



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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## Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council

### Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council took place on August 9, 2014 at the Tohono O'odham Nation Education Center Conference Room, San Xavier, Arizona 85746. Chair Mildred Manuel welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

### Members Present:

Ella Begay, Kymberlii Tenario, Dr. Albert Adler, Jeanne Leon, Cheryl Conde, and Mildred Manuel

### Members Absent:

Joseph Mease

### Invocation

Regional Director Travis Le Duc provided the invocation.

### Approval of July 12, 2014 Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by member Adler that the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the July 12, 2014 Regional Council meeting as presented, seconded by member Tenario. Motion carried.

### Call to the Public

*John Cregg, Association for Supportive Child Care-* Mr. Cregg introduced himself to the regional council and stated that he manages the T.E.A.C.H. program for the Association for Supportive Child Care. He informed the members that scholarships are available and thanked them for their work.

*Karen McIlroy, Tohono O'odham Community College-* Ms. McIlroy provided an update to the Regional Council regarding TOCC and Prescott College. She shared the good news of great involvement in ECE Teachers on the Nation obtaining their A.A. degrees and some transitions to Prescott College for a B.A. She shared Prescott College's acceptance of all TOCC credits including CDA and some life experience. She ended by saying that these successes will help Head Start reach their new federal mandates for teacher requirements.

*Kit McIlroy, Tohono O'odham Community College –* Mr. McIlroy provided an update to the Regional Council the Communities of Practice at Tohono O'odham Community College, including that the number of participants in college has increased from 11 last year to 34 this year. He stated that a new coordinator had been hired and will begin September 15, and he couldn't be happier. He provided information about an effort to bring back family literacy.

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Chair Manuel introduced the item and turned the floor over to Travis Le Duc, who stated he had no updates. Education Director Victoria Hobbs arrived at the meeting and Chair Manuel invited Director Hobbs to speak. Director Hobbs stated that the department is moving forward and applying for the scholarships grant, awaiting paperwork from the district allowing ownership to be transferred from the district to the Education Department. She stated that Head Start did reach their required number of 215 students, and the scholarships will be focused on San Lucy to be used this year and get that center up and running. She stated that she hoped the regional council understood the delay and doesn't plan on moving funds just yet. Members had several questions regarding San Lucy, such as anticipated enrollment, number of children in the district, timing of the program beginning, program implementation, oversight and sustainability; which Director Hobbs responded to, and spoke to this new type of collaboration between departments and looking at funding such as MIECHV funds expected to come soon. Senior Direct Lyons offered that in terms of sustainability ECP and Early Head Start federal funding is currently available in expansion dollars, might be something to look at applying for on behalf of the nation.

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Chair Manuel introduced the agenda item by stating the topic had been covered under the previous Agenda Item and Director Hobbs clarified for Mr. Le Duc that the intention was to also apply for this funding to use this year.

**Community Outreach Update and Discussion**

Chair Manuel turned the floor over to Ms. Aggie Hart, who gave a presentation to the members with information about Community outreach's direction, her activities over the past few months, and the Community Outreach Plan. Members discussed with her and thanked Ms. Hart for her presentation.

Chair Manuel then stated that the previous representative on the Cross-Regional Communications committee was no longer on the council. She turned the floor over to Mr. Le Duc, who gave a summary of the time commitment needed and asked for a volunteer. After a few questions from different members, member Conde volunteered. The members and staff all thanked her.

**Discussion on Regional Priorities**

Chair Manuel introduced the agenda item and turned the floor over to Mr. Le Duc. Mr. Le Duc went over the handout of priority areas, indicators, and strategies. He suggested that the members might discuss the chosen priorities as part of the strategic planning process for the next three year cycle. Members spoke about each priority, affirming the relevance of each one and giving personal examples of progress made and the great need in the community for the specific area. Ms. Tenario suggested partnering with Child Welfare Services in regards to some of these priorities. Mr. Le Duc thanked the members for their great discussion and work. Members had discussion on having an additional meeting specific to strategic planning, as suggested by Chair Manuel. They shared availability and directed Mr. Le Duc and Ms. McDonald to arrange such a meeting, ideally the last week of September.

**Regional Director's Report**

Mr. Le Duc stated that the expenditures are as expected, and stated that in the interest of time, he would let the regional council read the written report on their own time unless they had any questions. Members had no questions.

**Recommended Future Agenda Items**

Chair Manuel stated this had been discussed as part of Strategic Planning, and no members had additional items.

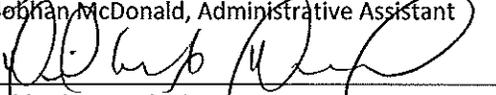
**Call to the Public**

None at this time.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by member Adler, seconded by member Conde. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Submitted By   
Siobhan McDonald, Administrative Assistant

Approved By   
Mildred Manuel, Chair

Dated this 11 day of October, 2014.