



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

Meeting Minutes September 18, 2012 Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was held on September 18, 2012. The meeting was held at the Two Waters Building A, Wi:Hom Conference Room, 10061 East Osborne Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.

The meeting was called to order by Regional Council Chair Loring at approximately 11:50 a.m.

Members Present

Chair Virginia Loring, Vice Chair Chris McIntier, Joyce Helmuth, Lance Silverhorn, Frances Kaplan, Deana Washington and Michelle Jameson

Members Absent

Toni Harvier, Ron Ransom and Caroline Sekaquaptewa

Members of the Public

1 member of the public attended.

Invocation

Invocation was done by Regional Director Vinarskai.

Call to the Public

There were no calls to the public.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Council Member Helmuth moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Kaplan seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Vice Chair McIntier abstained from the vote as she was not present during the previous meeting.

Regional Council Member Introductions

Chair Loring asked the Regional Partnership Council Members to go around the table and briefly introduce themselves for the new Council Member Michelle Jameson.

2012 Regional Council Survey Results

Director Vinarskai reviewed the results of the 2012 First Things First Regional Council Survey. She explained that the survey helps First Things First to examine Regional Council achievements, challenges, barriers, as well as, provide staff with a better understanding of how to support Regional Councils. Director Vinarskai also told the Council that they could forward any additional feedback to her directly.



Financial Report

Director Vinarskai reviewed the Contract Detail Report with the Regional Partnership Council. In the report she covered the awarded and expenditure amounts for each line item. The Service Coordination Strategy, Food Security Strategy and Parent Education Community Based Training and Pre- Kindergarten were 88% to 100% expended. Community Awareness, Reach Out and Read, Mental Health Consultation and Native Language Enrichment were not fully expended. Director Vinarskai shared information as to why these funds have not been fully expended. She also stated that she would follow up with Toni Harvier in regards to the Native Language Enrichment strategy which is at 0% expenditure.

Director Vinarskai informed the Regional Council that several regions, including Salt River, may have their funding allocation amounts reduced for SFY2014 based on the 2010 Census Data of children 0-5 and the number of children in poverty. Director Vinarskai stated that these reductions will be discussed at the First Things First Board meeting in October and that the First Things First Board may utilize discretionary funding to help offset deficits.

Cultural Presentation

Kelly Washington, an enrolled tribal member, conducted a cultural presentation to the Regional Partnership Council about the historical and cultural aspects of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Regional Director's Updates

- The Chair and Vice Chair meeting will take place on October 3, 2012 at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Phoenix.
- Benchmarks will be finalized by the First things First Board at the October meeting.
- The Regional Council will set up an information table at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Safety Day on Thursday, October 11, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Director Vinarskai asked if anybody was able to volunteer to please contact her.
- The Salt River Child Care Center must obtain a Quality First 3 Star rating or above in the Spring of 2013 in order to continue receiving funding for the Pre-K Strategy in 2014.

Member Washington and Member Kaplan asked if the Child Care Center was aware of what they needed to do in order to ensure a 3 Star rating. Director Vinarskai stated that the Quality First Coach is working with Ron Ransom and should have informed him of what is needed to obtain a 3 Star rating. All Council Members agreed that funding the Pre-K Strategy was very important to the Community. Director Vinarskai suggested that we have Ron share information at the next Regional Partnership Council meeting.

- Director Vinarskai thanked the Regional Council Members that attended the First Things First Summit in August.
- Next two meetings will include review of the 2014 Funding Plan.



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- The First Things First Board convened a National Research and Evaluation Advisory Panel to help guide First Things First in the long-term approach to research and evaluation. A webinar took place on Sept 11-12 which included some of the following recommendations:
 - Creating a strong focus on program implementation
 - Ensure that data analysis and evaluation approaches are meaningful for Regional Partnership Councils and meet their needs for strategic planning and program improvement.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates

- Council Member McIntire announced that the First Things First teen parenting class and the adult parenting class both start next week.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Joel Spurlock, Administrative Assistant II

Approved: _____
Virginia Loring, Chair