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AGENDA ITEM: Meeting Minutes

BACKGROUND: Meeting minutes of the July 17, 2014 Regular Meeting are included for review and possible approval.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director recommends review and approval of the July 17, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.



**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2014**

Welcome/Call to Order/Roll Call

The Special Meeting of the First Things First San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at the San Carlos Apache Tribe Education Department Conference Room, San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, Arizona 85550.

Chair Poncho called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. and completed a roll call.

Members Present:

Mary Bendle, Teri Gallenstein, April Noline, Vernon Poncho, Delphine Rodriguez (telephonic) and Flora Talas (telephonic)

Members Absent:

Michelle Antonio, Louis Lorenzo and Elliott Talgo

Call to the Public

Chair Poncho announced the Call to the Public. There was no response.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair Poncho requested Regional Council members review the agenda items and declare any possible Conflicts of Interest.

Vice Chair Talas stated she had a conflict of interest with agenda item #5a – Family, Friend and Neighbor due to her overseeing the program. As a result, she recused herself from any discussion and vote related to the strategy.

Member Noline stated she had a conflict of interest with agenda item #5a – Family, Friend and Neighbor due to her overseeing the program. As a result, she recused herself from any discussion and vote related to the strategy.

Meeting Minutes

Chair Poncho presented the minutes from the June 12, 2014 Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Member Noline to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Member Bendle. Motion carried 5-0-1 by roll call vote. Member Gallenstein abstained due to her not serving on the Regional Council at that time.

Council Member	Vote
Mary Bendle	Yes
Teri Gallenstein	Abstain
April Noline	Yes
Vernon Poncho	Yes
Delphine Rodriguez	Yes
Flora Talas	Yes

Tribal Grant Agreement

Chair Poncho informed the Regional Council that due to conflict of interest this item was unable to be discussed and requested that LaToya Beatty, Regional Director schedule a Special Meeting for this item.

Regional Benchmarking for the School Readiness Indicators

Chair Poncho welcomed Amy Kemp, Dynamic Analysis, to present the regional benchmarking process. Ms. Kemp gave a brief overview of the benchmarking process and presented information regarding the indicators selected by the Regional Council, Indicators #1, 3, 5 and 7.

Quorum was lost at 9:50 a.m. due to Member Bendle stepping out of the meeting. Quorum was regained at 9:57 a.m.

Ms. Kemp informed the Regional Council that First Things First requests permission from the San Carlos Apache Tribe for all tribal data used to track the benchmarks. The Quality Early Education – Special Needs Indicator, the number or percent of children with special needs/rights enrolled in an inclusive early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars was discussed. The base line calculation was provided. Due to the small number of children with special needs/right currently enrolled in Quality First in the region the number was suppressed due to less than 25 children in the region with special needs/rights. Ms. Kemp reviewed the timeline of reaching quality and stated that most centers move from 1 to 2 stars in 2 years and 2 to 3 stars in 2 – 4 years. She pointed out that due to the number of children with special needs/rights enrolled in Quality First were suppressed the Regional Council could focus their discussions on the number of providers expected to attain a 3-5 star rating by 2020. The First Things First State Board has set a statewide benchmark of 73% by 2020.

Member Gallenstein stated that in her experience with Head Start and Quality First, she is very optimistic that they will be rated as quality in the next few years and has seen much improvement already.

A motion was made by Member Gallenstein that the San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council sets a benchmark of 75% of children with special needs/rights be enrolled in an early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars in 2020, seconded by Member Bendle.

Vice Chair Talas requested the Regional Council to continue its support for current Quality First providers. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Council Member	Vote
Mary Bendle	Yes
Teri Gallenstein	Yes
April Noline	Yes
Vernon Poncho	Yes
Delphine Rodriguez	Yes
Flora Talas	Yes

2014 Regional Needs & Assets Report

Vice Chair Talas informed the Regional Council that she would need to excuse herself from the meeting shortly.

Chair Poncho requested that agenda item 7 – 2014 Regional Needs & Assets Report be skipped and that we hear agenda item 8 – Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at this time.

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Chair Poncho opened the floor for nominations. Member Bendle nominated Chair Poncho for Chair and Vice Chair Talas for Vice Chair. The nominees accepted their nominations.

Chair Poncho requested a roll call vote to approve his nomination for Chair.

Council Member	Vote
Mary Bendle	Yes
Teri Gallenstein	Yes
April Noline	Yes
Vernon Poncho	Yes
Delphine Rodriguez	Yes
Flora Talas	Yes

Chair Poncho requested a roll call vote to approve Vice Chair Talas' nomination for Vice Chair.

Council Member	Vote
Mary Bendle	Yes
Teri Gallenstein	Yes
April Noline	Yes
Vernon Poncho	Yes
Delphine Rodriguez	Yes
Flora Talas	Yes

Announcements

Chair Poncho announced the next Regular Meeting to be held August 14, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the San Carlos Apache Tribe Education Department Conference Room. The Collaborative will hold a meeting July 30, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the San Carlos Apache Tribe Education Department Conference Room.

