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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 Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the St. Johns Public Library, 35 South 3rd West, St. Johns, Arizona, 85936.

Members present: Kalman Mannis, Leslie Meyer, Kristalei Baskins, Claude Endfield, Kirk Grugel, Dr. Jeffrey Northup, Betsy Peck, Dr. Catherine Taylor, Linda Thompson

Members absent: Margie Tapia

Other attendees: Kate Dobler-Allen, Virginia Turner, Kathy Bunker, Michelle Pansulla, Rhonda Etsitty, Kathy Valeniik, Barbara Baum, Nick Kasovac, Becky Benda-Dodd, Lannie Gillespie, DeAnn Davies, Sarah Nolan.
Samantha Green and Abigail Stevens from Applied Survey Research attended via phone.

Chair Mannis welcomed the new members and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Member Report and Updates
Member Meyer reported that the next workshops by Neil Tift, national expert on fatherhood, are scheduled for August 23, 2012. She encouraged any interested providers or parents to attend one or both of these workshops.

Call to the Public
No calls to the public were received.

Disclosure of Conflicts
There were no conflicts disclosed.

Discussion and Possible Adoption of July 11, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes
Chair Mannis asked for a motion on the July 11, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Member Meyer moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Grugel seconded. Motion was approved.

Discussion and Possible Adoption of April 11, 2012 Executive Session Minutes
Chair Mannis asked for a motion on the April 11, 2012 executive session minutes. Member Endfield moved to accept the minutes as presented. Member Peck seconded. Motion carried with members Northup, Meyer, and Taylor abstaining.

Lab School Strategy Discussion
Chair Mannis turned the discussion over to Regional Director Dobler-Allen, along with Lannie Gillespie and Becky Benda-Dodd from Navajo County Education Services Agency, who answered questions from the Regional Council and provided information about the proposed approach to the Lab School Strategy. The following were discussed:

1. This is a professional development strategy, and is not an expansion of child care strategy.
2. Rough budget options were presented and discussed, with additional information requested prior to moving forward with any agreement
3. The timeline and process for needed approvals was presented. Regional Council Members were reminded that quorum must exist in September and November in order for all needed Regional Council discussion and action to occur.

After in-depth discussion, the council directed Regional Director Dobler-Allen to prepare a strategy worksheet to present to the council at the September meeting for approval prior to submission to the FTF State Board for their approval in October.

2012 Needs and Assets Report Presentation and Possible Approval

Regional Director Dobler-Allen introduced Samantha Green and Abigail Stevens from Applied Survey Research (ASR) who attended via telephone. They presented the final draft of the Needs and Assets Report. This report is the culmination of data and information gathering by ASR over the past year, with input and direction from the Regional Council over several drafts. After a few clarifying questions, Chair Mannis asked the council to approve the Needs and Assets Report. Member Northup move to approve. Motion was seconded by Member Grugel. Motion carried. Director Dobler-Allen celebrated!

Regional Director's Report

Monthly Report

Regional Director Dobler-Allen provided an update to the council on the meetings that she attended in July and also her upcoming schedule for August.

Financial Reports

Regional Director Dobler-Allen reported that all grantees are on track to get their final expenditures submitted for SFY12 and for SFY13 all contracts are loaded and ready, and some scholarships have already been awarded so there will be some expenses already noted for SFY13.

FY 2012 Quarter Three Data Report

Regional Director Dobler-Allen went through the major points in the data report and provided some explanations of what the data report includes.

Community Outreach Report

Michelle Pansulla, Parent Awareness and Community Outreach Coordinator reported that July was a success in terms of numbers of people reached. She reported that she had success in making good contacts in the Heber-Overgaard area as well as some new community contacts for speaking engagements.

Chair Mannis asked if anyone had any comments or successes they wanted to report. Summit Healthcare Healthy Steps Director DeAnn Davies reported that the Summit Healthcare Healthy Steps has had a very successful first 6 months of contract, serving 519 children. She also reported success in terms of positive feedback, and identifying needs such as developing a father program and also in beginning the process to bring a much needed neuro- psychologist for children to the area. Healthy Steps was also able to provide infant car seats to families of newborns in need of assistance.

Chair Mannis asked for a motion to adjourn at 5:30 pm. Vice-Chair Meyer moved, member Peck seconded. Motion carried.

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Kalman Mannis, Chair

Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director