

**East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council  
Meeting Minutes  
July 24, 2014**

**Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the First Things First East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on July 24, 2014 at the Vista del Camino Park and Community Center, 7700 East Roosevelt Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85257.

Regional Director Conrad Lindo welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:11 p.m.

Regional Director Lindo had all First Things First staff present at the meeting introduce themselves to the new Council.

**Members Present:**

Council Members Trinity Donovan, Cheryl Foster, Beth Haas, Nicole McNeil, Frank Narducci, Mary Permoda, and Emily Rajakovich.

**Members Absent:**

Council Members Bill Myhr, Marie Raymond and Marin Velarde.

There were 20 members of the public present.

**Council Member Introductions**

Council members introduced themselves by answering a series of questions about their background and past service on councils or boards.

Council Member Permoda arrived at 4:22 p.m.

Council Member introductions continued, with Senior Director Wendy Sabatini and Regional Director Lindo providing the answers which Council Members Myhr, Raymond and Velarde had previously submitted in writing.

**Fiscal Year 2015 Meeting Calendar**

Regional Director Lindo led a discussion regarding the best dates and places for Council members for the regular Council meetings. It was decided that the third Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. works best for everyone's schedules. Everyone also liked the venue at Vista del Camino; and it was decided that at a minimum the next few meetings will be held here, with some other locations looked at for site visits/Council meetings during the year, such as one at Ft. McDowell, with Vista del Camino being used as the main venue.

**Nomination and Election of Council Chair and Vice Chair**

Regional Director Lindo explained the nomination and election process, to include that a Council member may self-identify themselves as being willing to serve as Chair or Vice Chair and that nominations are also accepted.

Council members stated that they would like to wait until the next meeting to further discuss and vote on this item when all Council members are present.

### **Community Outreach Implementation Plan**

Community Outreach Coordinator Tina Oluyi reviewed the implementation plan with the Council. She asked Council members to let her know if there are any specific audiences they would like targeted for outreach. Council Member Narducci asked that Community Outreach Coordinator identify and let Council members know which tactics provide the most results for the least amount of money.

### **Community Awareness FY2015 Budget**

Regional Director Lindo reviewed the budget with the Council members. He explained that the budget amount itself had previously been approved and that the purpose of this agenda item was to obtain a consensus from the Council members as to the line items themselves. Both Regional Director Lindo and Community Outreach Coordinator Oluyi gave more information about the event sponsorships such as the Arizona Science Center Family Science on Wheels, Ultimate Play Date and Mighty Mud Mania. Council Members stated they were in agreement to move the budget forward for approval.

### **Call to the Public**

None.

### **Director Updates**

Regional Director Lindo reminded Council members that they have until September 30 to complete all of their paperwork as well as ethics/public service orientation and driver's training and that pursuant to the new First Things First policy, those Council members who have not completed the requirements will be put forward on October 1 to the First Things First Board for removal from the Council.

Regional Director Lindo said that the draft needs and assets report has been completed and that he will send it out to all Council members for review as soon as approval is received from the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation to disseminate tribal information. The final needs and assets report will be presented to the Council by the University of Arizona at the August meeting.

Regional Director Lindo stated that the Council governance policy will be reviewed at the August Council meeting. Additionally, the next few months will be very important so that the Council has the funding plan approved by November so that it can be forwarded to the First Things First Board for their January meeting.

Regional Director Lindo congratulated Council Member McNeil on her video for the new First Things First media campaign.

### **Regional Council Updates**

Council Member Donovan stated that Chandler Focus recently filmed a show about the Arizona Town Hall which was held last fall regarding early childhood education. The video starred Nadine Basha and is presently shown on Chandler Cox 11 or can be viewed by going to [www.chandler.gov](http://www.chandler.gov) and then to "Chandler Focus.

Council Member Narducci stated that the Chandler Unified School District has been in session for four days with 42,000 students and over 1,000 preschoolers in tuition-waived preschools. They also have home liaison workers helping parents whose children are staying at home and not in preschool.

