



Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on August 8, 2012 at the Chandler School District Offices, 1525 West Frye Road, Chandler, Arizona 85224.

Vice Chair Duane welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 3:35 p.m.

Members Present:

Vice Chair Maureen Duane, Lyra Contreras, Trinity Donovan, Karen Emery, Beth Haas, Kathy Halter, Zita Johnson, Frank Narducci, and Tina Wilson

Members Absent:

Genoveva Acosta-Bueno and Mara de Luca Funke

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2012

A motion was made by Council Member Donovan to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2012 meeting, seconded by Council Member Emery. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2012

A motion was made by Council Member Narducci to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

Call to the Public

No one submitted a Call to the Public Form.

Council Member Introductions

Regional Director Floth asked all Council members to introduce themselves and to include their seat on the Council as well as any words of advice for the new members.

Chair/Vice Chair Elections

Regional Director Floth stated that she had spoken with Council members and to Vice Chair Duane, who stated she would be open to being nominated for the chair position. Council Member Halter nominated Maureen Duane as Chair. Council Member Narducci stated his agreement. Council Member Contreras seconded the motion. Council decided to vote orally, and the motion passed 8-0, with Vice Chair Duane abstaining.

Regional Director Floth stated that Council Member Acosta-Bueno stated she would consider being nominated as Vice Chair. Regional Director Floth also stated that Council Member Narducci also said he would consider a nomination. Council Member Narducci stated that while he would accept the nomination, due to extra duties of his new position with the Chandler Unified School District, he felt that Council Member Acosta-Bueno would be a better choice but would be willing to accept the position if Council Member Acosta-Bueno was not available. Council Member Narducci nominated Council Member Acosta-Bueno as Vice Chair, Council Member Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion was voted orally and passed unanimously.

Regional Needs and Assets Report Presentation

Chair Duane introduced Deanna Kaplan and Dr. John Daws of the Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Arizona who prepared the Needs and Assets Report. Council members discussed the report with Ms. Kaplan and Dr. Daws. Comments made included the fact that it would be nice to add employer input to the reports in the future. Regional Director Floth stated that she appreciated that the report included more specific zip code data, and Council Member Donovan stated she also liked having specific information for downtown Chandler as opposed to just the more affluent areas of the city.

Council Member Contreras moved to accept the Needs and Asset Report, Council Member Emery seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Communications Report

Chair Duane welcomed Community Outreach Coordinator Conrad Lindo. Mr. Lindo stated that he been meeting with all of the grantees so that he may gain a thorough knowledge of the region for his presentations. He also related information about backpack drives and an activity with the Pascua Yaqui tribe. He signed up 42 Head Start staff as "friends". He stated that Community Outreach has been looking at cross-regional events. He distributed copies of the updated Parent Guide. Council Member Halter asked about whether there could be a Central Maricopa Facebook page or an addition to the First Things First Page so that events could be listed on the page as well as to show what activities have taken place in the region. Regional Director Floth said activities can be added to the page and asked Council Member Halter to forward those to Mr. Lindo so that he may get approval from the Communications Department and get those items posted on the First Things First Facebook page.

Director's Report and Council Updates

- Council Member Narducci stated they were in the third week of school and that enrollment has increased.
- Council Member Halter stated that based on previous economic data for the State of Arizona, her company had no intention to expand childcare centers in the state; however, statistics are now showing recent very strong growth in Arizona.
- Regional Director Floth stated that grantees have until August 15 to request reimbursements for FY2012. The Contract Detail Reports will be updated with final numbers by the next meeting.
- Regional Director Floth stated that the Promise Neighborhood grant application has been submitted, with the announcement being made by December 15, 2012 as to whether or not the application was successful.
- Regional Director Floth stated that the family resource center collaboration meeting was held on August 7 and that there were 20 to 25 participants at the meeting. The group will be meeting every other month, and a Scope of Work to develop common messaging and communication tools will be written up in collaboration with the Communication Department at the next meeting.
- Regional Director Floth stated that the director mentoring program has 11 participants, even though the grant originally only anticipated for a total of 10 participants.
- Regional Director Floth reminded everyone that the Summit will be held on August 19-21 at the Downtown Phoenix Sheraton.
- Regional Director Floth stated the benchmark recommendations will be presented to the First Things First Board at the Summit.
- Council Member Donovan stated that her family resource center staff will be presenting at the Summit at multiple sessions.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on September 12, 2012 at the Kyrene Family Resource Center, 1330 East Dava Drive, Arizona 85283.

Adjournment

Chair Duane asked for any additional questions, or comments from the Council and receiving none, adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Submitted By _____
Caitlyn Hollins, Administrative Assistant III

Approved By _____
Maureen Duane, Chair

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