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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2014

Call to Order

Chair Madrid called to order the Regular Meeting of the First Things First, Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council held Thursday, May 15, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Early Education Childcare Center, 280 South Ocotillo Road, Sacaton, Arizona 85147.

Members PRESENT

Melissa Madrid, Chair
Dale Enos, Vice Chair
Emily Warburton
Priscilla Antone
Honorable Kami Hart
Sandra Nasewytewa
Kim Franklin

Members ABSENT

Priscilla Foote
Brooklyn Dee
Mary Tatum

Chair Melissa Madrid welcomed council members and members of the public. She also called for an invocation from Member Priscilla Antone. Member Antone provided an invocation.

Consent Agenda

Chair Madrid called for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2014. Member Honorable Judge Hart moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Member Antone seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Call to the Public

None

Read On Arizona Presentation

Chair Madrid welcomed Arizona Literacy Director Terri Clark with *Read On Arizona*. Ms. Clark presented and informed the council about the statewide Read On Arizona program. The focus of the work is to empower and engage communities in supporting literacy development in young children. Partnerships are made within communities- and each community looks different, reflecting the actual community, local priorities and resources, and local culture. Ms. Clark offered support and technical assistance, if the regional council or community should have interest, for any community to become a “Read On” community. Director Brown will follow up with the council. She will also be reaching out school principals, school board coalition, and Early Childhood Education, and other community programs bring Read On information forward. Member Franklin also expressed an interest in engaging parents and the community of her school, VHM.

Considerations and Recommendations for Grantee Contract Renewals for SFY15

Regional Director Brown provided a brief overview of grantee program performance for SFY14. She further indicated grantees that are up for contract renewals for SFY15. The council approved the SFY15 renewal recommendations as presented by Director Brown. Chair Madrid called for single motions for each agreement and asked that council members declare conflict of interest as needed.

Motions:

Strategy: Family, Friend, & Neighbors

Member Franklin moved to approve the SFY15 contract renewal recommendation for Association for Supportive Child Care, contract #FTF-MULTI-13-0407-01-Y2, in the amount of \$50,000. Member Honorable Judge Hart seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Strategy: Home Visitation

Member Nasewytewa moved to approve the SFY15 contract renewal recommendation for **Gila River Health Care Corporation – BabySmarts**, contract #**GRA-RC027-14-0634-01**, in the amount of **\$150,000**. Member Antone seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Strategy: Native Language Preservation

Member Antone declared a conflict of interest, therefore, abstained from discussion and voting.

Vice Chair Enos moved to approve the SFY15 contract renewal recommendation for **Gila Crossing Community School – Native Language Preservation**, contract #**GRA-RC027-13-0548-01-Y2**, in the amount of **\$62,539**. Member Honorable Hart seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Strategy: Parent Education Community Based Training

Member Warburton moved to approve the SFY15 contract renewal recommendation for **Gila River Health Care Corporation –Baby Smarts Teen Parent Education Program**, contract #**GRA-RC027-13-0546-01-Y2**, in the amount of **\$104,150**. Member Honorable Hart seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairs/Council Member Updates and General Discussion

Statewide Chair and Vice Chair Meeting (May 1st, Phoenix) – Vice Chair Enos reported that FTF CEO Sam Leyvas, with FTF board members, presented the Fiscal Policy recommendations to the group of 40 Chairs and Vice Chairs from across the state. The new direction will be implemented in SFY16. Overall the policy helps to manage FTF funding and provide stability and longer term funding. The recommendations will be presented to the FTF Board.

GRIC Children in Crisis Coalition – Member Honorable Judge Hart reported the coalition presented a status report to the Education Standing Committee and will provide the same report to the Health and Social Standing Committee. The coalition was invited to tour the Cradle to Crayons site at Maricopa County Juvenile Center. The representatives were impressed with site and the services provided. Judge Hart also reported that Judge Pedro has implemented the Judge’s 0-5 checklist. *Best for Babies* training will be provided by Mary Warren, of Prevent Child Abuse Arizona, for foster parents on May 17. Member Franklin suggested that Elders be invited since many grandparents are raising and/or have custody of their grandchildren. Director Brown stated she will post future information in the Gila River Indian News. Overall, Member Judge Hart and Director Brown report the coalition is very well attended by community agencies. The next coalition meeting is scheduled for May 28.

