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Pima South Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order & Introductions

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pima South Regional Partnership Council was held on September 18, 2014 at Child & Family Resources, 6015 S Santa Clara Ave, Tucson, Arizona, 85706.

Chair Connie Espinoza called the meeting to order at approximately 9:39 a.m. welcomed the new members, and invited Sagrario and Linda to introduce themselves

Members Present: Connie Espinoza, Debbie Palmer, Susan Pace, Cyndi Barningham, Sagrario Ramirez, Linda Kubiak, Tony Bruno, and Paul Ohm

Members Present Telephonically: Nyki Harrington

Members Absent: Fran Driver

Call to the Public

Pat Delaney, Tucson Unified School District PACE program- Ms. Delaney introduced herself to the council, briefly described the PACE program and stated she was here to speak in support of the Smart Support program. She highlighted some examples of the program's success within her centers and shared that down the road the 5 programs now in Pima South zip code will not have the access to this great support.

Monica Farmer, Make Way for Books- Ms. Farmer thanked the regional council for their support. She stated it has been a busy season and highlighted upcoming programs and professional development opportunities, inviting members to attend a session. She provided an email and a phone number for R.S.V.P.s.

Shanna Kukla, Pima Community College- Ms. Kukla spoke about the scholarship models and conversations on possible new approaches to professional development, as well as the success of the T.E.A.C.H. program at Pima Community College. She provided a handout with participant feedback that she highlighted. She ended by thanking the Regional Council.

Sarah Kerr, Casa de Los Niños- Ms. Kerr Provided handouts and spoke about the recent transition of one nurse Home Visitor to a lactation specialist, emphasizing the maternal bond created through breastfeeding. She spoke briefly about the preventative, evidence-based model as well as long term benefits that Nurse Family Partnership program provides.

Chair Connie Espinoza thanked Diana Jimenez-Young for allowing the council to use her program's meeting space.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by member Bruno that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by member Pace. Motion carried.

First Things First Summit Highlights

Chair Espinoza invited regional council members to share a highlight from the Summit, and thanked the group for having full attendance. Members shared highlights and impressions of the Summit. One member shared they were impressed by the turnout of the community at large, and a couple members stated they missed the pre-conference sessions this year. Member Ohm wrapped up by sharing how impressive it was to see the growth in size within such a short span of time, and thanked First Things First for the opportunity to attend.

Community Outreach Update and Discussion

Lisette DeMars, Community Outreach Coordinator, went over her report and shared highlights. She invited members to contact her with any questions, and encouraging them to attend one of the upcoming site visits.

Closeout of Fiscal Year 2014-Year End Report

Chair Espinoza introduced the agenda item and turned the floor over to Regional Director Eleanor Droegemeier. Ms. Droegemeier took members through the year end data and expenditure reports (attachments #4-6), highlighting key

elements of the data and encouraging the members to read the narrative reports at length. A member requested a table showing the expense variance over the last few years for comparisons, which staff will provide at the next meeting.

Strategic Planning for FY 2016-2018: Reflection and Discussion

Chair Espinoza turned the floor over to Ms. Droegemeier, who took the regional council members through the various tools and charts included in attachment # 7. She went over the vision document from the activity done in July, and members provided some further feedback. Ms. Droegemeier highlighted data on the Needs and Assets Snapshot and reminded the council of the School Readiness Indicators. She then asked them break into two groups and look at their current priorities; specifically to examine if they might wish to be refine or target a specific population within any of the priorities in light of the anticipated reduction in funding from the tobacco tax revenues. Members broke into groups and had discussion from approximately 11:20 until 12:08 p.m. Members then shared with the group their proposed revised priorities. Ms. Droegemeier asked the members if she could tweak the language a bit and re-share them with the group for approval, members concurred. Ms. Droegemeier thanked the members for their participation.

Fiscal Year 2015 Meeting Calendar: Discussion and Possible Action

Chair Espinoza turned the floor over to Regional Director Eleanor Droegemeier. Ms. Droegemeier went over the calendars in attachment # 8, informing the members that unfortunately, every day of the month has at least one conflict. Members shared ideas and clarified if they had any more flexibility. There was still not an ideal date, so Ms. Droegemeier stated she would take the new information given and bring it back to the group one more time. Members concurred. For the October meeting date, members suggested meeting on Saturday, October 11th in the early afternoon for one longer meeting rather than attempting to schedule two meetings within the month. Staff will work on a location.

Regional Director’s Report

Ms. Droegemeier stated in the interest of time the members could read her report, attachments # 9 and 10 and let her know if they have any questions.

Recommended Future Agenda Items

Chair Espinoza asked for any future agenda items. Member Pace asked that the council have a presentation from the School Superintendent of Chandler Public Schools and First Things First Regional Director Conrad Lindo regarding the success of the model used in Chandler between the School Superintendent, the Chamber of Commerce, and First Things First .

Council Announcements

Eleanor shared the Community Partner award that the regional council was honored with by the Altar Valley School District at the district’s annual welcome back to school breakfast meeting.

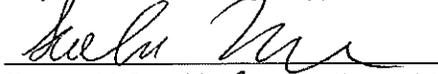
Call to the Public

None at this time.

Next Meeting – October TBD –

Adjourn

Chair Espinoza adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:41 p.m.

Submitted By 
Siobhan McDonald, Administrative Assistant

Approved By 
Connie Espinoza, Chair

Dated this 11 day of October, 2014.