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AGENDA ITEM: Regional Council New and Revised Strategies and Government Agreements for SFY13

BACKGROUND: The following Regional Councils are requesting approval to enter into agreements for SFY13

- Central East Regional Area: San Carlos Apache
- Maricopa: Southwest Maricopa

The following Regional Councils are requesting approval to make changes to their SFY13 funding plans:

- Central East Regional Area: Pinal and San Carlos Apache

Letters from the Regional Council Chairs are included for your review and provide information on the request(s) and a funding plan financial summary is provided to illustrate the changes to the overall funding plan.

RECOMMENDATION: The CEO recommends approval of the agreements and proposed strategies and funding levels.

Proposed Funding Plan Summary

FY 2013 - Pinal

| Strategy | Original Allotment | Current Allotment | Proposed New Allotment | Awarded | Total Proposed | Recalculated Unawarded |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| | Total Allocation: | \$9,469,877 | | | | |
| Child Care Health Consultation | \$181,440 | \$181,440 | - | \$161,387 | | \$20,053 |
| Community Awareness | \$40,000 | \$40,000 | - | | | \$40,000 |
| Community Outreach | \$84,000 | \$84,000 | - | | | \$84,000 |
| Developmental and Sensory Screening | \$300,000 | \$300,000 | - | \$200,000 | | \$100,000 |
| Family, Friends & Neighbors | \$400,000 | \$400,000 | - | | | \$400,000 |
| Food Security | \$200,000 | \$200,000 | - | \$200,000 | | - |
| FTF Professional REWARD\$ | \$50,000 | \$50,000 | \$75,000 | \$49,950 | | \$25,050 |
| Home Visitation | \$1,150,000 | \$1,150,000 | - | \$873,272 | | \$276,729 |
| Media | \$168,507 | \$168,507 | - | | | \$168,507 |
| Mental Health Consultation | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | - | \$246,000 | | \$4,000 |
| Oral Health | \$300,000 | \$300,000 | - | \$300,000 | | - |
| Parent Education Community-Based Training | \$300,000 | \$300,000 | - | \$208,100 | | \$91,900 |
| Quality First | \$709,127 | \$709,127 | - | \$644,615 | | \$64,512 |
| Quality First Child Care Scholarships | \$1,413,705 | \$1,413,705 | - | \$1,413,705 | | - |
| Recruitment into Field | \$75,000 | \$75,000 | - | \$74,564 | | \$437 |
| Scholarships non-TEACH | \$100,000 | \$100,000 | - | \$100,000 | | - |
| Scholarships TEACH | - | - | - | | | - |
| Service Coordination | \$158,000 | \$158,000 | - | | | \$158,000 |
| Statewide Evaluation | \$174,103 | \$174,103 | - | \$174,103 | | - |
| Total Allotment: | \$6,053,882 | \$6,053,882 | \$75,000 | \$4,645,695 | - | \$1,433,188 |
| Total Unallotted: | \$3,415,995 | | | | | |



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June 28, 2012

Steven W. Lynn, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Lynn,

The Pinal Regional Partnership Council is presenting a line item adjustment for approval for SFY13. This adjustment is to address the Pinal Professional REWARD\$ strategy which is currently part of the SFY13 Funding Plan. The Regional Council would like to request an allotment increase to the Professional REWARD\$ strategy in order to address the increased demand for workforce development and retention of early care and education professionals in the Pinal Region. The Pinal Regional Council recently was informed that SFY12 Regional funds were depleted by the second round of recruitment within this strategy. After careful evaluation of the program and the current funding level, the Pinal Regional Council discussed and approved to increase the funding from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for SFY13. This increase would allow participation of a minimum of 40 early care and education professionals serving children birth through five within our Region, or fifteen additional participants than the previous year.

On June 19, 2012, the Regional Council discussed this adjustment and approved a motion to move \$25,000.00 from the carry forward line item to the Professional REWARD\$ strategy line item for SFY13 to cover the additional cost associated with this increase.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Bryant Powell, Vice Chair
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July 18, 2012

Steven W. Lynn, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board,

The Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council is requesting approval to enter into a new grant agreement with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance for the implementation of the region's Food Security strategy in the amount of \$50,000. The Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council voted to approve this proposed government agreement at its July 17, 2012 regular meeting. The proposed grant agreement would provide the Southwest Maricopa Region with 6,250 food boxes available to low income families with young children birth to 5 years old utilizing the referral network from providers serving families through other funded First Things First strategies including Family Resource Centers.

St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance works with a network of eight partner agencies to distribute food as well as diapers and formula. These charitable agencies ensure families are also provided additional information about resources that lead to empowerment and self-sufficiency. The focus of this program is to ensure that child development and growth is not compromised due to a lack of food. At this critical stage of development, it is imperative that children have nutritious food to ensure proper growth, good health and brain development.

