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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Yuma Regional Partnership Council was held on September 18, 2014, 4:30 p.m. at the Somerton Public Safety Building, 445 E. Main Street, Somerton, Arizona 85350.

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair Darren Hawkins
Vice Chair Irene Garza
Member Kim Fanning
Member Janell F. Johnson
Member Rebecca Ramirez
Member Dr. Mario Ybarra

Members Absent:

Member Gloria Cisneros
Member Pilar Moreno
Member Ricardo Perez
Member Mary Beth Turner
Member Judy Watkinson

Conflict of Interest

None declared at this time.

Consent Agenda

The items on the consent agenda included the minutes of the August 21, 2014, Yuma Regional Partnership Council regular meeting.

A motion was made by Member Fanning to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Member Dr. Ybarra. Motion carried.

SFY2014 Financial Report and SFY2014 Quarter 4 Data Report

Regional Director provided a brief summary of expenditures for SFY2014 and shared Quarter 4 highlights for programs funded by the First Things First Yuma Regional Partnership Council.

Update on Strategic Planning

The update included a brief review of the Strategic Planning process for SFY16-18. Regional Priorities, School Readiness Indicators, Priority Roles, and Strategies were briefly summarized by Regional Director Ortiz. He also stated the town halls held last month were very successful and was impressed with the outcomes/information derived from the town halls. The prioritized needs identified by the town halls were shared with the Regional Council.

Presentation by Children's Museum of Yuma County

A power point presentation was provided by Tunie Borunda, Museums' Board President and Kevin Burge, Museums' Secretary Treasurer. The presentation included a historical review of museums as well as the mission, target population, and goals for the Children's Museum of Yuma County. The museum was incorporated in March 2013. Quorum was momentarily lost at approximately 6:10 p.m. but was restored at approximately 6:12 p.m. and the meeting continued.

Regional Director's Report

Service awards and recognition were given to Vice Chair Garza and Member Dr. Ybarra for their commitment and contribution in the Yuma Regional Partnership Council. The September 29-30 State board meeting and the Regional Council and State Board Forum in Yuma have been cancelled and plans are to reschedule possibly in April 2015. The report also included an update on the Chamber of Commerce, and the process for Yuma Early Childhood Champion of the Year.

Call to the Public

Mark Becker, Eight, Arizona PBS- Educational Outreach, shared the progress and impact of the early literacy workshops and the professional development sessions. Mr. Becker also provided information on upcoming workshops in the region. Collaboration with the Yuma YMCA has resulted in providing a one week family pass for all of the workshop participants and further added Radio La Campesina is airing public service announcements with early literacy messages promoting workshops in Spanish.

Announcements

There were no announcements at this time.

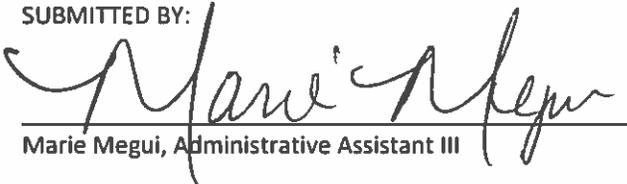
Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council is scheduled on October 16, 2014, 4:30 p.m., Harvest Preparatory Academy, 350 E. 18th Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:


Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY:


Rev. Dr. Darren C. Hawkins, Yuma Regional Partnership Council Chair

October 16th, 2014