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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on August 10, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at ABC Day Care, 422 S. 2nd Ave., Whiteriver, AZ 85941.

Vice Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at approximately 3:12 p.m.

Members Present:

C. Bradley Brock, Shine Burnette, Valerie Dehombreux, Laurel Endfield, Ranelda Hastings, Dawnafe Whitesinger and Kathy Wynn

Members Absent: Velma Kaytoggy

Other Attendees: Connie Baine, Diane Derickson, Mona Eleando, Rhonda Etsitty, Sarah Griffiths, Rochelle Lacapa, Kirk Massey, Jr., Sheree Massey, Nicole Neault (via telephone) and Maureen Theobald

Introduction of Returning and New Regional Partnership Council Members

Vice Chair Endfield introduced and welcomed both the returning and new members.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the June 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Endfield asked the members to review the minutes of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council regular meeting and Executive Session held on June 14, 2010.

Member Brock moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the June 14, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Member Burnette seconded; the motion passed 7:0:0.

Member Whitesinger moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the June 14, 2010 Executive Session as presented. Member Hastings seconded; the motion passed 7:0:0.

Call to the Public

None

Discussion and Possible Approval of Regional Needs & Assets Report

Ms. Sarah Griffiths, Wholonomy, Inc., thanked the members of the community, especially Vice Chair Endfield, Member Hastings and Regional Coordinator Lacapa for their support in this process. Ms. Griffiths noted that First Things First is known in the community and the community is supportive of First Things First. Ms. Griffiths also noted that the strategies and funding of the Regional Partnership Council align with the needs of the community. Ms. Griffiths added that Johns Hopkins is seen as an asset to the community and Child Find is noted by the community for its collaboration efforts through the inter-agency meetings. Feedback from the members included: the report was laid out well, easy to read and the level of detail was excellent and informative. Coordinator Lacapa informed the members that the report was approved by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council prior to the deadline.

Member Wynn moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the 2010 Needs & Assets Report as presented. Member Dehombreux seconded; the motion passed 7:0:0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Support Box Budget Modification

Member Hastings submitted a disclosure form related to her conflict of interest with this agenda item because of her employment with Johns Hopkins. Mrs. Sheree Massey, Johns Hopkins, shared that the Support Box Project is serving 119 children (birth through

five) and 73 families. The majority of feedback for this project has been positive with only two negative responses. The challenges include reminding people of the process, seeking volunteers and scheduling time to distribute boxes. Ms. Nicole Neault, Johns Hopkins, reviewed the submitted request for budget modification and explained that because this project has been extended from June 30, 2010 to December 31, 2010, the project is requesting to move funds from supplies and materials in order to cover personnel costs for staff to administer the program. Ms. Neault also noted that while this project was intended to utilize one part-time staff member, the project has actually utilized 1.5. Coordinator Lacapa expressed that this transfer of funds would make more money available to serve more people.

After further discussion, Member Whitesinger moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the Johns Hopkins budget modification as presented. Member Wynn seconded, the motion passed 6:0:0.

Presentation of HRSA Workforce Grant

Ms. Connie Baine, Navajo-Apache Regional Health Coordinator and Chair of the Navajo-Apache Regional Oral Health Coalition, informed the members of a new HRSA Federal Grant, which has contracted with four regions in the State. It is a three-year grant, which utilizes tele-dentistry to provide preventative dentistry to reach pediatric patients (birth through five) in this region and to transmit and record information via the support of a dental hygienist. Ms. Baine extended an invitation to the members to attend Oral Health Coalition meetings.

SFY 2011 Grantee Introductions

- a. Mrs. Mona Eleando, Northland Pioneer College, Apache Families First Project, informed members that to date, thirty students have completed course requirements; the next class begins after Labor Day.
- b. Mrs. Massey and Ms. Neault, Johns Hopkins, Father's Project, informed the members that this project has been named *Nalwod*, which means *to be strong*, in Apache. A total of 16 fathers are enrolled in the six-month program, which encompasses 24 sessions. The project is still recruiting fathers.
- c. Ms. Baine, Navajo County Public Health Service District, shared that this involves a brief oral health assessment in the region, provided by a dental hygienist. A child may receive one to three fluoride applications and will receive an oral health kit. This project can provide up to 600 fluoride applications.
- d. ABC Day Care, Child Care Scholarship program – this is tabled until next month when a representative can be available.

Update on Possible Government-to-Government Agreements

- a. SFY 2011 Early Literacy Strategy: Coordinator Lacapa informed the members that she is meeting with Dr. Yost to finalize the Reach Out & Read program at the hospital and is focusing on submitting the contract to the State Board in September.
- b. SFY 2011 Parent Coaching Strategy: Coordinator Lacapa stated the FACE program will not be able to administer this; however, Child Find is interested if it can solidify staff needs. This could hopefully be presented to the State Board in September; otherwise, it would have to wait until the December meeting.

Annual Review of Regional Governance Policy, First Read

Coordinator Lacapa informed the members that the Governance Policy must be reviewed annually and there must be a minimum of two readings. Coordinator Lacapa requested the members submit input on the document by September 1, 2010. Coordinator Lacapa will then provide a revised copy for a second read during the September meeting.

Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed the list of meetings in the community and the newspaper articles submitted to *The Apache Scout* during the months of June and July 2010. Coordinator Lacapa informed the members that the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) contract is pending a revised line-item budget and budget narrative; once received it will be submitted to the members for approval. Lastly, Coordinator Lacapa reminded the members of the Summit, to be held August 30-31, 2010.

Discussion and Possible Approval of SFY 2011 Communications Budget

Coordinator Lacapa reminded the members that \$4680 had been slated for theater ads; however, since all ads must be submitted through Moses Anshell, this funding will only cover approximately five months of advertising instead of 12 months.

After discussing other possible options, Member Burnette moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council move the funding (\$4680) from Objective 2 (advertising) to Objective 1 (collateral materials) of the SFY 2011 Communications Plan Budget. Member Wynn seconded; the motion passed 7:0:0.

Discussion and Possible Regional Partnership Council Elections

The members offered suggestions for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair and then cast a ballot vote. The outcome is as follows: Chair: Laurel Endfield (7 votes); Vice Chair: Dawnafe Whitesinger (4 votes); C. Bradley Brock (3 votes).

Items for the Good of the Order

First Things First Forum, August 20, 2010, 1:00-3:30 p.m., Lakeside Fire Department, Lakeside

2010 Arizona Early Childhood Summit, August 30-31, 2010, Marriott Mesa Phoenix Hotel.

Inter-agency Meeting, September 2, 2010, 2:30 p.m., Whiteriver

White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting, September 14, 3:00 p.m., ABC Day Care, Whiteriver
Coordinator Lacapa is compiling a resource guide for the region.

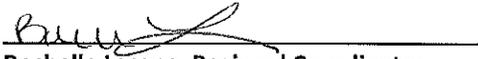
Adjourn

Having no further business, Chair Endfield, adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Approved:



Laurel Endfield, Chair



Rochelle Lacapa, Regional Coordinator