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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Salt River Pima- Maricopa Indian Community
Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes September 11th, 2008 Council Meeting

Regional Council members in attendance

Chris McIntier
Dr. Joyce Helmuth
Lori Calderon, Chair
Priscilla Jay, Vice Chair
René Murphy
Alecia Jackson
Lance Silverhorn
Michelle Clark

Regional Council members absent

Martina Ashley Ron Ransom

First Things First Staff

Yolanda Y. Adams Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Coordinator
Ana Garcia Central East Administrative Assistant
Cathy Thornton Gila River Indian Community Regional Coordinator
Beverly Russell San Carlos Apache Tribe Regional Coordinator

Facilitator

Debbie McDaniel

Public

1 member of the public was present

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Calderon at 5:39 PM.

Brief welcome to Council Members and Guests.

Invocation

Regional Council Member Lance Silverhorn

No Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes of August 7th Meeting

Regional Council member McIntier motioned to approve the minutes of the Regional Council meeting of August 7, 2008. Regional Council member Helmuth seconded, motion carried.

Welcome by Regional Chair Calderon to new Council Members Lance Silverhorn and Michelle Clark

Ms. Clark filled the vacancy for the Philanthropy seat and Mr. Silverhorn filled the faith based vacancy.

Regional Council Member Clark gave a brief description on her background. She represents the Children's Foundation. She previously worked for the Phoenix Children's Hospital specifically in the neurology diagnostics department. She enjoys her work with children and is looking forward to working with the Regional Partnership Council to make a difference in children's lives.

Regional Council Member Silverhorn has been involved in the community for over 12 years. His work in the community includes his involvement with children's group homes. At present time he takes care of 6 children. 3 boys and 3 girls. The age span is 5 to 15 years old. He is the Chair for the Boys and Girls Club in Scottsdale. He has 5 children of his own. He welcomes the opportunity to do good work for children.

Warm welcome from Regional Partnership Chair Calderon to the new Members.

Ms. Calderon asked everyone to introduce themselves and to give a brief description of them.

Everyone in attendance gave a brief description and brief introduction of themselves.

Update by First Things First Regional Coordinator Yolanda Adams

Regional Coordinator Adams indicated that there is still a Regional Council vacancy for the Business category. If anyone has a candidate please forward the information to Ms. Adams.

New Council Members have to complete the I-9 form.

Ms. Adams also informed the Council that the ADOT Defensive Driving Course can be taken by all Council Members that completed the I-9 form. Instructions are available for anyone that might need them. This course needs to be completed in order to get reimbursed for travel expenses.

Regional Coordinator Adams will distribute a list of the parent tool-kit items to all Council Members.

Brief description by Ms. Adams regarding the New Directions Institute and the training sessions that it offers.

Ms. Adams explained to the Council Members the work that New Directions does is related to infant brain development. Her recommendation to the Council would be to maybe have the founder be a speaker at a future Council meeting so that the Council can assess whether these workshops can be offered to community parents and care givers.

Regional Vice Chair Jay thinks that this would be a perfect topic to present at the quarterly Tribal Council meeting. She suggested that Dr. Stamm be invited to present at the next regular Council meeting

Review of Needs and Assets Report

Explanation by Regional Council Coordinator Adams regarding the changes and corrections on the Needs and Assets report. After getting clarification from management within First Things First, Ms. Adams indicated that the Council can make any changes or corrections as they see fit. They can condense the report and delete whatever they feel will correct the report to be a true manifestation of the Needs and Assets of the community. Her recommendation to the Council would be to take the weekend to review and maybe break out into small groups in order to collectively edit the report.

Regional Council Chair Calderon inquired as to the number of Council Members that had been able to read the report already.

Council Member Jackson suggested dividing the report into sections and assigning the sections to small groups within the Council.

Regional Vice Chair Jay motioned to give Council Members the weekend to make changes, deletions and corrections to the Needs and Assets report. The due date to have all editorials done will be September 7, 2008. This deadline is to facilitate meeting the State deadlines.

Council Member Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning Part 1

A hands-on exercise was performed at this time. Regional Council Members formed 2 groups and worked on an exercise titled "River Of Life". Exercise included having participants drawing a river (symbolizing the community) and illustrating through this river the community's history and transformation regarding early childhood education and health. This particular exercise will be performed with the parents at the Community meeting on September 18, 2008.

Following the river exercise Regional Coordinator Adams presented the wheel of the community to the Council Members so that all the information from the River exercise could be placed on the wheel poster. This was to illustrate what area or areas need the help.

Action Items and next meeting

Needs and Assets to be corrected and edited.

Preparation for Funding Plan

Community Meeting on September 17, 2008

Donations for Community Meeting

Refreshments needed

Regional Council Member Jackson suggested that the Education department might be able to donate some snacks since the community meeting will be for the parents and it will be regarding their children.

Regional Council Member McIntier will find out whether it will be able to be done.

Community Meeting Oct 18th, 2008

Regional Vice Chair Jay motioned to calendar the following meeting: October 2, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Education Building. Regional Council Member Murphy seconded. Motion carried

Regional Council Member McIntier motioned to have the following meeting on October 16, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Education Building. Regional Council Member Helmuth seconded. Motion carried.

Regional Council Member Helmuth motioned to have the following meeting on November 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Education Building. Regional Council Member McIntier seconded. Motion carried.

Updates by Regional Partnership Council Members

Regional Vice Chair reported to the Council that Child Find has begun to do screening on Thursdays from 9-3. Dr Helmuth has been a great help in achieving this and Vice Chair Jay thanked her.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Ana Garcia AA III

Approved:

Lori Calderon, Regional Council Chair