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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday July 11, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at Northland Pioneer College, Nizhoni Learning Center Room 142, 2251 North Navajo Blvd., Holbrook, Arizona, 86025.

Regional Director Dobler-Allen introduced the new Council Members present. Members introduced themselves and welcomed the new members.

Regional Director Dobler-Allen called the meeting to order at approximately 3:11 p.m.

Members Present: Jeffrey Northup, Leslie Meyer, Claude Endfield, Betsy Peck, Dr. Catherine Taylor, Kristalei Baskins, Kirk Grugel, and via telephone Margie Tapia.

Members Absent: Kalman Mannis, Linda Thompson

Other Attendees: Kate Dobler-Allen, Virginia Turner, Kat Bunker, Krista Beazley, Michelle Pansulla, Rhonda Etsitty, Julie Fitzgerald, Becky Benda-Dodd, Mary Tyler, Linda Morrow, Pam Flake, Geneva Durkee, Margine Bawden.

Member Report and Updates

Member Meyer reported that a series of workshops sponsored by Healthy Steps and Summit Healthcare and presented by Dr. Neil Tift, National Expert on Fatherhood, are scheduled for July and August, 2012. She provided flyers with the details of the upcoming workshops.

Member Endfield reported that Arizona Department of Economic Security sponsored professional development workshops are being conducted through a grant with Yavapai College beginning in July and August, 2012. These are good workshops for new child care providers or people entering the field of child care.

Member Tapia reported that Headstart is still taking applications for school year 2012-2013.

Call to the Public

No calls to the public were received.

Celebration of Retiring Regional Council Members

Regional Director Dobler-Allen recognized Tom Barela, Sheila Chairez and Amy Tregaskes as departing members of the Council, and thanked them for their time, effort and dedication to the Council.

Disclosure of Conflicts

Regional Director Dobler-Allen explained the disclosure of conflicts to the new members. No conflicts were disclosed.

Discussion and Possible Adoption of May 9, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Member Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2012 Regular Meeting as written. Member Tapia seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Adoption of April 11, 2012 Executive Session Minutes

This agenda item was tabled until there is a quorum of members eligible to vote on this item.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Regional Director Dobler-Allen opened the discussion and asked for volunteers or nominations for the position of Chair. After discussion, Member Grugel moved to approve Member Mannis as Chair. Member Northup seconded, the motion was approved.

Regional Director Dobler-Allen opened the discussion and asked for volunteers or nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Member Meyer volunteered to retain the position. Member Northup moved to approve Member Meyer as Vice-Chair. Member Endfield seconded, motion was approved.

Lab School Program Update

Becky Benda-Dodd and Linda Morrow, Navajo County Superintendent of Schools, presented a power point and written report on the progress of the Lab School Strategy. Ms. Benda-Dodd has been working on this project since January. The strategy is to develop a professional development program for child care professionals and those entering the child care field. After the presentation, Ms. Benda-Dodd, Ms. Morrow, and Regional Director Dobler-Allen answered questions from the Council.

Community Outreach Update

Michelle Pansulla, First Things First Parent Education and Community Outreach Coordinator, provided a written report and power point presentation on the activities of the Community Outreach Strategy. Ms. Pansulla reported the goal is to educate the community about First Things First, and present a unified message to spread the word about First Things First. Ms. Pansulla offered to present a speaker's training to groups or individuals who want to learn more about how to communicate the message.

Regional Director's Report

a. **Monthly Report**

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the Council with the report of the activities of the Director for May and June, and the meetings and activities she plans to attend during July and August. She also reported on some of the ongoing Community Projects she has been involved with including Navajo County Safe Kids Chapter, Tea Time for Techies and Counties Care 4 Children Coalition.

Regional Director Dobler-Allen asked the members to inform her of any meetings or events they feel she should attend or make a presentation to.

b. **Financial Reports**

The Navajo/Apache Regional Funding Plan Summary for SFY2012 and Contract Detail Report, were presented by Regional Director Dobler-Allen and discussed by the Council. Director Dobler-Allen noted that not all of the SFY2012 expenditures may be listed as grantees have until August 14 to report. She explained that during the transition from SFY2012 to SFY2013 the Council may see a report for each of the fiscal years.

c. **FTF Early Childhood Summit Registration**

Regional Director Dobler-Allen reminded the Council about the upcoming Early Childhood Summit and registration deadline. There are several members of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council who are planning to attend.

Regional Director Dobler-Allen reminded the members the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2012 in St. Johns, Arizona.

Adjourn

Regional Director Dobler-Allen adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council at approximately 5:17 p.m.

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Kalman Mannis, Chair

Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director