice stated that The Learning Center for Families' only pitfall is the cost of administration, and she recommended that volunteer services be allowed to use for "matching" grants as they are for Early Head Start. In the alternative, Ms. Justice suggested increasing the administrative cost limit to 15%, or allowing the use of 'in-kind'. The Council took it under advisement.

Regional Director's Report (continued)

Director Saari advised there would be a discussion about Quality First at the next meeting. Ginger Sandweg and Leslie Totten from Quality First will attend, so Director Saari will poll Council members for their questions.

Vice Chair Weiske requested that Director Saari also poll Council members regarding a Council retreat, and Director Saari advised she has been doing this during her 1:1 meetings.

Next Regular Meeting

The next meeting of the La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council will be at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22nd, at the Wenden Elementary School, 71002 Santa Fe Avenue, Wenden, Arizona.

Adjourn

Member Lewis moved to adjourn at 10:45 a.m., seconded by Member Weger. Motion carried.

Telephone Procedures

A speakerphone was used for members participating by telephone. Speakers physically present at the meeting spoke 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.

Respectfully submitted on this 29th day of June, 2015

Nancy Mongeau, Chair



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Don't miss our Inspirational
Speaker...
Enrique Feldman

WHO:

All parents are invited to attend, FREE!!

WHEN:

Saturday, August 22,
2015

WHERE:

Mohave High School,
2251 Hwy. 95,
Bullhead City, AZ

TIME:

8:00 am—12:00 pm

HOSTS:

Bullhead City ESD
Colorado River UHSD
Mohave Valley ESD
Topock ESD

CHILD CARE:

Available for children up to 10 years of age. **FREE!!!!!! Registration Required**

TRANSPORTATION:

Available for parents and your children **FREE!!!!!! Registration Required**

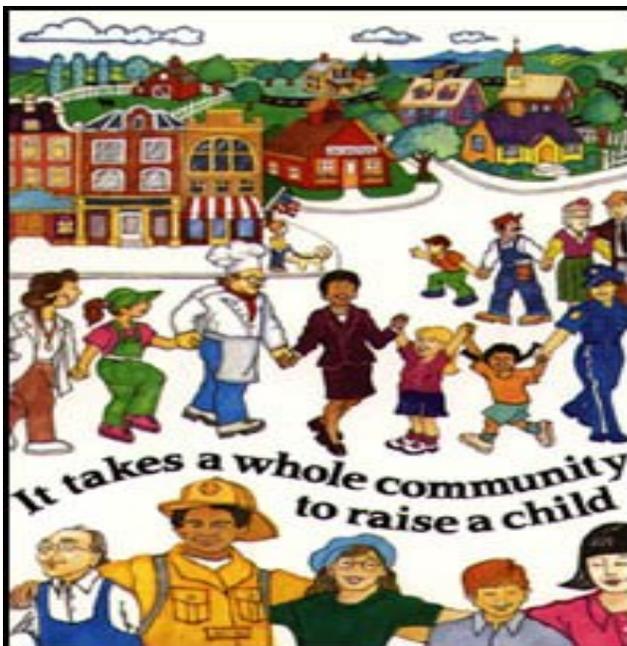
Register for child care and/or transportation by sending an email to:

crparentuniversity@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

PARENT UNIVERSITY

Hosted by the Colorado River Public Schools



WE BELIEVE...

- ⇒ All parents have a dream for their children and want the best for them
- ⇒ All parents have the capacity to support their children's learning
- ⇒ Parents and school staff should be equal partners

PURPOSE:

To meet the needs of parents in our community along the Colorado River by providing education to parents as well as providing information to parents about other readily available parent education resources.

PRIZES PRIZES!!!!!!

Parents will receive two tickets for every workshop attended and one ticket for every vendor visited. Drawings will be held at throughout the day. You will also have a chance to win a tablet.

WORKSHOPS AND VENDORS TO FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING 4 AREAS OR "STRANDS" to engage the entire community in connecting with our schools.

Student Safety
Academic Success
Academic Transitions
Family Education

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY!

Back to School Bash at the History Museum

A special **FREE EVENT** for
young children and their parents

3 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

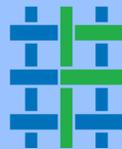
Lake Havasu Museum of History

320 London Bridge Road

(928) 854-4938



This event is sponsored by



FIRST THINGS FIRST



AZFirstThingsFirst



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www.ReadyAzKids.com

Free admission!
Celebrate the last days of summer and help prepare your young children for success in school by sharing an afternoon of learning with them. Activities include: fossil dig, magnetic sandbox, Pet Rock adoptions, games, interactive activities, science experiments and more!

