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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on August 7, 2013, at 3:04 p.m. at the Cocopah Community Center.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Members Present:
Chair H. Jill McCormick
Vice Chair Rev. Deal Begay
Council Member Dr. Michael Reed;
Council Member Ines Pampara
Council Member Patricia R. Weissenberg
Council Member Paul Soto

Members Absent:
Council Member Christie Stevens
Council Member Cristina Solorzano;
Council Member Gina Nierenhausen

Approval of July 7, 2013 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Member Soto moved to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2013, Regional Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Begay, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members.

Introduction of new Cocopah Tribe Regional Director

The Regional Council welcomed new Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Regional Director Ms. Roselia V. Ramirez. Ms. Ramirez previously was a former director of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council as well as a member of the regional council and has an extensive background on early childhood education. She has also served as a Regional Director for Child and Family Resources, Inc. and the Pre-School Director for the Gadsden Elementary School District.

Proposed FY2014 Meeting Schedule

The Regional Council proposed the following changes to the proposed FY2014 meeting schedule:

A. October 2, 2013 council meeting cancelled; instead,(Regional Director may convene a possible workgroup to discuss the 2015 funding plan)
B. Reinstate the November 6, 2013 council meeting

Dr. Reed moved to approve the FY2014 Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council meeting schedule stipulating the revisions discussed by the Regional Council. The motion was seconded by Member Soto, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members.

Discussion on Healthy, Happy, Safe: Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council's System Building

At a previous meeting the Regional Council discussed and prioritized goals in the system building action plan. One of the priorities was the Family Support/Health area in which an action plan would be develop(Ed) to coordinate, bring resources as a "net" for other support and to work collaboratively with various agencies in the Cocopah community. Senior Director Gary P. Arnold stated Tribal Administrator Christopher Nunez was in agreement to connect/engage with the agencies in order to collaborate and coordinate services in the community.
Member Soto stated the need to develop a survey/questionnaire that would appropriately assist in collecting the information needed from the community as well as qualified staff conducting the surveys. The Regional Council also stated the survey needed to be cultural sensitive.

Second Read Governance Policies

After a brief discussion on the governance policies the Regional Council was ready to take action on the agenda item. No changes to the policy manual were made at this time. Dr. Reed moved to approve the Governance Policy Manual. The motion was seconded by Member Soto, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members.

Senior Regional Director's Report

The report included a review of the FY2013 Financial Expenditures and a Quarterly Data Report update.
Other topics discussed were; Strategic Planning Timeline, Update on Regional Council Recruitment, Tribal Consultation and the 2013 Early Childhood Summit.

Early Steps Program Update

Early Steps Specialist, Lupi Rojas, provided an informational report on the Early Steps Program. Ms. Rojas shared the program goals, ongoing visits/recruitment to families in the community, trainings attended and program barriers encountered.

Adjournment

Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Marie Megui

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY

H. Jill McCormick

H. Jill McCormick, Chair, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council

September 4, 2013