Regional Director Lindo asked the Council members to bring back any materials and information from the Summit to share with other Council members at the next meeting.

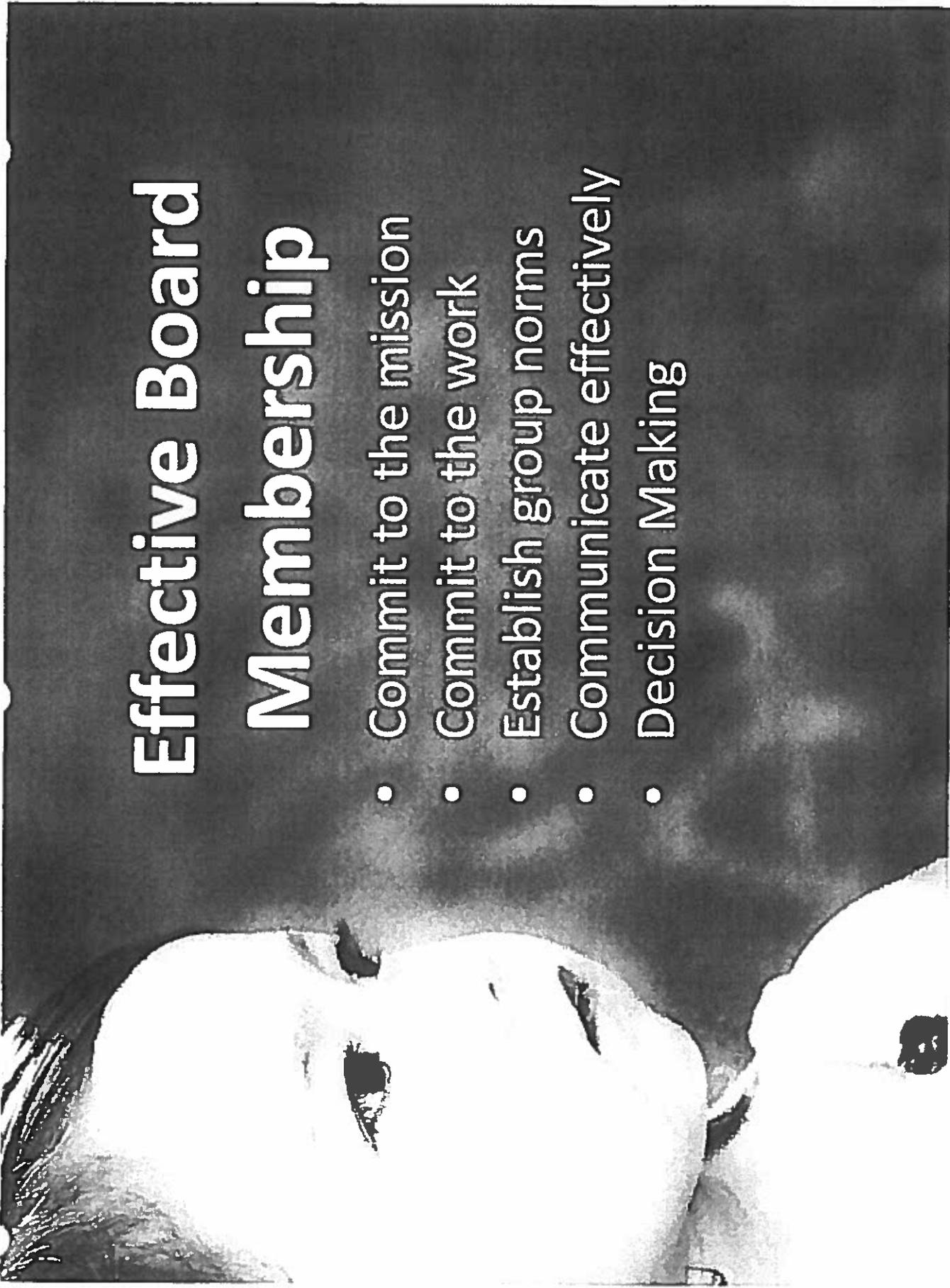
**Adjournment**

Regional Director Lindo asked for any additional questions or comments from the Council and receiving none, adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_  
Caitlyn Hollins, Administrative Assistant III