Vice Chair Enos excused himself from the meeting at approximate 6:08 p.m. and recommended a future Council meeting be held on the west side of the community, District 6, possibly at Gila Crossing Community School. Director Brown will coordinate a future meeting at Gila Crossing Community School.

Regional Director’s Report

GRIC Home Visitation Programs/MICHVE Home Visitation Coalition – Director Brown provided an update on the coalition’s work. The coalition is identifying coordination and collaboration opportunities. The coalition just launched a diaper drive to help the community. The coalition is also working on finalizing a community directory of services.

2014 Regional Council Meeting Schedule

Chair Madrid informed the Council the next meeting is slated for June 19, 2014. The following meetings are as scheduled: July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18, 2014.

Adjournment

Chair Madrid adjourned the meeting at approximate 6:55 p.m.

Dated this 12th of September, 2014

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Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2014

Call to Order

Vice Chair Enos called to order the **Regular** Meeting of the First Things First, **Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council** held **Thursday, June 19, 2014**, at **4:30 p.m.** The meeting was held at **Early Education Childcare Center, 280 South Ocotillo Road, Sacaton, Arizona 85147.**

Members PRESENT

Dale Enos, Vice Chair
Priscilla Foote
Mary Tatum
Priscilla Antone
Brooklyn Dee
Honorable Kami Hart
Sandra Nasewytewa
Kim Franklin (Teleconference)

Members ABSENT

Emily Warburton
Melissa Madrid, Chair

Vice Chair Enos welcomed council members and members of the public.

Call to the Public

None

Community Outreach

GRIC Community Outreach Plan – Director Brown provided a brief overview of FTF’s statewide strategic communication plan goals. FTF is building awareness of the importance of early childhood and the available programs and services. Director Brown updated the council on the community awareness and outreach tactics underway.

Early Childhood Speaker’s Training- Raising Awareness- Phoenix Community Outreach Coordinator Rachel Egboro provided information on speaking about the importance of early childhood. Council Members provided Ms. Egboro positive feedback and recommended that GRIC grantees and partners be invited to attend training. Ms. Egboro also informed the Council the training will also be offered at the FTF Summit in August.

SFY2014 Funding Plan/Program Implementation Review/Update

Director Brown provided a brief overview of grantee program performance as of 3rd Quarter for SFY14.

Review and Discussion of SFY2016-2018 Strategic Plan Development

Director Brown provided an overview of the strategic planning process for SFY2016-2018. In order to complete this process the regional council must have a strong vision of what they would like the early childhood system to look like in the future. The chosen strategies link priorities to the selected school readiness indicators. The Regional Council’s primary priority areas continue to be Family Support and quality of/access to Early Care and Education. Tribal sovereignty adds to the vision of the Regional Council and engagement with Tribal Leadership continues to be of great strength to supporting the early childhood framework in the Community.

Violeta Dominguez, with University of Arizona, presented and reviewed the Needs and Assets information with the council members.

Chairs and Council Member Updates and General Discussion

Children in Crisis Coalition Update - Member Honorable Judge Hart provided a brief overview of the coalition's progress and tasks. She also shared trainings that have been held and slated to be held in near future.

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New Council Member Orientation – Director Brown announced that a new member for the Educator seat has been appointed to the council and has been invited to attend an orientation on July 10th.

School Readiness Indicators /Benchmarking Resolution – Director Brown provided a status update on the draft resolution. FTF Tribal Liaison is working with Tribal Legal Department of finalize. Once finalized, it will be presented to Education and the Health and Social Standing Committees, then to Tribal Council. Director Brown will continue to update the Council.

FTF Summit – Director Brown encouraged council members to attend to the annual FTF conference "Summit" and the Tribal Gathering. The Summit will be in Phoenix in August.

2014 Regional Council Meeting Schedule

Vice Chair Enos informed the Council that the August 18 meeting will be *cancelled* due to FTF Summit attendance the same week. The next meeting will be held September 18. Future meetings are scheduled as follows: October 16, November 20, and December 18, 2014.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Enos adjourned the meeting at approximate 6:48 p.m.

Dated this 12th of September, 2014

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