The Regional Partnership Council is confident that the proposed agreement is in the best interest of children and families in the Southwest Maricopa Region and supports the Board approved priorities, aligning with the Early Childhood System that First Things First is working to build.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carlian Dawson, Council Chair
Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council



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Proposed Funding Plan Summary

FY 2013 - Southwest Maricopa

| Strategy | Original Allotment | Current Allotment | Proposed New Allotment | Awarded | New NON-RFGAs | Recalculated Unawarded |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Total Allocation: \$5,023,121 | | | | | | |
| Child Care Health Consultation | \$52,920 | \$52,920 | - | \$53,522 | | (\$602) |
| Community Awareness | \$15,000 | \$15,000 | - | | | \$15,000 |
| Community Outreach | \$45,000 | \$45,000 | - | | | \$45,000 |
| Family Resource Centers | \$600,000 | \$600,000 | - | \$340,000 | | \$260,000 |
| Family, Friends & Neighbors | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | - | | | \$250,000 |
| Food Security | \$50,000 | \$50,000 | - | | \$50,000 | - |
| Home Visitation | \$300,000 | \$300,000 | - | \$300,000 | | - |
| Media | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | - | | | \$10,000 |
| Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity | \$200,000 | \$200,000 | - | \$200,000 | | - |
| Oral Health | \$175,000 | \$175,000 | - | \$175,000 | | - |
| Parent Education Community-Based Training | \$375,000 | \$375,000 | - | \$374,997 | | \$3 |
| Physician Education & Outreach | | | | | | |
| Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships | \$335,234 | \$335,234 | - | \$330,422 | | \$4,812 |
| Quality First | \$361,276 | \$361,276 | - | \$323,255 | | \$38,021 |
| Quality First Child Care Scholarships | \$762,873 | \$762,873 | - | \$762,873 | | - |
| Scholarships non-TEACH | \$76,500 | \$76,500 | - | \$76,500 | | - |
| Scholarships TEACH | \$99,000 | \$99,000 | - | \$99,000 | | - |
| Service Coordination | - | \$25,000 | - | | | \$25,000 |
| Statewide Evaluation | \$109,988 | \$109,988 | - | | | \$109,988 |
| Total Allotment: | \$3,817,791 | \$3,842,791 | - | \$3,035,569 | \$50,000 | \$757,222 |
| Total Unallotted: | \$1,180,330 | | | | | |



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July 31, 2012

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Dear Chairman Lynn,

The San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council is presenting the following strategy for consideration of approval for SFY13:

- 1.) Service Coordination in the amount of \$15,000 in SFY2013.

The San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council is respectfully requesting the Board to approve this strategy for SFY13 and to be included as part of the SFY13 Funding Plan.

The Regional Partnership Council first presented the Service Coordination strategy as a part of the FY2010 funding plan. Since then, the San Carlos Apache Early Childhood Development and Health Collaborative has had an increase in membership from tribal, state and federal programs convening on a regular basis and strengthening these relationships in order to better serve the San Carlos Apache Region.

The goal of the Early Childhood Development and Health Collaborative is to ensure that all families in the San Carlos Apache region have the information and support they need to be effective parents by creating a coordinated network of services as well as to educate the community on the importance of early childhood development and health through community awareness and outreach.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Delphine Rodriguez, Chair
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council

**First Things First San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
Strategy Worksheet-Service Coordination**

Strategy Name: Service Coordination

Strategy Description: Strengthens and improves the coordination of services and programs for children 5 and younger. Through coordination and collaboration efforts, improves and streamlines processes including applications, service qualifications, service delivery and follow-up for families with young children. Reduces confusion and duplication for service providers and families.

The purpose of this strategy is to increase awareness about early childhood development and health; early childhood development professions; First Things First; and programs and services available to families. Currently, the San Carlos Apache region does not have a mechanism to identify and address gaps in service, reduce duplication, or to ensure that families are referred to the services that best fit their needs. The community lacks awareness of the importance of early childhood development and health. Parents lack information about early childhood development and health and the programs and services that are available in the community. To address this need, resource and referral and program coordination was identified by the Regional Council as a priority in the region.

The goal of the Early Childhood Development and Health Collaborative is to ensure that all families in the San Carlos Apache Region have the information and support they need to be effective parents by creating a coordinated network of services as well as to educate the community on the importance of early childhood development and health through community awareness and outreach.

To this end, the Collaborative will bring together and support participants in increasing the level of coordination from Networking (lower intensity) to Cooperation to Collaboration (higher intensity). In an effort to move towards a higher intensity of coordination, the Collaborative will engage in various specific activities. These activities include, but are not limited to: supporting communications efforts to spread the word about early childhood development, developing an information exchange system to reduce duplication, increasing knowledge of services, creating a vision and clarifying expectations, and developing a cross-referral process.

The Collaborative will also support the participants through their coordination stages beginning with networking and building upon this to establish a more coordinated system for families receiving services. The Collaborative will have specific activities such as: a Collaborative Newsletter, a Parent Resource Guide, and community events and sponsorships.