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad Lindo, Regional Director

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# Effective Board Membership

- Commit to the mission
- Commit to the work
- Establish group norms
- Communicate effectively
- Decision Making

***Regional Partnership Council Statutory Responsibilities\****

Each Regional Partnership Council has a variety of responsibilities under the law. Responsibilities defined in ARS Title 8, Chapter 13, Section 1161 are:

- A. Identify the assets available for early childhood development and health programs in its region, including opportunities for coordination and use of other available funding sources.
- B. Identify and prioritize the unmet need for early childhood development and health programs in its region.
- C. Submit a report detailing assets, coordination opportunities and unmet needs to the Board biannually. (The First Things First Board shall have the discretion to approve or reject a Regional Partnership Council's assessment, in whole or in part, or to require revisions.)
- D. Annually develop a Regional Plan for the expenditure, during the next fiscal year, of funds budgeted by the Board pursuant to 8-1184 to meet the needs identified in its region.
- E. Conduct the approved programs directly and/or make the approved grants pursuant to Section 8-1173.
- F. Increase parents' and providers' access to information about early childhood development and health programs.
- G. May solicit private funds from individuals, corporations and foundations to support its efforts to improve the quality of and access to early childhood development and health programs in its Region. The Board must approve any gifts received in response to Regional Partnership

*\*Excerpt from the Council Member Application Guide*

Section III A.  
SFY 2014

Regional Priorities, Selected FTF Indicators and Priority Roles, and Strategies to Achieve Outcomes

Regional Priority to be addressed	School Readiness Indicators Correlated to the needs and priority roles	FTF Priority Roles in the Early Childhood System	SFY 2015 Strategies
<p>Limited access to high quality early care and education (including infant and toddler settings)</p> <p>Limited access to early preventive medical and dental care for children birth – five years of age.</p> <p>Lack of support to meet the needs of children with developmental/social-emotional issues</p> <p>Limited access to high quality, diverse and relevant information and resources for families to support their child's optimal development.</p> <p>Coordination of existing resources and services for young children and their families.</p> <p>Build Public Awareness and Support</p>	<p>1. #/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p> <p>2. #/% of children receiving timely well child visits.</p> <p>3. #/% of children age 5 with untreated tooth decay.</p> <p>4. % of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well-being.</p> <p>5. #/% of children enrolled in an early care and education programs with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars</p>	<p>Early Care and Education System Development and Implementation – Convene partners and provide leadership in the development and implementation of a comprehensive early care and education system that is aligned both across the spectrum of settings and with the full continuum of the education system.</p> <p>Supports and Services for Families - Convene partners, provide leadership, provide funding, and advocate for development, enhancement, and sustainability of a variety of high quality, culturally responsive, and affordable services, supports, and community resources for young children and their families.</p> <p>Access to Quality Health Care Coverage and Services- Collaborate with partners to increase access to high quality health care services (including oral health and mental health) and affordable health care coverage for young children and their families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality First including CCHC, QF Scholarships, TEACH), Additional QF Scholarships, Additional TEACH (CM)</li> <li>Additional QF Rating Only</li> <li>Mental Health Consultation</li> <li>Scholarships non-TEACH (CM)</li> <li>Community Based Professional Development</li> <li>Early Care and Education (CM)</li> <li>Director Mentoring/Training (CM)</li> <li>FTF Professional REWARDS (CM)</li> <li>Home Visitation</li> <li>Parent Education Community-Based Training</li> <li>Family Resource Centers (CM)</li> <li>Family Support - Children with Special Needs (NE)</li> <li>Oral Health</li> <li>Care Coordination/Medical Home (CM)</li> <li>Service Coordination</li> <li>Community Awareness</li> <li>Media</li> <li>Community Outreach</li> <li>Statewide Evaluation</li> <li>CM = Central Maricopa</li> <li>NE = Northeast Maricopa</li> </ul>