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Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Welcome

The regular meeting of the First Things First Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on August 14, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources, 880 West Route 66, Peach Springs, Arizona 86434.

Chair Imus called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

Members Present

Reverend Pete Imus, Chair; Darren Hudak; Charlene Imus; Sandra Irwin and Dr. Anthony Perkins. Candida Hunter, Vice Chair and Joyce Holgate participated telephonically.

Member Excused

Lucille Watahomigie

Possible Approval of Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Member Perkins made a motion to approve the June 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes and the June 27, 2013 special meeting minutes. Member Hudak seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Call to the Public

There were no responses to the Call to the Public.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates and Announcements

Chair Imus introduced Hualapai Tribal Council Vice Chair Philbert Watahomigie, and Sheila Halbert, the new Hualapai Head Start Director. Vice Chair Hunter announced the First Things First Tribal Consultation August 15 in Phoenix. Tribal Council Vice Chair Watahomigie will attend, and Regional Director Ashley Pascual sent him a memo regarding topics that would be discussed.

Discussion on FY2015 Funding Plan Development

Director Pascual reviewed the FY13-15 funding plan timelines and the 3-year strategic plan. The final FY13 grantee reimbursement requests have been submitted, and after all payments are made the amount of carryover funding can be calculated. Director Pascual reviewed all current strategies, further explaining TEACH scholarships, including eligibility requirements. Member Holgate joined the meeting at 9:32 a.m. Following discussion, there was consensus to continue focus on current regional priorities, with the addition of systems development, in order to achieve progress on the chosen three school readiness indicators and better use of resources. Director Pascual noted that the Needs and Assets report vendor, University of Arizona is brainstorming ways to conduct a ten question survey of parents in the region. Member Irwin suggested it may be better to have the survey conducted by Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness Department health care representatives, as they are already going into the homes and the families already have a level of comfort with them. Chair Imus and Vice Chair Hunter will comprise the funding plan work group that will meet in October and prepare a recommendation to the Regional Partnership Council.

Hualapai Early Childhood Development and Health System

Director Pascual explained that scheduling conflicts prevented setting up a collaboration meeting between the Regional Partnership Council members and tribal departments, and suggested attending an existing committee's meeting to discuss

use of the already developed algorithm depicting how individual cases should be handled. Members suggested several possibilities, and Director Pascual will contact these groups and report back. She shared as a recent example of cross-regional collaboration the Oral Health in Early Childhood forum that was held in Kingman last week with attendees from the Hualapai Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, and others from La Paz and Mohave counties. Director Pascual noted common priorities during meetings with individual Regional Partnership Council members, including: greater use of partnerships, identification of children in need of services, family education and involvement, qualified staff, and a common community vision. Member Perkins volunteered to take the lead on the Regional Partnership Council areas of focus, and Vice Chair Hunter volunteered to assist.

Parent Awareness and Community Outreach Update

Community Outreach Coordinator Erin Taylor stated the Quality First website (QualityFirstAZ.com) is scheduled to launch August 20. Coordinator Taylor reported that she participated in the Hualapai Back to School Bash, where she distributed 250-300 First Things First bags and Scholastic books. She also participated in the oral health forum in Kingman and distributed a number of materials there. Director Pascual noted that Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness employees in attendance mentioned they planned to use those materials for a 'Lunch and Learn' event. Coordinator Taylor reported that the Tribal Gathering on August 26 at the First Things First Early Childhood Summit will feature keynote speaker Eduardo Duran, and the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council native language preservation books will be highlighted as a regional success at a subsequent session. Coordinator Taylor suggested various events she could participate in to conduct outreach in the region, and noted she attended the Indian Days planning meeting August 13 and hopes to partner on that event. She advised the Regional Partnership Council to watch for an upcoming article on the bilingual books in the Gamyu.

Regional Director's Report

Director Pascual noted that all grantees have submitted their data as required and she will review and report to the Regional Partnership Council at the next meeting.

Director Pascual gave an update on vacant seats on the Regional Partnership Council, and requested that current members advise her if they know of any potential applicants to fill one of the three vacant seats.

Director Pascual advised that Tribal Council approved the data collection for all ten Arizona school readiness indicators, and that she will be presenting a request to conduct the data collection for the Needs and Assets report at the Tribal Council's September meeting.

Director Pascual provided a State Board update, noting that First Things First is conducting a nationwide search for a new Chief Executive Officer while Sam Leyvas serves as interim. The State Board did approve the grant agreement with the Hualapai Education and Training Department at their last meeting, and a first payment has already been made for the child care expansion grant agreement.

Director Pascual advised she will have everyone's travel folder at the Summit, and reminded members that the lunches provided at the Tribal Gathering and the Celebration Luncheon precluded reimbursement for those meals. She also noted that the Lanna Flood Memorial Keynote Address will be given during the Tribal Gathering.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be September 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

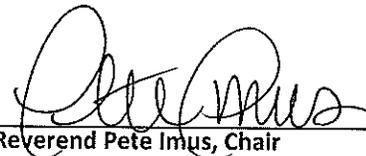
Chair Imus adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Sandy Smith, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:



Reverend Pete Imus, Chair