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Pima North Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pima North Regional Partnership Council was held on August 27, 2014 at Make Way for Books, 3955 East Fort Lowell Road, Suite 114 Tucson, Arizona 85712.

Chair Peg Harmon welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Jil Feldhausen, Peg Harmon, Scott Ingram, Dorothy Johnson, Amber Jones, Marcia Klipsch, Ann Mastergeorge, Wade McLean, Annabel Ratley, and Sharon Taddeo

II. Tour of the Make Way for Books Building

Jenny Volpe, Executive Director of Make Way for Books, shared that the organization is an early literacy resource center that was established nearly 16 years ago. She shared that Make Way for Books provides a full continuum of early literacy education, programs, and resources to make sharing books an important and enjoyable part of families' lives. Ms. Volpe then took the Pima North Regional Partnership Council and members of the public on a tour of the building.

III. Call to the Public

Will Creamer, Reach Out and Read Southern Arizona

Mr. Creamer shared recent stories of national recognition of Reach Out and Read. He shared information about the program and invited members of the council to tour some of the clinics.

Eleanor Droegemeier, First Things First

Ms. Droegemeier congratulated members in their new council roles on the Pima North Regional Partnership Council. She shared that Pima South is interested in continuing coordination and collaboration with the Pima North region.

Laura Pederson, Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services

Ms. Pederson shared information about the organization, Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services, and distributed a handout. She highlighted recent news about teen pregnancy declining. Specifically, in Arizona teen pregnancy has declined approximately 40% since 1991. She invited members of the council to tour their office and attend future events.

IV. Consent Agenda

Chair Peg Harmon stated that all items on the agenda that are in italics, underlined, and marked with an asterisk are consent matters that will be considered by a single motion with no discussion (unless a member wished to pull an item off of consent agenda for further discussion, which did not occur).

A motion was made by member Annabel Ratley that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the consent agenda, seconded by member Marcia Klipsch. Motion carried.

V. Discussion and Summary of Regional Partnership Council Governance and Culture

During the July regular Pima North Regional Partnership Council meeting Laura Atwood, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lead for Good, led the members in exercises exploring culture of the group. Jessica Brisson, Regional Director, referred to Attachment #3 which summarized Laura's notes from the discussions.

The members commented that they appreciated the exercise and visuals that Ms. Brisson created from the information.

VI. First Things First Summit Highlights

All members of the Pima North Regional Partnership Council attended the First Things First Summit which was August 18-19, 2014 in Phoenix, Arizona. Ms. Brisson informed the council members and public that there was a cross-regional meeting held prior to the Summit on August 17, 2014. The meeting highlights included another overview of the fiscal and programmatic directions of Fiscal Year 2016 and initial conversations about cross-regional partnerships. The members shared their highlights about the Summit and new information gathered at the breakout sessions.

VII. Review of 2014 Needs and Assets Reports for the Central and North Pima Regions

Chair Peg Harmon informed the members that they were given the 2014 Central Pima and North Pima Needs and Assets reports to use as resources for the strategic planning process. Attachments #4 and #5 are snapshots of the reports. Ms. Brisson reminded the members to keep in mind there may be a slight difference in data numbers from the Needs and Assets report and current data reports. Ms. Brisson then reviewed Attachment #6, document outlining an example of using data from the Needs and Assets reports to inform decision-making.

VIII. Discussion and Introduction to Strategic Planning

Ms. Brisson reviewed Attachment #7, Fiscal Year 2015 Pima North Funding Plan and Attachment #8, Pima North Regional Partnership Council Funding by Goal Area. She informed the council that Fiscal Year 2015 was the last year in a three year funding cycle and that all services were maintained to make a seamless transition. Lastly, she reviewed the strategic planning process and timeline that was outlined on Attachment #9.

IX. Review of the State Fiscal Year 2014 Targeted Regional Evaluation

Ms. Brisson informed the council that both Central Pima and North Pima invested in regional evaluation studies, which were completed in 2014. Central Pima invested in two studies, focusing on family support and professional development, specifically the Communities of Practice model. North Pima invested in a family support study.

X. Regional Director's Report

Ms. Brisson provided the Regional Partnership Council with First Things First state and regional highlights, upcoming events, and expenditure data report. She also reviewed Attachment #11, Community Outreach Report.

V. Regional Council Member Announcements

None.

VI. Recommended Future Agenda Items

Member Dorothy Johnson distributed a handout regarding strategic planning and health information to the Regional Partnership Council members and requested that it be discussed at the September 10, 2014 regular meeting.

VII. Call to the Public

Shanna Kukla, Center for Early Childhood Studies at Pima Community College

Ms. Kukla shared recent numbers regarding scholars at Pima Community College that are receiving TEACH scholars. She is hoping that some students will share their experiences with the council at a future meeting.

VIII. Next Regional Partnership Council Meeting: September 10, 2014 at 4:00 pm

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 4:00 pm at Child & Family Resources, 2800 East Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona 85716.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chair Scott Ingram to adjourn the meeting, seconded by member Amber Jones. Motion carried. There being no further business, Chair Peg Harmon adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Submitted By V Verduco

Approved By Margaret Harmon

Dated this 10 day of Sept, 2014.