During the process of formulating the San Carlos Apache Regional Needs and Assets Reports, it became apparent from the lack of data and/or access to such data, that no cross-tribal, state and federal program coordination efforts were in place to expand or enhance the coordination and integration of regional data, programs, services and resources for young children and their families. The absence of such a mechanism was also evident during the community discussions hosted by the San Carlos Apache

Regional Partnership Council. In a community wide discussion, the participants of the group identified tribal programs and resources as strengths; however, the lack of partnerships amongst programs for children and families was identified as one of the top four weaknesses in the region.

Currently, First Things First regional staff is supporting the implementation of this strategy through coordination meetings with local service providers.

Priority Role: Coordination

FTF Goal: The system goals of First Things First can only be achieved through coordination with both public and private entities in order to leverage funding, ease families' access to services, and maximize optimal results for young children. The overall goal is to facilitate coordination among the federal, state, private and tribal systems related to early childhood development and health to ensure a common understanding of the systems and to share ownership in ensuring access to services for all children. The priority role of FTF is to develop a clear plan for the early care and education system that describes the system, aligns programs and services across all types of settings and with the full continuum of the educational system (P-20), and defines roles and responsibilities of those involved in its implementation. This will result in alignment of the early care and education programs and services, including monitoring for access and quality for those programs and services which are the responsibility of varied early care and education agencies and organizations.

Target Population (Description of the population to reach): The target population includes programs and services on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation that work to support families of young children such as tribal, state and federal programs including but not limited to: San Carlos Apache Wellness Centers Prevention Program, Central Arizona College, D.E.S./D.D.D., San Carlos Apache Tribe Department of Health and Human Services, Save The Children—Early Steps to School Success, Easter Seals Blake Foundation, Ft. Thomas Unified School District, San Carlos Apache Tribe Apache Kid Childcare, San Carlos Head Start, Indian Health Services—San Carlos and Bylas Units, Johns Hopkins University, San Carlos Unified School District, San Carlos Youth Council, San Carlos Youth Home, Tribal Social Services, and The Boys & Girls Club of the San Carlos Apache Nation.

| | SFY2013 July 1, 2012 -June 30, 2013 | SFY2014 July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 | SFY2015 July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Proposed Service Numbers | Monthly meetings by the Collaborative; development of a resource guide; 3 events hosted/sponsored | Monthly meetings by the Collaborative; development of a resource guide; 3 events hosted/sponsored | Monthly meetings by the Collaborative; development of a resource guide; 3 events hosted/sponsored |
| Allocation for proposed strategy | \$15,000 | | |

This amount would cover expenses for the Parent Resource guide, educational materials for parents such as Born Learning materials and educational reinforcements to be used by the collaborative members, contracted services for printing and distribution of the Newsletter, and hosting and sponsoring community events that provide opportunities for the Collaborative to be represented so the various organizations providing services for children birth through age five are visible in the community and community members increase their understanding on how to access the services.



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Dear Chairman Lynn,

The San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council is presenting a Government-to-Government Grant Agreement with the Gila County Library District for consideration of approval for SFY2013.

The San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council recommends the awarding of the following Government-to-Government Grant Agreement with the Gila County Library District:

- 1.) Parent Outreach and Awareness to be implemented by the Gila County Library District in the amount of \$36,663.00 in SFY2013, distributing 10,332 books, holding 36 workshops and targeting 861 children ages birth to five in the region to be registered and receive books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Book Club program.

The San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council is respectfully requesting the Board to approve this Grant Agreement for SFY2013.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Delphine Rodriguez, Chair
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council

Proposed Funding Plan Summary FY 2013 - San Carlos Apache

| Strategy | Original Allotment | Total Allocation: | Current Allotment | Proposed New Allotment | Awarded | Total Proposed | Recalculated Unawarded |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | | \$1,388,411 | | | | | |
| Child Care Health Consultation | \$17,640 | | \$17,640 | - | | | \$17,640 |
| Curriculum Development – Parent Education | \$47,000 | | \$47,000 | - | | | \$47,000 |
| Developmental and Sensory Screening | \$153,000 | | \$153,000 | - | | | \$153,000 |
| Family, Friends & Neighbors | \$54,000 | | \$54,000 | - | \$54,000 | | \$0 |
| Food Security | \$10,000 | | \$10,000 | - | \$9,972 | | \$29 |
| FTF Professional REWARD\$ | \$47,000 | | \$47,000 | - | \$47,000 | | - |
| Media | \$7,468 | | \$7,468 | - | | | \$7,468 |
| Native Language Preservation | \$62,539 | | \$62,539 | - | \$62,539 | | - |
| Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity | \$150,000 | | \$150,000 | - | | | \$150,000 |
| Parent Outreach and Awareness | \$40,000 | | \$40,000 | - | | \$36,663 | \$3,337 |
| Quality First | \$121,917 | | \$121,917 | - | \$109,126 | | \$12,791 |
| Scholarships TEACH | - | | - | - | | | - |
| Service Coordination | - | | - | \$15,000 | | | \$15,000 |
| Statewide Evaluation | \$15,105 | | \$15,105 | - | \$15,105 | | - |
| | Total Allotment: | | \$725,669 | \$15,000 | \$297,742 | \$36,663 | \$406,264 |
| | Total Unallotted: | | \$662,741 | | | | |