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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health  
Salt River Pima- Maricopa Indian Community  
Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes August 7, 2008 Council Meeting

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**Regional Council members in attendance**

Alecia Jackson (Left meeting @ 6:38 PM)  
Chris McIntier  
Dr. Joyce Helmuth (Joined meeting @ 5:56 PM)  
Lori Calderon, Chair  
Priscilla Jay, Vice Chair  
René Murphy  
Ron Ransom

**First Things First Staff**

Yolanda Y. Adams Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Coordinator  
Ana Garcia Central East Administrative Assistant  
Dr. DJangi Central East Regional Manager  
Alicia Smith Procedures Specialist  
Sheila Hoppe, Grants and Contract Manager  
Jeanne Weeks, Grants and Contract  
Cathy Thornton Gila River Indian Community Regional Coordinator

**Public**

2 members of the public were present

**Call to order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Calderon at 5:43 PM.

Brief welcome to everyone

**Invocation by Regional Council Vice Chair Priscilla Jay**

**No Public Comment.**

**Approval of Minutes of June 19th Meeting**

Regional Council member Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of the Regional Council meeting of June 19, 2008. Regional Council member Jackson seconded, motion carried.

### **Update by First Things First Regional Coordinator Yolanda Adams**

Regional Coordinator Adams gave brief explanation of the Regional Council vacancies. 2 people have applied and have been interviewed. Michelle Clark for the Philanthropy vacancy and Lance Silverhorn for the Faith Based vacancy. Both applicants will be recommended for approval. Toni Harvier completed her application for the Philanthropy seat however she did not submit her resume with the application. There is 1 potential candidate for the Business seat Kay McAnlis and she will be applying for the last vacancy. Ms. Adams will update the Council when the candidates receive the approvals.

Regional Coordinator Adams gave a short summary on the ADOT Defensive Driving Course since the Regional Council members are eligible to receive reimbursement for mileage and are covered under the State of AZ insurance. The course is mandatory if the council members elect to be reimbursed. Ms Adams will make all pertinent information available to all the Regional Partnership Council Members.

Regional Coordinator Adams gave a brief explanation of a news clip from the Yuma region that a news station did on the work that is being done by FTF. An excerpt from the news clip was shown to the Council.

### **Discussion and possible action relating to the FT Brochure**

Discussion by council members relating to the existing FTF brochure. Council members indicated that they would like the brochure to reflect the culture of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Regional Council Member Jackson compared the size of the map on the back of the brochure from FTF and the sample that Ms. Adams provided, Ms. Jackson suggested that the print on the brochure be larger. Regional Council Member McIntier indicated that the pictures of the children should represent the Piipaash and the O'Odham tribes. Regional Coordinator Adams requested direction from the Council Members to be able to identify the children from the 2 tribes for the pictures.

Regional Vice Chair Jay also requested that a quote from the Tribal Council be added to the brochure.

Regional Council Member McIntier motioned that the FTF brochure for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community be approved provided that the children's pictures within the brochure reflect the Piipaash and the O'Odham tribes. That the print on the brochure be larger and that a quote from the Tribal Council be included. A brochure sample will to be provided to the Council Members at the next Regional Council meeting with all the changes. Regional Vice Chair Jay seconded. Motion carried.

### **DRP-MIC Regional Partnership Council Presentation**

Power Point presentation by Regional Coordinator Adams and handouts provided to everyone.

Presentation included:

- Strategic Planning Overview
- Strategic Planning Elements
- FTF Strategic Plan
- Quality and Access Goals
- Health Goals
- Professional Development Goals
- Family Support Goals
- Coordination Goals
- Communication Goals
- Does each Regional Partnership need to focus on all 15 goals?
- Funding
- Professional Development Goals

Additional handouts were given to everyone. Strategic Plan Roadmap Overview, the Strategic Planning outline Key action dates list and the hypothetical funding by region spread sheet.

Regional Chair Calderon asked if the funding amount for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Region had been updated.