Adjournment

Chair Poncho adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

**Vernon Poncho, Chair
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
Dated this 14th day of August 2014**

**LaToya Beatty, Regional Director
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
Dated this 14th day of August 2014**



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BACKGROUND: Meeting minutes of the July 23, 2014 Special Meeting are included for review and possible approval.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director recommends review and approval of the July 23, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
Special Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2014

Welcome/Call to Order/Roll Call

The Special Meeting of the First Things First San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at the First Things First Globe Office 2250 Highway 60, Suite K, Globe, Arizona 85501.

Chair Poncho called the meeting to order at approximately 8:34 a.m. and completed a roll call.

Members Present:

Michelle Antonio (telephonic), Mary Bendle (telephonic), Teri Gallenstein, Louis Lorenzo (telephonic), April Noline (telephonic), Vernon Poncho (telephonic), Delphine Rodriguez (telephonic) and Flora Talas (telephonic)

Members Absent:

Elliott Talgo

Call to the Public

Chair Poncho announced the Call to the Public. There was no response.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair Poncho requested Regional Council members review the agenda items and declare any possible Conflicts of Interest.

Member Noline stated she had a conflict of interest with agenda item #4a – Family, Friend and Neighbor. As a result, she recused herself from any discussion and vote related to the strategy.

Vice Chair Talas stated she had a conflict of interest with agenda item #4a – Family, Friend and Neighbor. As a result, she recused herself from any discussion and vote related to the strategy.

Tribal Grant Agreement

LaToya Beatty, Regional Director presented the Family, Friend and Neighbor tribal grant agreement. The tribal grant agreement includes \$54,000 to provide 10 unregulated child care providers with trainings, workshops, materials and equipment to improve home child care. Ms. Beatty recommends awarding this grant agreement to the San Carlos Apache Tribe Apache Kid Child Care.

Member Gallenstein made a motion to award the tribal grant agreement to the San Carlos Apache Tribe Apache Kid Child Care with an amount not to exceed \$54,000 for August 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014. Member Bendle seconded the motion.

Chair Poncho requested a roll call vote.

Council Member	Vote
Michelle Antonio	Yes
Mary Bendle	Yes
Teri Gallenstein	Yes
Louis Lorenzo	Yes
Vernon Poncho	Yes
Delphine Rodriguez	Yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment

Chair Poncho adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

**Vernon Poncho, Chair
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
Dated this 14th day of August 2014**

**LaToya Beatty, Regional Director
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
Dated this 14th day of August 2014**

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AGENDA ITEM: Strategic Planning SFY2016-2018

BACKGROUND: The funding plan process results in a systematic approach to determining the strategies that will be implemented in the San Carlos Apache region's service delivery network for children and families for the next three years. The chosen strategies must link to past accomplishments and continue to: build on each other, support the State Board's priority roles; impact school readiness indicators at a local and state level; and influence the elements needed to create a sustainable early learning system.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director provides this as informational purposes only.



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Strategic Planning Timeline

August - Historic Review	September - Regional Assessment	October - Prioritization Approaches	November - Implementation	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of strategies • Prior years data trends • System building priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Director creates a synthesized report - Needs & Assets Report 2014 • Hold a worksession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize needs • Align needs with SRI and Regional Benchmarks • Identify Approaches to those needs - funded/unfunded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set three year budget based on approaches • Implementation plans for unfunded approaches • System building efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra month as safety net - if anything flows over from prior months or if the council needs more time



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define areas of need • Prioritize— where should we focus our efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs & Assets Report • FY13-15 Strategic Direction & Implementation • Data & Discussion from Benchmarking • Reports/Data from Partners • Visioning/Big Picture • System Building Levers; quality partnerships, infrastructure & capacity, scope and scale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment of needs with SRI and benchmarks • Alignment of needs to FTF priority roles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine approaches to take (funded/unfunded) to address the prioritized needs and advance the early childhood system in the region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set three year budget based on approaches • Implementation plans for unfunded approaches – system building efforts
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***In every strategy discussion there will be:* Purpose, Population Statistics, Data Trends/Analysis, Capacity/Infrastructure, Collaboration, Quality Partnerships/Sustainability and System Building Opportunities.**



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AGENDA ITEM: Regional Director's Report

BACKGROUND: The Regional Director will present updates since the last Regular Meeting and on upcoming events.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director is providing this attachment for information purposes only.



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August 2014 Director's Report

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General Updates

Regional Director's Collaborations & Committee Work

- FTF Tribal Technical Advisory Group Meeting (July 25th)
- New Member Orientation (August 5th)

Regional Council Recruitment

- The philanthropy seat and one at-large seat for the San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council remain open. Applications are still being accepted and can be found at www.azftf.gov/serve.

Parent Education Community-Based Training Strategy Update

- The new and revised tribal grant agreement document has been completed and is now being filled out by the Tribe.



San Carlos Apache Early Childhood Development and Health Collaborative



**Meeting September 24th
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Location TBD**