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## ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 4, 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regularly scheduled meeting of the South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council which took place at the Travis Williams Community Center, 4732 South Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85040 in Room 168 was called to order at 4:46 p.m. by Vice Chair James Washington.
  - a. **Members Present:** James Washington, Vice Chair; Moises Gallegos, Member; Dr. Eva Shivers, Member; Reverend Rosalind Polston, Member.
  - b. **Members Present by Phone:** Dr. William Ellert, Member; Dr. Patricia Merk, Member; Cindy Segotta-Jones, Member; and Mary Thomson, Member.
  - c. **Member Not In Attendance:** Robert Donofrino, Chair.
2. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**  
*\*Regular Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2009* Council Member Moises Gallegos moved to approve the June 30, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Shivers; motion carried.
3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** No Public Comments.
4. **UPDATE ON EMERGENCY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** John Cregg with the Valley of the Sun United Way updated the Council on Emergency Scholarship dollars still available, discussion followed on better marketing strategies to reach more families, no action taken.
5. **REGIONAL COUNCIL BOUNDARIES:** Ms. Cannon, Consultant with Cannon and Associates led the Council in discussion to include zip code 85042 in the South Phoenix Region. The Council expressed strong desires to have the zip code re-aligned to the South Region sighting traditional reasons of service, institutions, and program delivery. Ms. Cannon informed the Council that she would recommend to the State Board the inclusion of zip code 85042 to the South Region.
6. **FIRST THINGS FIRST DOLLARS AT WORK:** Ann Glover, and Verda Olayinka from My Sister, My Friend presented to the Council, information on "Emergency Tool Box" distribution and other funding opportunities. The Council commended My Sister, My Friend on their steadfast commitment to serve children and families in the South Phoenix Region.
7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE REGARDING DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING:** Council Member Moises Gallegos moved to go into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Council Member Reverend Polston, all in favor, motion carried.

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Council Member Moises Gallegos moved to return to regular session, seconded by Council Member Reverend Rosalind Polston, all in favor, Council back into regular session at 5:50 p.m.

Council Member Moises Gallegos moved to accept the recommendations of the review committee and the First Things First Staff in reference to RFGA # FTF-MULTI-10-0126-00 as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Council Member Mary Thomson, no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE REGARDING CHILD CARE DIRECTOR MENTORING:** Council Member Dr. Patricia Merk who is a great resource and on the review committee called in and joined the meeting by phone, a brief discussion followed.

Council Member Moises Gallegos moved to go into Executive Session at 5:53 p.m. to discuss item #8, seconded by Council Member Reverend Rosalind Polston, all in favor, motion carried. **For the record, Council Member Dr. Eva Shivers excused herself during the Executive Session due to a conflict of interest.**

Council Member Reverend Rosalind Polston moved to return back into Regular Session at 6:08 p.m., seconded by Council Member Mary Thomson, no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

In reference to RFGA # FTF-RC01E4-10-0058-00 Council Member Moises Gallegos moved to accept the recommendation of the review committee to fund Agency A in the amount discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Council Member Mary Thomson, all in favor, motion carried.

9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE REGARDING FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR:** Council Member Mary Thomson moved to go into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss item # 9, seconded by Council Member Reverend Rosalind Polston, all in favor, motion carried. **For the record, Dr. Eva Shivers left the room due to a conflict of interest with Family, Friend and Neighbor and the nature of her business which is consulting.**

Council Member Moises Gallegos moved to return to regular session at 6:20 p.m., seconded by Council Member Mary Thomson, all in favor, motion carried.

The floor was turned over to Council Member Moises Gallegos who moved to accept the recommendations of the review committee to fund Agency A in reference to RFGA-MULTI-10-0192-00 for the amount discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Council Member Mary Thomson, all in favor, no discussion, motion carried.

10. **PRE-K STRATEGY DISCUSSION, UPDATE, AND POSSIBLE VOTE:** The Consensus of the Council Members present recommended that the Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales pursue an Interagency Service Contract with the Arizona Department of Education. Council members Gallegos and Segotta-Jones requested future updates.

11. **ADJOURN:** Council member Cindy Segotta-Jones moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:52 pm, seconded by Council member Shivers, no discussion, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Submitted;

*Briggetta B. Hawks*

Briggetta B. Hawks, Administrative Assistant II

Approved By;

*[Signature]*

Jonathon Gonzales, South Phoenix Regional Council Coordinator

Council Approval:

*James [Signature], Vice Chair*  
*for 9/15/09*

Dr. Robert Donofrio, Chair