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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Special meeting of the First Things First – White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on August 23, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at approximately 3:12 p.m.

Members Present:
C. Bradley Brock, Shine Burnette, Laurel Endfield, Ranelda Hastings, Velma Kaytoggy, Maura Riesop, Dawnafe Whitesinger and Kathy Wynn

Members Absent: None

Other Attendees: Mona Eleando, Claude Endfield, Rhonda Etsitty, Pam Flake, Sandy Foreman (via phone), Charlene Hamilton, Rochelle Lacapa, Kirk Massey, Jr., Maureen Theobald, Virginia Turner

Call to the Public

Claude Endfield, Northland Pioneer College, distributed a flier related to the upcoming Early Childhood Fair to be held on September 24, 2011.

Chair Endfield requested that the Regional Council discuss Agenda Item #5 next. Member Burnette arrived.

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Approval of the Addition of One or More Professional Development Strategies to the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council's State Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Plan

Chair Endfield opened this discussion and asked for any conflicts of interest. The following members declared a conflict:

a. Chair Endfield declared a conflict of Interest due to her role as Director for ABC Day Care, Whiteriver, Arizona.

b. Member Kaytoggy declared a conflict of interest due to her role as Program Manager for the Child Care Development Fund, Whiteriver, Arizona.

c. Member Riesop declared a conflict of interest due to her role as the Health/Nutrition Advocate for Head Start, Whiteriver, Arizona.

d. Vice Chair Whitesinger declared a conflict of interest due to her role as Director of Instructional Programs at Cibecue Community School, Cibecue, Arizona.

Virginia Turner, Sr. Director of the Northeast Region established that a majority of members have a conflict of interest; and therefore, read the guidelines to invoke the Rule of Impossibility.

Sandy Foreman, Sr. Director, Early Learning gave an overview of the two strategies: T.E.A.C.H. Arizona and Professional Career Pathways Project (PCPP), including the costs for each.

Vice Chair Whitesinger moved that the proposed strategy for T.E.A.C.H. Arizona, funded at $14,000 with a target service unit of seven, be approved and that it shall be included in the State Fiscal Year 2012 First Things First White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Funding Plan. Member Wynn seconded; the motion passed 8:0:0.

Member Burnette moved that the proposed strategy for the Professional Career Pathways Project (PCPP), funded at $15,400 with a target service unit of seven, be approved and that it shall be included in the State Fiscal Year 2012 First Things First White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Funding Plan. Member Wynn seconded; the motion passed 8:0:0.

Regional Director Search Update

Sr. Director Turner shared that between the initial group of applicants and the second group of applicants, there are some viable candidates who will be screened and possibly interviewed.

Needs and Assets Data Collection Update

Sr. Director Turner informed the members that the Letter of Authorization from the Health Board has been received and the letter and the Resolutions have been submitted to the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council Secretary along with a request to be on the agenda for the September 7, 2011 Tribal Council meeting. Sr. Director Turner reminded the members that during the July meeting, members suggested to have Regional Council representation at the Tribal Council meeting, which is also being organized.

Regional Council Member Reports and Updates

Sr. Director Turner reminded everyone of the upcoming Early Childhood Summit and informed the members how to complete travel vouchers for those attending.

Adjourn

The next meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council will be held at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941. Having no further business, Chair Endfield adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:56 p.m.

Approved:

Laurel Endfield, Chair

Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director
Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council