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AGENDA ITEM: Meeting Minutes

BACKGROUND: Meeting minutes of the June 21, 2013 Regular Meeting are included for review and possible approval.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director recommends review and approval of the June 21, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes.



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Gila Regional Partnership Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2013

Call to Order, Welcome and Roll Call

The Gila Regional Partnership Council meeting was held on Friday, June 21, 2013 at Besh Ba Gowah 1324 S. Jesse Hayes Road Globe, Arizona 85501.

Regional Council Chair Yale called the meeting to order at approximately 10:07 a.m.

Regional Council Members in attendance:

Audrey Opitz, Carol Welsh, Dr. Diane Bricker, Fernando Shipley, Kayla Van Cleve, Sharri Moody, Sherry Dorothy and Sue Yale

Regional Council Members not in attendance:

Ann Tolman and Debby Bunney

First Things First Staff in attendance:

Hazel Chandler, Gila Regional Director; Cindi Alva, Senior Director; Jennika Horta, Administrative Assistant II; Meena Shahi, Program Evaluation Analyst and Amy Kemp, Evaluation Consultant

Community Members in attendance:

Beck Hancock, Association for Supportive Child Care; Lynn Winans, Payson Head Start; Ginnie Scales, Child Health Care Consultation, Renee Hartje, Easter Seals Blake Foundation; Charlene Becker, Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services; Mary Stemm, Gila County Library District; Paula Horn, Gila County Health Department; Camille Verdugo, Easter Seals Blake Foundation; Jessica Black, Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services and Sonia Yanez, Healthy Steps

Call to the Public

Chair Yale announced the Call to the Public, there were two responses. Renee Hartje, Easter Seals Blake Foundation informed the Regional Council of the Me Too! program available to child care providers. Twelve hours of technical assistance per year is available to DES licensed providers and trainings are provided to the public. Camille Verdugo, Easter Seals Blake Foundation, informed the Regional Council of the updates to AzEIP in the region.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair Yale requested Regional Council members review the meeting agenda and declare any possible conflicts of interest at this time. No declarations of conflict of interest were made.

Meeting Minutes

Chair Yale presented the minutes of the May 17, 2013 – Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Member Shipley to approve the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Member Moody. Motion carried 8-0.

Regional School Readiness Benchmarks

Chair Yale announced Amy Kemp, Evaluation Consultant to the meeting. Ms. Kemp announced to the Regional Council that a benchmark for School Readiness Indicator #7 would need to be selected during this meeting. Ms. Kemp reviewed the information discussed at the April Regular Meeting including weight data from WIC clients being the data set selected to measure benchmarks and that 70% of WIC children ages 2 – 4 in the region are at a healthy weight. Member Bricker expressed concern with using WIC data to gauge the entire region when many factors affect children not eligible for WIC. Ms. Kemp led the Regional Council in discussion of the community partners who will also affect the benchmark.

A motion was made by Member Shipley to propose a regional benchmark for Indicator #7 at 75% to be vetted publicly, seconded by Member Van Cleve. Motion carried 7-1.

Presentation by FY2013 Grantees

Chair Yale announced Mary Stemm, Gila County Library District, to present on the Parent Outreach and Awareness strategy. Ms. Stemm briefly presented FY2013 information. Chair Yale announced Jessica Black and Charlene Becker of Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services to present on the Community Based Training – Pregnant and Parenting Teens strategy. Ms. Black and Ms. Becker presented FY2013 information. Chair Yale announced Paula Horn and Sonya Yanez of the Gila County Health Department to discuss the Care Coordination/Developmental and Sensory Screening strategy. Ms. Horn and Ms. Yanez presented the FY2013 information.

The Regional Council took a break at 12:12 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Financial and Program Update

Ms. Chandler informed the Regional Council that there will be \$125,000 - \$150,000 of unexpected carry forward in FY2014. An extra Quality First center slot was added for FY2014, but adequate funding to continue this slot was not available for FY2015. The intent of the Regional Council at that time was to use additional carry forward funds to continue this additional center in FY2015. Even with the additional allocation needed for the Quality First center in FY2015, approximately \$75,000 would be available if the Regional Council decides to add an additional strategy to the FY2014 funding plan.

FY2014 Funding Plan Change

In response to the Regional Council request at the meeting in May, Ms. Chandler presented information on a Start-up and Expansion Strategy for consideration. Ms. Chandler reminded the Regional Council that the Freeport McMoRan grant approval for the Inspiration project is on hold until a request is made to the Miami School Board to move the location of the multigenerational center from Inspiration school building to the Las Lomas school building.

Member Dorathy declared a conflict of interest with the agenda item.

Member Shipley declared a conflict of interest with the agenda item.

Ms. Chandler suggested the Regional Council amend the FY2014 funding plan to include an Expansion, Start-up and/or Capital Expense strategy to provide initial funding for the Inspiration Center. Ms. Chandler believed that funding such a strategy would be more beneficial to the center than the additional Quality First center funding in the FY2014 funding plan. Due to the implementation schedule the program would not receive the scholarships and other supports to assist with cash flow for FY2014. The Regional Council was informed of the specific costs that could be covered by an Expansion, Start-up and/or Capital Expense strategy.

Chair Yale requested information on the Inspiration Center from Member Dorathy. Member Dorathy informed the Regional Council that costs for renovating the building will be lower than expected at Las Lomas due to the roof problems recently being declared under warranty and that the Inspiration Board has approved the move to Las Lomas and will present the move to the Miami School Board for approval on Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

Member Bricker suggested waiting until the Freeport McMoRan grant was complete before allocating funds towards a new strategy. It was discussed that the Freeport McMoRan grant was dependent on providing documentation regarding funding implementation and operational plan therefore the Expansion/Start-up Strategy would be an important piece of this funding picture.

Member Van Cleve requested the operational plan from the Inspiration Board including the anticipated costs for child care in the center.

A motion was made by Member Opitz add an Expansion/Startup strategy in amount up to \$75,000 for FY2014 and direct First Things First staff to develop the details of the strategy and move forward to submit the amendment of the FY2014 Funding Plan to the First Things First State Board for approval, seconded by Chair Yale. Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Yale tabled the System Building Discussion agenda item.

Elections of FY2014 Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Chandler informed the Regional Council that a Chair and Vice Chair for FY2014 would need to be elected by paper ballot. Member Welsh nominated Sue Yale for Chair and Ann Tolman for Vice Chair. Chair Yale accepted the nomination and Ms. Chandler informed the Regional Council that Ann Tolman would accept the nomination. Chair Yale and Vice Chair Tolman were elected by paper ballot.

Chair Yale tabled the Regional Partnership Council Member Update agenda item and the Regional Director's Report agenda item.

Revise Meeting Schedule

Chair Yale informed the Regional Council that a meeting date to be held in Young, Arizona would be added to the meeting schedule and is tentatively set for the September Regular Meeting but the details would be further discussed at the August Regular Meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Yale adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

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Sue Yale, Chair

Dated this 16th day of August 2013

Hazel Chandler, Regional Director

Dated this 16th day of August 2013