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Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council

Draft Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First—Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Northland Pioneer College, 1611 S. Main St., Snowflake, AZ 85937.

Chair Webb called the meeting to order at approximately 3:10 p.m.

Members Present:

Tom Barela, Claude Endfield, Mary Hammond, Leslie Meyer, Rance Pullin, Margie Tapia, Cathy Taylor, Becky Towle, and Melissa Webb

Members Absent:

Mary Tyler and Michael Zimmerman

Others Present:

Pat and Dick Bruneau, Kate Dobler-Allen, Betty Fish, Carey Dickerson, Joe Dorsey, Dr. Norm Ehmke, AdiShakti Khalsa, Sharon Pinckard, Dee Hoagland, Irene and Neil Kortekaas, Jane McRitchie, Trudy Rogers, Tina and David Sherman, and Maureen Theobald

Member Report and Updates

Chair Webb shared with the members that a *Health Pioneer Award* had been presented to First Things First – Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council for a “unique contribution towards a smoke-free society” during the National Conference on Tobacco on Health, which had been held in Phoenix, AZ, on June 10, 2009.

Call to the Public

None

Adoption of Minutes

Three sets of minutes were presented for approval and adoption:

- A. The July 8, 2009 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council were presented. Member Hammond moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Member Barela seconded the motion; the motion passed 9:0:0.
- B. The July 8, 2009 Minutes of the first Executive Session during the Regular Meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council were presented. Member Taylor moved to accept the Executive Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Tapia seconded the motion; the motion passed 9:0:0.

C. The July 8, 2009 Minutes of the second Executive Session during the Regular Meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council were presented. Member Pullin moved to accept the Executive Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Hammond seconded the motion; the motion passed 9:0:0.

Regional Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Dobler-Allen welcomed Leslie Meyer, who filled the Philanthropy seat, and updated the members on the following topics:

- A. Grantee Orientation took place August 19, 2009
- B. Apache County Public Health is launching a Public Health System Assessment
- C. The University Consortium will present at our next meeting (September 9, 2009)
- D. The Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting will be on September 10, 2009, at the ASU Mercado Center.
- E. Regional Training will take place the following day, September 11, 2009.
- F. During the First Things First Board Meeting, August 25, 2009, the following items were approved:
 1. ECE/ECD Scholarship Fund Agreement with Apache County, through Apache County Higher Education Committee; additionally, this agreement received Apache County Board of Supervisors approval as well.
 2. State Procurement Office Agreement with Applied Economics, Inc.
- G. Operational Plan Update
 1. Healthy Steps hired their Child Development Specialist.
 2. Reach Out and Read approved filling their Coordinator position.
 3. TEACH Orientation was held last week via web-cam.
 4. Child Care Health Consultant contract has been approved with Apache County Public Health District.

Member Endfield noted that information on the professional development scholarships is not getting out to the public. Coordinator Dobler-Allen responded that ASCC (Association for Supportive Child Care) is responsible for dissemination of information and will work with Sharon Brady, TEACH Program Coordinator with ASCC.

H. NAU is beginning work on the Statewide Longitudinal Study; they are hiring data collectors.

Member Hammond asked whether there are too many studies being done now (i.e., Longitudinal Study, Needs and Assets Report, Child Care Study with NAU and Coconino Regional Partnership Council) and whether they are duplicative. Coordinator Dobler-Allen and Member Endfield responded they are each looking at different indicators, and are not duplicative.

Update and Discussion of Regional Needs and Assets Timeline and Status of the Request for Proposal that will be Handled by the State Procurement Office

Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed the timeline with the members and reminded them there is no additional regional allocation in this year's budget for the report. It is estimated the report will take 165 consultant hours; members will review the potential contractors during the November meeting.

Review and Discussion of Timeline for Needs and Assets Report, Fiscal Year 2011 and Ongoing Budget Submissions, Data Availability from Grantees, as well as Statewide and Regionally Funded Studies

Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed the Statewide Initiatives and Regional Timeline and noted that for those grantees who began their programs on July 1st, their first quarterly (July/August/September) submission will be due in October. Coordinator Dobler-Allen also noted that the FY2011 budget is due to the FTF Board in November; therefore, she will have grantees do a presentation in order to obtain qualitative data prior to that. The Navajo/Apache Regional Council Members expressed concern that they will have to make decisions on funding without good data from the grantees. Coordinator Dobler-Allen stated we are following the statutory requirements for deadline submissions. Regional Manager, AdiShakti Khalsa stated, while she understands these statutory deadlines are challenging now, we will be in a

better position next year. Coordinator Dobler-Allen also reminded the members that they have some flexibility if a grantee is not performing.

Presentation from Snowy Mountain Inn Owners in Greer, Arizona, related to the Potential Formation of a Parks & Recreation District in Greer, Arizona

Pat and Dick Bruneau gave a presentation of the steps they've taken to offer a program-oriented park for children and families that would involve out-of-school programs, child obesity programs, fitness and wellness programs, educational programs, and other programs.

Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council FY2010 Program Updates

- A. Dr. Norm Ehmke, Program Coordinator for the Child Care/Preschool Lab School strategy discussed the preschool model that will be developed. Dr. Ehmke is creating an advisory council and asked for suggestions for potential members.
- B. Mr. Joe Dorsey, Program Coordinator for Beautiful Beginnings shared a handout of statistics on the current status of the program.
- C. Ms. Sharon Pinckard, Director of Community Services and Program Coordinator for Emergency Food Boxes in Springerville, Arizona, informed the members that the distribution of food boxes in Round Valley more than tripled from 40 food boxes for the first distribution to 130 food boxes for the next distribution. Recipients of the services are being asked to fill out a survey and some have written letters of gratitude, one of which was read by Ms. Pinckard during her presentation. Coordinator Dobler-Allen stated that the Salvation Army will report on their status during the October meeting.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at the Little Colorado Behavioral Health Center, 470 W. Cleveland, St. Johns, AZ 85936. There being no further business, Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:10 p.m.

Melissa Webb, Chair

Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Coordinator