| | Grantee Name | Allotment | | YTD Expense | Expense Variance | Award Expended % of Award Expended | Allotment Expended % of Allotment | Reimbursement Activity | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Total Allotment | Awarded | | | | | Pending | Paid (Last 30 Days) |
| Community Awareness | Community Awareness Strategy | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | - | \$25,000 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| | First Things First (FTF-Directed) | | \$25,000 | - | \$25,000 | 0.0% | | | |
| | Community Outreach Strategy | \$80,000 | \$80,000 | - | \$80,000 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| | First Things First (FTF-Directed) | | \$80,000 | - | \$80,000 | 0.0% | | | |
| | Goal Area Subtotal: | \$105,000 | \$105,000 | - | \$105,000 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| Coordination | Court Teams Strategy | \$350,000 | \$350,000 | - | \$350,000 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| | Mohave County Superior Court | | \$350,000 | - | \$350,000 | 0.0% | | | |
| | Goal Area Subtotal: | \$350,000 | \$350,000 | - | \$350,000 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| Evaluation | Statewide Evaluation Strategy | \$195,190 | \$195,190 | - | \$195,190 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| | First Things First (FTF-Directed) | | \$195,190 | - | \$195,190 | 0.0% | | | |
| | Goal Area Subtotal: | \$195,190 | \$195,190 | - | \$195,190 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| Family Support | Home Visitation Strategy | \$700,000 | \$700,000 | - | \$700,000 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| | Arizona's Children Association | | \$450,000 | - | \$450,000 | 0.0% | | | |
| | The Learning Center for Families | | \$250,000 | - | \$250,000 | 0.0% | | | |
| | Goal Area Subtotal: | \$700,000 | \$700,000 | - | \$700,000 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| Health | Child Care Health Consultation | \$59,400 | \$59,400 | - | \$59,400 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| | First Things First (FTF-Directed) | | \$4,874 | - | \$4,874 | 0.0% | | | |
| | Maricopa County Department of | | \$1,189 | - | \$1,189 | 0.0% | | | |
| | Pima County Health Department | | \$1,189 | - | \$1,189 | 0.0% | | | |
| | The Arizona Board of Regents | | \$52,148 | - | \$52,148 | 0.0% | | | |

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|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Total Allotment | Awarded | | | | | Pending | Paid (Last 30 Days) |
| Professional Development | Professional Development for Early Association for Supportive Child Care | \$300,000 | \$300,000 | - | \$300,000 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| | Quality First Specialized Professional Development Strategy | \$11,000 | - | - | - | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| | Goal Area Subtotal: | \$311,000 | \$300,000 | - | \$300,000 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
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| Quality and Access | Family, Friends & Neighbors Strategy Association for Supportive Child Care | \$240,000 | \$240,000 | - | \$240,000 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| | Quality First Academy Strategy Southwest Human Development | \$18,800 | \$18,800 | - | \$18,800 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| | Quality First Coaching & Incentives Valley of the Sun United Way | \$264,239 | \$264,239 | - | \$264,239 | 0.0% | 0.0% | \$66,070 | \$66,070 |
| | Quality First Scholarships Strategy Valley of the Sun United Way | \$1,401,928 | \$1,391,594 | - | \$1,391,594 | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| | Goal Area Subtotal: | \$1,924,967 | \$1,914,633 | - | \$1,914,633 | 0.0% | 0.0% | \$66,070 | |
| | Overall Total: | \$3,645,557 | \$3,624,223 | - | \$3,624,223 | 0.0% | 0.0% | \$66,070 | |
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WHAT IS QUALITY FIRST?



Arizona's quality improvement and rating system.

- Identify quality standards
- Assess early care and education programs
- Support programs in increasing quality standards
- Empower families



COMPONENTS OF QUALITY FIRST:

1. COACHING
2. ASSESSMENT
3. INCENTIVES
4. CONSULTING TEAM
5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Coaching:

- 6 hours onsite for 1-2 stars
 - 4 hours onsite for 3-5 stars
 - 24 hours per year for Rating Only
- Three Coaches for La Paz/Mohave

Assessment:

- 12-14 month cycle for 1-2 stars
 - 24-26 month cycle for 3-5 stars
- Multiple assessors in La Paz/Mohave

CCHC:

- Tier One - phone consultation only
- Tier Two - responsive consultation
- Tier Three - regular consultation

Incentives:

| PROVIDER TYPE | 1 & 2 STAR | 3 STAR | 4 STAR | 5 STAR |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| LARGE CENTER 151+ CHILDREN | \$8,400.00 | \$9,400.00 | \$10,400.00 | \$11,400.00 |
| MEDIUM CENTER 51-150 CHILDREN | \$5,250.00 | \$5,875.00 | \$6,500.00 | \$7,125.00 |
| SMALL CENTER 0-50 CHILDREN | \$3,675.00 | \$4,125.00 | \$4,575.00 | \$5,025.00 |
| GROUP HOME DHS LICENSED | \$2,100.00 | \$2,350.00 | \$2,600.00 | \$2,850.00 |
| FAMILY HOME DHS CERTIFIED | \$1,050.00 | \$1,175.00 | \$1,300.00 | \$1,425.00 |

