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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

A Regular Regional Council Meeting open to the public, was held on Monday, August 12, 2013 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

Welcome/Introduction/Call to Order

Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at approximately 3:25 p.m.

Members present: Laurel Endfield, Dawnafe Whitesinger, Shine Burnette, Ranelda Hastings, Niki Whitaker, Mike Gaffney, and Kathy Wynn.

Members absent: Velma Kaytoggy, Jandi Hernandez, and Ramon Riley.

Others present: Virginia Turner, Krista Beazley, Kathy Bunker, Violeta Dominquez, Paula Hoyt, Pam Flake, and Kim Taylor

Call to the Public

There were no calls to the public received.

Disclosure of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest disclosed.

Discussion and Possible Approval of July 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Chair Endfield asked for a motion for the minutes, Member Whitesinger moved to approve the July 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes as presented, Member Whitaker seconded, motion passed.

Program Status Report

Reach Out and Read

Chair Endfield recognized Pam Flake from Reach Out and Read to provide the program status update. Ms. Flake introduced Paula Hoyt, Reach Out and Read Outreach assistant. Ms. Hoyt told the Regional Council that programs that encourage early childhood literacy are so important because 88% of the 1st graders who are reading below grade level will still be reading below grade level in the 4th grade. She said that some of the barriers are getting kids to get books at outreach events however they have overcome that barrier; she said that from July 2012 thru December 2013 they distributed 2047 books and from January 2103 thru July 2103 they distributed 6132 books. They have also increased the number of well-child visits and books distributed.

Parent Coaching

Chair Endfield asked Kim Taylor, Public Health Nurse with Indian Health Services to give an update on the Children with Special Needs strategy. Ms. Taylor reported that parent coaching under this strategy has expanded and many more parents are attending. Goals are set with families based on specific needs. The CSN strategy also works with many health care providers for evaluations. Ms. Taylor said she has many success stories and gave several examples.

Presentation and Discussion of the U of A Norton School, Needs & Assets Report Vendor

Chair Endfield introduced Violeta Dominquez, Research Specialist with University of Arizona Norton School, the Needs and Assets Report vendor for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council. Ms. Dominquez told the Regional Council the report will

- try to convey the particular character of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Region
- identify community needs and document the strengths and how they can be leveraged to meet the needs
- identify relevant and actionable recommendations based on the information gained

Ms. Dominquez said they would try to put the information together in a way that is useful to the Regional Council. She explained where the information will come from and how it will be gathered, as well as provided a time line for delivering the information.

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Approval of Expansion, Start-Up and/or Capital Expense and Quality First FY14

Chair Endfield tabled this agenda item until the September Regular Meeting due to lack of quorum for discussion due to conflicts of interest.

Presentation and Discussion of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council System Building

Chair Endfield turned the discussion over to Regional Director Beazley who led the discussion about some items the Regional Council felt should be addressed in system building, and what system these items would be a part of. The Regional Council discussed including pre-school parents informational sessions as connections, infrastructure, and scale system building topics and developmental screening referrals as a topic that could be included in building context, connections and infrastructure. Regional Director Beazley will hold some information gathering meetings with principal partners to discuss possible actions and bring the discussion to the Regional Council at the next meeting.

Regional Director Report

Update of status of Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy

Regional Director Beazley reported that the Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy is nearing the point of bringing the agreement to the Regional Council. She said this is targeted for the September regular meeting.

Monthly Report

Regional Director Beazley gave a report of the activities and meetings she attended last month and upcoming events. She wanted to highlight the Tribal Consultation, and also the Quality First Event on August 19, 2013. She also mentioned the Early Childhood Summit, she asked Kat Bunker, Admin assistant to provide an update. Ms. Bunker provided clarifications on parking and bringing water to the meetings as well as procedure for turning in receipts, and that a Chair, Vice Chair meeting is scheduled at the Summit on Monday August 26 after the Tribal Gathering.

Regional Director Beazley also mentioned the Tribal Health Board Meeting, Ina Perez from FTF will attend this meeting and Regional Director Beazley will attend by conference call.

Financial Reports

Regional Director Beazley provided the SFY13 Quarter 4 Contract Budget Summary Report. She said that most of the strategies have already or will when final expenses post, expended their full contract budgets. Final expenses must be submitted by August 15, 2013 for SFY13.

General Discussion/Council Member Updates

The Regional Council members sang "Happy Birthday" to Member Whitesinger. Member Endfield announced she has stopped smoking.

Member Whitesinger thanked everyone for the potluck dinner.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Next Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

After discussion, Chair Endfield asked for a motion. Member Burnette moved the following Dates, Times and Locations for upcoming White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Regular Meetings be approved:

- October 7, 2013, at 3:00 pm, at ABC Day Care, Whiteriver Arizona 85941.
- October 28, 2013, at 3:00 pm, at ABC Day Care, Whiteriver Arizona 85941 for the Regular November meeting.
- December 2, 2013, at 3:00 pm, at ABC Day Care, Whiteriver Arizona 85941.

Member Whitesinger seconded, motion passed.

Next Meeting September 9, 2013 at 3:00pm ABC Day Care Center, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941

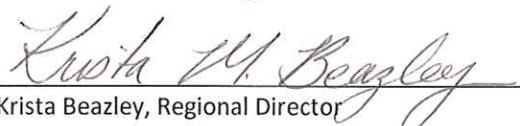
Adjourn

Chair Endfield adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:12 p.m.

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Laurel Endfield, Chair



Krista Beazley, Regional Director