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Arizona Early Child Development and Health Board Yavapai Regional Partnership Council **DRAFT** Minutes

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First Yavapai Regional Partnership Council was held on July 28th, 2010 at the Yavapai County Cottonwood Annex, Board of Supervisors Room, 10 S. 6th Street, Cottonwood, AZ 86326.

Anne Babinsky, Regional Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members Present: Anne Babinsky, Margie Beach, Barbara Jorgensen, Kelly McCready, Becky Ruffner, Mica LaBellarte-Williams, Sherry Birch, Julie Clark, and Sara Lienau.

Members Absent: Heidi Atkinson.

Review and Approval of the Regional Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Barbara Jorgensen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2010 regular meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kelly McCready and passed unanimously.

Review and approval of the June 23, 2010 Regional Council Executive Session Meeting minutes was postponed until later in the meeting due to an insufficient number of Regional Council Members present at the Executive Session needed for quorum in attendance at this time.

Council Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No members of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council declared a conflict of interest with any of the items on the agenda.

Call to the Public

Community Member Barbara Wisler-Waldock, Director of the Family Resource Center at the Yavapai Regional Medical Center and the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program, addressed the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council over the phone in regards to the Third Quarter Data and Financial Summary, Version 2. She clarified the data for the number of families served and the number of Home Visiting Providers employed by her program included in the document.

Community Member Joanne Schloeman of Buena Vista Children's Services addressed the Regional Council in regards to the start-up costs for child care centers. She expressed that these costs, such as paying liability insurance, are a challenge for new child care centers, and asked the Regional Council to consider this challenge when determining future strategies.

Coordinator's Report and Update

Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch reported on a number of current events, including; introduction and welcoming of new members of the Regional Partnership Council. Council Member Sara Lienau, serving in the At Large position; Julie Clark, serving in the Business position; and Heidi Atkinson, serving in the School Administrator position; status on the Regional Partnership Council Member Orientation; the upcoming forum on August 4, 2010 in Flagstaff; dissemination of meeting packets for the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council meetings; status of the legislative update; voter information packets were discussed; and the upcoming First Things First Summit being held on August 30 and 31, 2010.

Regional Council Chair Anne Babinsky discussed two Regional Partnership Council surveys and encouraged all Council Members to participate. One survey focuses on the experience of Regional Partnership Council membership and one survey is intended to inform the First Things First August Summit.

Review and Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Council Member Margie Beach made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2010 Executive Session meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Becky Ruffner and passed unanimously by the six participating Council Members.

Third Quarter Data and Financial Summary

Kathy Rice, Senior Grants and Contract Specialist with First Things First, present by phone, discussed the Third Quarter Data and Financial Summary. The current Financial Summary is a work in progress, as grantees have until August 13, 2010 to submit data. Council Member Barbara Jorgensen questioned the accuracy of some components of the summary. Senior Grants and Contract Specialist Kathy Rice stated the Evaluation Team will be contacted for clarity and that data will be revised so it is cumulative.

Review and Discussion of the Yavapai Regional Council's 2011 Communication Plan

Regional Council Chair Anne Babinsky discussed the Yavapai Regional 2011 Communication Plan. Decisive outcomes were addressed in regard to radio, television, cinema, and billboard placement. Council Members expressed the importance of linking the name "Early Childhood Development and Health Board" to all media messages.

Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch discussed the Financial Summary of media purchases, indicating that there may be some unspent funds for the Regional Council to consider.

Claire Louge, AmeriCorps VISTA with Yavapai Regional First Things First, discussed the Leave Behinds now available for community outreach events; updated information in regard to recent community outreach events, including a presentation to Kiwanis of Prescott and an information table at the July 4th Festival.

2010-2011 Implementation

Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch announced the \$45,000 grant for Food Insecurity was awarded to the Coalition for Compassion and Justice. The three other grants released, Child Care Conferences, Parent Education, and Health Insurance Outreach, were not awarded. Funding levels were reviewed for the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council to allocate the unspent funds for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011. The unspent funds could be discussed after the final Needs and Assets report is presented to the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council in August.

Coordinator Lori Deutsch discussed the timeline for First Things First State Board meetings as it pertains to the Yavapai Regional Council meeting timeline. The Yavapai Regional Partnership Council considered holding several meetings after the August Summit and prior to the State Board meeting in September. Council Members discussed possible times and dates for these meetings.

Council Member Becky Ruffner made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council hold a workgroup special meeting after the First Things First Summit on August 31, 2010 at approximately 4pm at a location to be determined; that the Regional Council also hold a Special Meeting on September 8th, 2010 from 3-5pm at a location to be determined; and that the Regional Council also move their Regular Monthly Meeting from September 22, 2010 to September 15th from 3-5pm. This motion was seconded by Council Member Margie Beach and passed unanimously.

Discussion of the Needs and Assets Report for the Yavapai Region

Claire Louge, AmeriCorps VISTA with First Things First, discussed the progress of the Yavapai Regional Needs and Assets Report. Each section of the Needs and Assets Report draft was reviewed and edited by Council and Community Members. The revisions were compiled and reviewed at a meeting held on July 23, 2010. During this meeting, final edits and revisions were completed and were submitted to LeCroy and Milligan. A final draft document will be available during the week of August 9th. LeCroy and Milligan will present the final Needs and Assets report at the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council Regular Meeting on August 25, 2010.

Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Regional Council Chair Anne Babinsky discussed the duties of the Chair, and Regional Council Vice-Chair Barbara Jorgensen discussed the duties of the Vice-Chair. Each Council Member stated their willingness to serve as Chair and/or Vice-Chair.

Council Member Margie Beach nominated Council Member Anne Babinsky for Chairperson of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council. This was seconded by Council Member Becky Ruffner.

Council Member Sherry Birch nominated Council Member Mica LaBellarte-Williams for Vice-Chairperson. This was seconded by Council Member Kelly McCready. There were no other nominations.

Council Member Becky Ruffner made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council elect Anne Babinsky to the Chairperson position effective August 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. This motion was seconded by Council Member Sherry Birch and passed unanimously.

Council Member Becky Ruffner made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council elect Mica LaBellarte-Williams to the Vice-Chairperson position effective August 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. This motion was seconded by Council Member Sherry Birch and passed unanimously.

Council Meeting Timeline Discussion

The Yavapai Regional Partnership Council decided to table the agenda item concerning meeting times until the August 25th, 2010 regular meeting.

Council Member Reports and Updates

Council Member Becky Ruffner discussed recent statistics that indicate that there is a higher incidence of abuse and neglect of young children who have unemployed parents.

Council Member Margie Beach announced the Collaborator's Luncheon, a networking meeting in which local organizations have the opportunity to share updates and upcoming projects, occurring directly after the Regional Partnership Council meeting that day at the Verde Valley Guidance Clinic.

Council Member Julie Clark announced the National Night Out event in Cottonwood, occurring Thursday, August 5th.

Council Member Mica LaBellarte-Williams requested Council Member business cards to promote effective community outreach by the Council.

Council Chair Anne Babinsky welcomed new Members of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council again.

Council Member Becky Ruffner inquired about the status of the vacant Tribal position on the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council. Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch advised the Regional Council that First Things First has been in contact with the Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Council to establish or renew a Tribal Member for the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Partnership Council is a regular meeting scheduled for August 25, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Prescott.

Adjourn

Regional Council Chair Anne Babinsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Council Member Becky Ruffner and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Lori Deutsch, Yavapai Regional Coordinator

Approved:

Anne Babinsky, Chair

August 25, 2010