College Scholarships:

- Professional Development Network
- Registry
- PD
- Scholarships
- ASU KAET & AzAEYC

CURRENT PARTICIPATION

Data represents Preliminary Star Ratings - Assessments including completed ERS, CLASS & Points Scale (In Process)

Statewide

- 941 programs with star ratings
- 1 Star - 17 (2%)
- 2 Star - 440 (47%)
- 3 Star - 304 (32%)
- 4 Star - 144 (15%)
- 5 Star - 36 (4%)

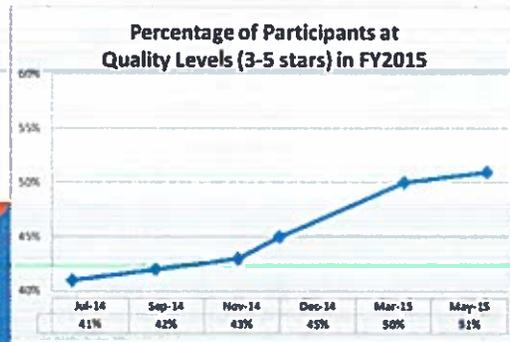
La Paz /Mohave

- 19 programs with star ratings
- 1 Star - 0 (0%)
- 2 Star - 10 (53%)
- 3 Star - 7 (37%)
- 4 Star - 1 (5%)
- 5 Star - 1 (5%)

21 QF slots funded in La Paz /Mohave 20 centers, 1 home; 992 children being served

STAR LEVEL PROGRESSION

| March 2015 | May 2015 | % Change |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Participants: 965 | Participants: 960 | -0.5% |
| Children: 50,833 | Children: 51,199 | +0.7% |
| Waitlist: 331 | Waitlist: 337 | +1.8% |
| Ratings (945 Participants): | Ratings (949 Participants): | |
| 1 Star: 16 | 1 Star: 18 | +12.5% |
| 2 Star: 460 | 2 Star: 449 | -2.4% |
| 3 Star: 308 | 3 Star: 315 | +2.3% |
| 4 Star: 127 | 4 Star: 128 | +0.8% |
| 5 Star: 34 | 5 Star: 39 | +14.7% |



QUALITY FIRST ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE

Purpose

The Quality First Advisory Sub-Committee will provide input and recommendations to the First Things First Board's Policy and Program Committee regarding continuous improvement of the Quality First program.

Objectives

The objectives of the Quality First Advisory Sub-Committee are to:

- Engage in a visioning process and agree on the strategic direction for and expected outcomes of the Quality First Initiative;
- Utilize data to develop recommendations on how to continuously improve Quality First components, standards and implementation;
- Examine overall costs of the Quality First model and program participation;
- Provide input on how to increase integration and coordination of the Quality First initiative in the comprehensive early childhood system.
- Make recommendations for strategy, model and/or policy changes to enhance participation in Quality First and contribute to the system goal of reaching statewide scale.

QUALITY FIRST VALIDATION STUDY

The Phase One study goals are:

Goal One: To review the conceptual framework and program design of Quality First and recommend refinements in the program theory and logic model as needed. (The current Quality First logic model will be provided to the contractor.)

Goal Two: To review the Quality First data system and related databases to determine if the existing data elements and infrastructure supports effective program management, program evaluation, and quality improvement of the QRIS.

Goal Three: To validate the Quality First Rating Scale (1 to 5 stars) and assess whether the five tiers of the scale represent differential levels of quality.

THANK YOU!



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Take action in support of Arizona's young children.



Chair

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July 16, 2015

Judy A. White, R.D.H., M.P.H.

Oral Health Program Officer

Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation

5656 West Talavi Boulevard

Glendale, Arizona 85306

Dear Ms. White:

The First Things First La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council has a remaining balance of \$4,072 from the 2014 Delta Dental Grant. The Regional Partnership Council is requesting the use of these funds through the end of December 2015 in order to continue the momentum of the La Paz/Mohave Oral Health Coalition.

If the extension is approved, the unexpended funds would fund the cost of travel for the Child Care Health Consultant and other contributing partners to participate (\$1,072), meeting expenses and materials (\$1,000), printing costs in order to spread the message about the importance of oral health (\$1,000), and cover the purchasing and mailing of resources and dental supplies for coalition members (\$1,000).

The Coalition has a goal of meeting three times by the end of December in order to determine our mission and goals for what we hope to accomplish through the Coalition next year. This Coalition will also identify partnerships, such as Mohave Community College and the Lake Havasu k-12 Foundation, and collaboration opportunities, such as with the School Districts within both counties.

We appreciate this opportunity from the Delta Dental Foundation of Arizona, and we look forward to a continued partnership.

Sincerely,



Vijette Saari

Regional Director

La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council