



**FIRST THINGS FIRST**  
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**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board**

**Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the First Things First - Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on September 3, 2008 at Ben Furlong Education Building – 8700 S. Kyrene Rd., Tempe AZ 85284.

Jackie Garner, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 3.40 p.m. Council Members welcomed Genoveva Acosta-Bueno as the newest Council Member. Member Acosta-Bueno introduced herself and thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve.

**Members Present**

Andrea Colby, Angela Capone, Bonni Pomush, Glenn Waterkotte, Hope Dillon, Jackie Garner, Karen Emery, Kathy Halter, Maureen Duane, Genoveva Acosta-Bueno

**Members Absent**

Trinity Donovan

**Guests**

Wendy Sabatini, Regional Manager of First Things First Maricopa Region  
Hazel Chandler, Coordinator of First Things First Northeast Maricopa Region  
Terri Duhart, Coordinator of First Things First Southeast Maricopa Region  
Two members from the public

**Consent Agenda**

There was one item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the July 16, 2008 meeting. A motion was made by Member Waterkotte to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Member Duane. Motion approved.

Council Chair Garner reminded the public that anyone wishing to speak about an agenda item should inform Coordinator Floth.

**Review and Possible Acceptance of Needs and Assets Report**

The Council discussed the Needs and Assets Report and a memo the council produced in response to the Needs and Assets report. After discussion, Member Dillon moved to approve the Needs and Assets Report including the memo and gave approval to Joanne to make changes and edits, seconded by Member Colby. The motion carried.

**Conclusion:**

Council members will submit feedback about the Needs/Assets Report to Coordinator Floth so that necessary changes can be incorporated into the report.

**Strategic Plan Process**

Coordinator Floth explained the next steps of the strategic plan and guided the Council through the strategic planning process. The Council focused their attention on the needs and assets of the region and prioritized the First Things First Goals based upon the needs of the region. Members of the public were invited to participate in prioritizing the goals.

**Conclusion:**

- Council Chair Garner invited comments from the public. Based upon the public's comments, Council members requested a "field trip" to childcare centers; Members Halter and Capone agreed to work on a document that would inform council members regarding issues of quality as they visit the centers. Coordinator Floth will compile a list of possible centers to visit.
- Coordinator Floth will invite First Things First staff to next month's Council meeting to discuss the state funded initiatives including Quality First.
- Coordinator Floth will forward the list of prioritized goals to the Council for review.

**Council Updates**

- **Member Halter:** October 18 – Children's Day in Chandler. Council Chair Garner stated that this is an opportunity for the Council to share what they do and to make their presence known.
- **Member Dillon:** Would like to have a discussion regarding opportunities to be introduced to the community be placed on the October 17 agenda.
- **Council Chair Garner:** First Things First Southeast Coordinator Duhart brought together the Northeast, Southeast, and Central Maricopa Regional Council Chairs and Coordinators to think through ways the councils can collaborate on initiatives that affect their regions.
- **Coordinator Floth:** Children's Action Alliance provided t a document with their recommendations for strategies to the Council Chair. Coordinator Floth will provide Council members with a contact person at Children's Action Alliance if members have questions about this document
- **Coordinator Floth:** Academy of Pediatrics provided a copy of their position statement.

**Call to the Public**

None

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council, Vice Chair Dillon adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:22PM.

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Sharon Layton, Administrative Assistant III

Approved:

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Jackie Garner, Regional Council Chair