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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE

Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

A Regular Council Meeting open to the public, was held on Monday, September 9, 2013 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941

Welcome/Introduction/Call to Order

Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m. Members present were Chair Endfield, Dawnafe Whitesinger, Michael Gaffney, Velma Kaytoggy, Ramon Riley, Nikina Whitaker, Kathy Wynn and by phone Shine Burnette.

Call to the Public

No calls to the Public were received.

Disclosure of Conflicts

There were no conflicts of interest disclosures.

Discussion and Possible Approval of August 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Chair Endfield asked for a motion for the August Regular Meeting minutes. Member Whitaker moved the Regular Meeting minutes for August 12, 2013 be approved as presented. Member Whitesinger seconded, motion passed.

Presentation and Discussion on Quality First Model Change for SFY2015

Regional Director Beazley presented the Model Changes for Quality First to the Council. She told the Council that there will be an increase in the cost for Quality First for SFY2015. These costs will be identified on a matrix that will be ready at the October Regular Meeting. The reason to share today is because she will be referring to this information during the funding plan process.

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Approval of Expansion, Start-Up and/or Capital Expense and Quality First FY14

Regional Director Beazley provided the Council with a review of the request for additional early childhood access for the Region that was received in June 2013. After a presentation from Ginger Sandweg, FTF Senior Director for Early Learning in July, which provided some options for possible strategies, the Council requested staff to research and report. Regional Director Beazley prepared a power point to show the current costs, and also the impact of adding additional Quality First and Scholarships for SFY2014 and SFY2015. There was a lengthy discussion that included where and how additional scholarships could be used and the financial implications from adding the additional strategy. The Council asked Regional Director Beazley to table the discussion on the strategy until the October Regular Meeting when the Allocation amounts for SFY2015 will be set by the Board. The Council added a request to bring more detailed options with costs for the Council to consider.

Discussion of Planning Process for FY15 Funding Plan

Regional Director Beazley told the Council that the process for the SFY2015 Funding Plan will be a review of the current and proposed strategies using the SFY2015 Allocations at the October 7, 2013 Regular Meeting. These can be adjusted for funding amounts and Target Service Units as the Council goes through each strategy. Then at the next Regular Meeting which will be on October 28, 2013, the Council will approve the Funding Plan as they go through each strategy. Regional Director Beazley mentioned that it will be important for all members to be present at the next two meetings; in particular the October 28 meeting to ensure there is quorum to approve each item.

Presentation and Discussion of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council System Building

Regional Director Beazley presented the discussion on the Council System Building. She reviewed at the last meeting the Council identified four issues: Community Outreach, Grantee Coordination meetings, Pre-school parent information system, and Developmental screening referrals. She said that the objective for today is to identify a priority and then the Council can begin to develop an action plan. After discussion, the Council chose Developmental screening referrals as their top priority. Regional Director Beazley will begin discussions with Council members to develop an action plan.

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2014 Needs and Assets Work Plan

Regional Director Beazley provided an outline of the information the vendor will be collecting, what the deliverables are and a timeline provided by the University of Arizona Norton School, the Needs and Assets Vendor. After the Council reviewed the information Member Whitesinger moved the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the 2014 Needs and Assets Work plan as presented. Member Whitaker seconded. Motion passed.

Regional Director Report

Monthly Report

Regional Director Beazley reported that she has attended the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council Meeting, and will attend several other meetings during September and October. September 26 is the Grantee Coordination meeting at the Higher Education office in Whiteriver. Member Whitesinger mentioned that the Women’s Conference will be at Hon-dah on October 22 and 23, 2013.

Financial Reports

Regional Director Beazley provided the Council with the monthly financial reports. She highlighted some of the strategies and provided updates on their status.

Update on Tribal approvals for the School Readiness Indicator Benchmarks

Regional Director Beazley said that Ina Perez presented the School Readiness Indicator Benchmarks to the Tribal Health Board meeting in August, which was approved. She said that she and Ina will be presenting the information to the Tribal Council on September 18, 2013.

Tribal Consultation

Regional Director Beazley reported the Tribal Consultation was held in August. Presentations included the FTF evaluation plan and QF model. Theresa Larzelere attended on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Regional Director Beazley said Ms. Larzelere said it was an informative meeting.

QF Team Presentations to Head Start and Chaghache Day Care Center

Regional Director Beazley said the QF team provided presentations about QF to the Head Start in Whiteriver which was attended by about 50 people. They also did the presentation for the Chaghache day care center.

Chair/Vice-Chair Meeting on October 10, 2013

Chair Endfield reported on the Chair/Vice Chair meeting that was held at the Summit Conference on August 26, 2013. She said the primary focus for information was the QF information. There is a Chair/Vice Chair meeting scheduled for October 10, 2013 in Phoenix. More information will be coming soon. Regional Director Beazley asked Chair Endfield and Vice Chair Whitesinger to let her know if they plan to attend.

General Discussion/Council Member Updates

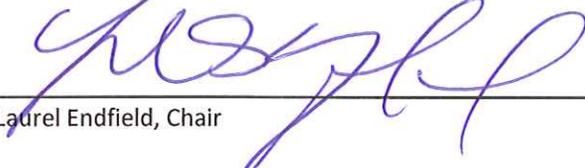
Chair Endfield asked for member updates. There were none.

Next Meeting October 7, 2013 at 3:00pm ABC Day Care Center, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941

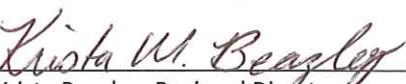
Adjourn

Chair Endfield adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

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Laurel Endfield, Chair



Krista Beazley, Regional Director