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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on May 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hualapai Education and Training Center, 460 Hualapai Way, Peach Springs, AZ.

Chair Powskey called the meeting to order at 9:07a.m.

Members present:

Rev. Pete Imus, Jessica Powskey, Sandra Irwin, Steve Condict, Misty Watahomigie, Penny Renfro and Helen J. Watahomigie

Members Absent:

Cheryle Beecher, Carrie Imus, Lucille Watahomigie

Call to the Public

None present

Approval of April 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Member Sandra Irwin moved to approve April 15, 2009 meeting minutes. Member Pete Imus provide the second. The motion passed by all members present.

Possible Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2010

Chair Powskey nominated Lucille Watahomigie as Chair. Helen J Watahomigie nominated Sandra Irwin for the Vice Chair position. Member Steve Condict moved to table nominations until the next meeting when nominees will be present. Member Pete Imus seconded the motion. The motion passed by all members present.

Budget Report for SFY 2010

Coordinator Pascual reviewed with the Members the 2010 Budget Summary. The allocation based on population is \$32, 813 per year. The Baseline Adjustment to fulfill at least one strategy is \$77,000, plus the Frontier Adjustment for rural regions is an additional \$7,840, totaling \$117,653. These funds will pay for one T.E.A.C.H slot plus additional incentives if necessary, a Maternal Child Health Program and Indirect Costs. The formulas for the Population Allocation and the Frontier Adjustment amounts are set. The Baseline Adjustment will need to be requested each year.

The Emergency Response amount of \$1309 was awarded to the Hualapai Education and Training Department for Food Boxes.

Member Lucille Watahomigie is heading the contract.

Coordinator Pascual explained the Emergency Child Care Scholarships Tribal Exception that was presented to the Board for approval on May 1. The Board did release an additional \$8,264 to be used at the Regional Partnership Council's discretion. If the use is outside the funding plan that has already been approved by the Board, the new strategy will need to be taken to the Board for approval.

Member Renfro asked if the funds could be used for the food box program. Coordinator Pascual stated that yes, the funds could be applied to enhance the food box program, but she would do some research and get back with the Regional Partnership Council with information as to whether or not that request would need to be approved by the Board.

Member Sandra Irwin suggested looking at the Needs and Assets assessment to review the unmet needs in the area.

Chair Powskey asked Coordinator Pascual to bring a summary of needs from the Needs and Assets Report for the next meeting.

Coordinator Updates

Coordinator Pascual updated Members of recent State funded strategies coming into the Hualapai region. One statewide strategy is the *Quality First* program, which the Hualapai Head Start has been accepted to be part of. At least two teachers will receive a scholarship from the T.E.A.C.H. program. The Center will have a Coach that will help plan quality improvement activities a child care health consultant will be available. Coordinator also informed the Regional Council that the Arizona Parent Kits are available at the Kingman Regional Medical Center. Regional Strategies include the Maternal Child Health Program which has gone to the Board along with a letter from Chair Powskey. The other strategy is to fund an additional T.E.A.C.H. scholarship. Coordinator Pascual stated that Regional Council's business representative seat will be recommended to be filled by Mr. Waylon Honga, pending the submittal of his application. The Southwestern Institute for the Education of Native Americans (SIENA) will be holding a conference, August 7-8, in Prescott. Coordinator Pascual reminded the Members that the schedule for regular meetings will need to be set next month, as July 1st is the beginning of the next Fiscal Year.

Award Presentation

Coordinator Pascual mentioned the Award Presentation today at 1pm in the Tribal Council Chambers. Chair Powskey polled the Regional Council to see who would be in attendance. Member Condict and Member Refro would not be present.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

None

Next Meeting

Coordinator Pascual will contact Members to confirm the meeting date for next month.

Adjourn

Chair Powskey adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.