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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council

Draft Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council was held on June 28, 2010 at the Safford Public Library, 808 S. 7th Ave., Safford, AZ 85546.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 1:02 p.m.

Members Present:

David Alford, Cindi Alva, Jan Elliott, Ryan Henry, Donna McGaughey, Pam Patt and Laurie Smith

Members Absent:

Ann Johnson and Retha Russell

First Things First Staff Present:

Shari Elkins, Regional Coordinator; Edith Lee, Administrative Assistant

Call to the Public

There was no response to Call to the Public.

Consent Agenda

A motion to approve minutes from the May 10, 2010 meeting made by Member Patt, seconded by Vice Chair Alva. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Approval of 2011 Communications Plan

Regional Coordinator Shari Elkins led a discussion regarding the 2011 Communications Plan. Ms. Elkins shared a sample of the First Things First billboard that will be going up in the region. The billboard will be out near the fairgrounds in Safford. Ms. Elkins explained that originally, the Regional Council did not develop a communications plan in the 2011 budget, and she proposed the following communications plan to the Regional Council. Ms. Elkins proposed hiring a Parent Liaison/Community Outreach Consultant. This position would be part time, approximately 10 hours per week. The position would not be a staff position, but a contractual agreement instead. Ms. Elkins proposed that the Regional Council decrease the Oral Health Strategy by \$10,000 and that the Regional Council take \$2,000 from carry forward to put a total of \$12,000 into a 2011 Communications Plan Strategy. This will decrease the Oral Health Strategy to \$120,000.

Member McGaughey moved that the Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council approve the Communication Strategy in the amount of \$12,000 to include a part time parent awareness and community outreach liaison. Member Henry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Alva moved to decrease the Oral Health Strategy by \$10,000, and move the \$10,000 to the communications plan, as well as \$2,000 from carry forward. Member Alford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Approval of First Things First Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council Resolution Opposing HCR2001

Chair Smith led the Regional Council in a discussion regarding a resolution opposing HCR2001, and shared the proposed resolution with the Regional Council.

Member Elliott moved that the Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council approve the First Things First Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council Resolution Opposing HCR2001. Member Henry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regional Coordinator Report

Regional Coordinator Shari Elkins provided a copy of her Coordinator's Report to the Regional Council. Ms. Elkins reported that the resolution that was just approved by the Regional Council will go to the paper today for publication.

Ms. Elkins reported that the Child Care Stipends/Partial Scholarships will be coming to an end on Wednesday, June 30th. It is estimated that approximately \$6,000 of the allocated \$80,000 from SFY 2010 will be expended by the end of June after the Emergency Scholarships are expended. The approximately \$74,000 of unspent funds will be added to the \$20,000 allocation for SFY2011 Partial Scholarships.

The First Things First State Board approved the Regional Council's recommendation to renew both the Literacy Project and the Book Club at their June 15th board meeting.

The ADHS (Arizona Department of Health Services) website to recruit therapists went live on June 2nd.

The communications plan that was just approved by the Regional Council will be presented to the State Board at their July 20th board meeting.

In regards to the Needs and Assets Report, LeCroy & Milligan Associates, Inc. will be sending an electronic version of the Needs & Assets draft to the Regional Council Members via email in the beginning of July along with a form to collect feedback.

Regional Council Member appointment recommendations were approved at the June 15th State Board Meeting.

Ms. Elkins announced upcoming events. New Council Member Orientation will be held in Globe on July 30th. All Council members are welcome to attend. The First Things First Summit will be held in Phoenix on August 30-31. All Council members are encouraged to attend.

Ms. Elkins shared a copy of the Grants Financial Summary Report with the Regional Council, which showed where the grants are in regards to expenditures and balances.

Presentation to Two Year Members and Presentation of New Council Members

Chair Smith thanked the members that have completed their Council terms, to include David Alford, Retha Russell, and Stacy Kramer. Member Alford was the only one present, and a gift was presented to him, thanking him for his service over the past two years.

Chair Smith welcomed the newly appointed Council members, to include JoAnn Morales (At Large), Stacy Morris (Parent) and Dena Barentine (Child Care Provider). Council terms officially begin July 1st.

Council Member Updates/Comments

Vice Chair Alva requested an update on the vacant health services seat. Regional Coordinator Shari Elkins indicated that there was a lead, and a local pediatrician has expressed interest in applying. Member Patt requested clarification regarding the therapist incentives. Vice Chair Alva shared her observation as to how the community is noticing and appreciation the Imagination Library. She has received a lot of positive feedback.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Location

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 9th at 1:00 p.m. at the Safford Library.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Member McGaughey, and seconded by Vice Chair Alva. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Shari Elkins, Regional Coordinator

Approved:

Laurie Smith, Chair