Sheila Hoppe Grants and Contract Manager from FTF responded that the updated census' figures had been received on that day and for this Regional Partnership the growth had been 2%. The numbers will be updated soon. Regional Council member McIntier asked if this information was available for the Council to see on the FTF website. Regional Coordinator Adams advised the Council that yes, they can access the website and see information for their region. Regional Vice Chair Jay suggested adding a link on the FTF website to SRP-MIC on the space dedicated to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Regional Council Member McIntier asked if the discretionary funds were in addition to the approximate \$177,000 allocation. Regional Coordinator Adams explained that yes, the discretionary funds are in addition to the funds allocated.

Discussion with Regional Council members regarding community outreach. Regional Chair Calderon indicated that it is too late to be placed on the Community District Meetings' agendas but that as soon as the new meeting dates are published she will request to be placed on the agendas.

#### **QIRS/T.E.A.C.H. Presentation**

Presentation and handouts by FTF Senior Policy Specialist Dr. Alicia Smith. Presentation included:

Regional Council Member Jackson left the meeting @ 6:38

- T.E.A.C.H. overview
- Arizona 23<sup>rd</sup> in the nation
- States that participate
- Agenda
- Individual Barriers
- System Barriers
- History of T.E.A.C.H.
- Principles
- Components
- Types of Scholarships
- Early Childhood Associate Degree Michigan
- Early Childhood Associate Degree North Carolina
- Early Childhood Associate Degree Kansas
- Early Childhood Associate Degree Florida
- National Education outcomes FY 2007
- National Compensation and Retention Outcomes in FY 2007
- FY 2007 Funding
- Consumer Satisfaction
- System outcomes
- T.E.A.C.H. Arizona
- Administrative Home
- Lessons Arizona Can build Upon
- T.E.A.C.H. Q & A

Regional Council member Ransom indicated that 3 of the 60 staff members in the community are non-native. Those individuals could participate in the T.E.A.C.H. program.

#### **Discussion and Confirmation of Council Member Terms**

Regional Coordinator Adams gave the names of the Regional Council Members and the terms that they will be serving. She indicated that the 4 year terms need to be filled by 6 Council Members. At present time only 4 members held 4 year terms: Chair Calderon, Vice Chair Jay, Council Member McIntier and Council Member Ashley.

Dr Djangi was recognized by the Chair and he indicated that it would be very important to be able to solidify the 6 Council Members that would serve the 4 year terms at this Council Meeting. Council Member Murphy and Council Member Ransom accepted the 4 yr, terms

#### **4 Year Term Council Members**

Lori Calderon  
Priscilla Jay  
Chris McIntier  
Martina Ashley  
Rene Murphy  
Ron Ransom

#### **2 Year Term Council Members**

Alecia Jackson  
Dr Joyce Helmuth

#### **Action Items and next meeting**

Regional Vice Chair Jay motioned for the next SRP-MIC Regional Partnership Council meeting to be held August 21, 2008 at 5:30 Location: Education Board Room. Regional Council Member McIntier seconded. Motion carried

Action Items for next Regional Council Meeting

- Outreach into the community

#### **Updates by Regional Partnership Council Members**

Regional Council Member Ransom indicated that a new nurse and new teachers will be starting on 8/18/08.

Dr. Helmuth reported that the community got a new refrigerator to keep the immunizations, she will be able to start the program real soon. She also indicated that they are trying to hire a pediatrician dentist, she will update the Council on the progress. Regional Chair inquired whether the children get referred when there is a problem. Dr. Helmuth said that yes, they get a referral and also they get screenings and fluoride treatments. In addition children receive:

- Physical Screens
- Vision
- Hearing
- Nutrition

Dr. Helmuth has been working with the Sports Physicals for Salt River High School.

Member McIntier reminded everyone that school starts on 8/11/08. To drive safely and watch for children.

Regional Chair Calderon inquired whether FTF would pay the registration fees for Educational Conferences, i.e. Parent Education Training Conference. Dr Djangi will get the information to the Council but he indicated that meals and mileage would be covered.

**Adjourn**

Regional Council member Helmuth motioned to adjourn. Regional Council member Ransom seconded the motion; motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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**Ana Garcia AA III**

**Approved:**

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**Lori Calderon, Regional Council Chair**