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**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council**

Draft Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council was held on June 8, 2009 at the Safford Public Library, 808 S. 7th Ave., Safford, AZ 85546.

Chair Laurie Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Members Present:

David Alford, Jan Elliott, Ryan Henry, Ann Johnson, Donna McGaughey, Pam Patt, Retha Russell, Laurie Smith

Members Absent:

Cindi Alva, Stacy Kramer

First Things First Staff Present:

Shari Elkins, Regional Coordinator; Edith Lee, Administrative Assistant; Marla Chamberlain, Central East Regional Manager; Kelley Murphy, Senior Health Policy Specialist

Welcome New Council Member

Chair Smith welcomed the new Council Member, Pam Patt, and shared her bio with the Regional Council.

Call to the Public

There was no response to Call to the Public.

Consent Agenda

A motion to approve minutes from the May 18, 2009 meeting was made by Member McGaughey, seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried and passed.

Quality First! Update

Linda Williams-Tuenge, the *Quality First!* Coach Supervisor updated the Regional Council on *Quality First!* and shared a component overview handout. Ms. Williams-Tuenge reported that two centers and one home within the region have been selected to take part in *Quality First!*. Ms. Williams-Tuenge also introduced Elisa Mongeluzzi, the *Quality First!* Coach that has been assigned to region.

Health Strategy(s) Presentation and Discussion

Kelley Murphy, First Things First Senior Health Policy Specialist had a discussion with the Regional Council regarding potential options for the Pediatric Strategy funding reallocation of funds. Options included:

- 1) Pediatric dentist (who takes AHCCCS)
 - a) Get a local dentist to start accepting AHCCCS
 - b) Recruit a pediatric dentist
 - c) Oral health prevention
- 2) Teen pregnancy
 - a) Health education RFGA
- 3) Therapist
 - a) Attract therapist via loan repayment
- 4) Car seats
 - a) Potential RFGA or Intergovernmental Agreement

The Regional Council asked Regional Coordinator Shari Elkins to gather additional information on Therapists to determine which specific area of therapy is most needed in the area. Ms. Elkins was also asked to gather other oral health prevention scopes of work across the state for the Regional Council to review.

Kelley Murphy discussed the Regional Council's Immunization Strategy and expressed concerns with the accuracy of data that was gathered in the Needs and Assets Report. Ms. Murphy encouraged the Regional Council to consider the inaccuracies before moving forward.

Regional Coordinator Report

Regional Coordinator Shari Elkins updated the Regional Council on activities within the region including the Graham/Greenlee School Readiness Scholarships in the amount of \$250 per center. Ms. Elkins shared news of a University Consortium that will be conducting surveys across the state in an effort to measure the effectiveness of First Things First.

Ms. Elkins reminded the Regional Council that the Council seat for a Health Services Provider is still vacant.

Ms. Elkins reported on the status of the Literacy Strategy stating that it would be up for approval at First Things First Board meeting tomorrow, and notification of the award will follow.

Council Member Updates/Comments

Member Johnson commented on the current issues with the Safford Public Library, its new fee policy and how the community is reacting to the change.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Location

Chair Smith announced that the next Regional Council Meeting would be on July 27th at 1:00 p.m. at the Safford Library.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Johnson, and seconded by Member Russell. Motion carried and passed. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Shari Elkins, Regional Coordinator

Approved:

Laurie Smith, Chair