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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on June 6, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. at the Cocopah Community Center, 14251 S. Centre Avenue, Somerton, Arizona, 85350.

Dr. Reed called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Michael Reed, Vice Chair; Christie Stevens; Cristina Solórzano; Paul Soto; Gina Nierenhausen; Ines Pampara; Patricia R. Weissenberg participated via conference call.

Members Excused: Chair Jill McCormick and Rev. Deal Begay

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Dr. Reed provided the Regional Council with the opportunity to declare a conflict of interest regarding any items on the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

Approval of May 2, 2012 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Member Soto moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2012, Regional Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Solorzano, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on FY2013 Regional Directed Strategy – Parent Outreach and Awareness

The Regional Council discussed the Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy which included a review of the draft budget and implementation timeline presented by Regional Director, Ashley Pascual. Regional Director Pascual recommended conducting a survey of the community to identify parent awareness topics, and then bring those topics to Elders for advice and support. A motion was made by Member Soto to approve the recommendation for the Parent Outreach and Awareness strategy with the stipulation that the feedback from the survey is provided to *all* Elders Groups. A newsletter or flyer would then go out to the community to share the information. The motion was seconded by Member Nierenhausen. Discussion ensued on the various groups of Elders, and the importance of reaching out to all of them. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Regional Council Member Recognition

Service recognition was given to members with four years of service on the Regional Partnership Council.

Review of Draft 2012 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment

The Regional Council discussed the review of the first draft of the FY2012 Needs and Assets Assessment. Dr. Reed proposed a meeting session that would allow for a page by page review of the Assessment. There was consensus among the Regional Council that an in-depth review was needed. A meeting date of June 20, 2012 was agreed on by the Regional Council for further review of the Assessment.

Regional Update

Regional Director Pascual provided an update on the Grantee Data report and Financial Expenditure reports. The grantee data update included the Quarter 3 report from T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) demonstrating that no T.E.A.C.H. scholarships have been awarded. Regional Director Pascual reminded the Regional Council that T.E.A.C.H. scholarships were not included in their funding plan and will not be offered for FY2013.

The region's upcoming events were discussed including:

- a) The Cocopah Summer Jump Start is scheduled to be held on June 13, 2012, 10:00am-12:00pm at the Cocopah Community Center in Somerton Arizona.
- b) The Cocopah Father's Day BBQ is scheduled to be held on June 15, 2012, 10:00am-12:00pm, at the Cocopah Community Center in Somerton, Arizona.
- c) The 2012 Summit is scheduled to be held on August 19-21, 2012, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Next Meeting

The next special meeting to review the Needs and Assets will occur on the afternoon of June 20, 2012, at the Cocopah Housing and Development Office, 10488 Steamboat Street, Somerton, Arizona, and the next regular Regional Partnership Council meeting will occur August 15, 2012 at 3:00 p.m., at the Cocopah Community Center, 14251 S. Centre Avenue, Somerton, Arizona 85350.

Adjournment

Member Soto moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Stevens.

Dr. Reed adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

Dr. Michael Reed, Vice Chair, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council