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ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on September 21, 2010 in the Cartwright Elementary School District Board Room, 3401 North 67th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85033. Chair Robert Donofrio called the regular meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Council Members in Attendance: Ida Rose Florez, At Large Member; Jasmine Sanchez, Parent Member; Robert Donofrio, At Large Member; James Washington, Business Member; Riann Balch, Child Care Provider Member; Kristi Langley-Wells, School Administrator Member; Charles Newman, Faith Based Member arrived at 4:45 pm.

Members Not in Attendance: Patricia Merk, Educator Member; Eva Marie Shivers, At Large Member; Mary Thomson, Philanthropy Member.

Member Present By Phone: N/A

Quorum: Established.

A brief welcome by Chair Donofrio and introduction of guests in attendance took place.

Staff in Attendance: Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Coordinator; Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant, Rana Hermosillo, Community Outreach Liaison; and Tracey Craig, Regional Manager in at 5:15 pm.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Member Ida Rose Florez moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 17, 2010, second by Member Riann Balch, all in favor; motion carried.

3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Bruce Liggett, Executive Director of the Arizona Child Care Association encouraged the Council to look at the current model for Pre K Expansion and how the program is being implemented. Mr. Liggett is concerned about the number of levels involved with the Pre-K Strategy and the standards being required that are based on public school pre-schools that are able to absorb costs. Mr. Liggett feels that the model is flawed and expressed to the Council that when you have a model going through school districts and school districts choose not to take part in the program, all the children and families in the region do not get served. Mr. Liggett received feedback from private providers wondering if the process of selection was fair. Mr. Liggett asked the Council to look at the model and how it is working before expanding. Mr. Liggett was thanked for his time.

Sarah Ocampo-Schlesinger from the Association of Supportive Child Care provided the Council with an update on Family Friend and Neighbor. There are twenty eight (28) trainings in Maricopa County through four (4) regions. Nine (9) of the trainings are in the South Phoenix Regions and ten (10) groups will start in January. There are currently seven (7) schools on a waiting list in the South Phoenix Region which was higher but reduced because ASCC was able to get outside funding for other groups. Sarah mentioned the Family Friend and Neighbor as one of the hot topics of the Summit and the need for this item to be placed on the priority list. Sarah also expressed

excitement in receiving the results of the in-depth evaluation conducted by ASCC's outside evaluator. Sarah advised that the evaluator has been importing the data and analyzing the information that was gathered. The report should be available by the beginning of next year. Sarah was thanked by Chair Donofrio for her update and Chair Donofrio asked Sarah to provide the numbers that she gave earlier to Jonathon to forward on to the Council. **Introduction:** Chair Donofrio introduced newly appointed member Charles Newman; Faith Based Member who was selected by the State Board at their August 30, 2010 meeting and had a start date of September 1, 2010. Mr. Newman will move in to the position that was held by Reverend Polston who was in the position from April 9, 2008 until her resignation at the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2010. Mr. Newman's term was originally a four year term and will run through June 30, 2012.

4. COMMUNICATION OUTREACH PLAN: Chair Donofrio introduced Rana Hermosillo; Community Outreach Liaison to the Council. Vice Chair Washington went through the hiring process of Ms. Hermosillo and the qualities that lead to the decision to hire her. Rana provided a report to the Council on what outreach efforts that she has done to date and where her focus will be in her outreach efforts. Rana also provided a sheet that requested Tasks to complete in the next 45 days that the Council was encouraged to fill out and return to Rana. Rana was thanked for her work and welcomed by the Council.

5. BUDGET RECONCILIATION: DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE: Provided in Council packets was a budget which included an estimate of carry-forward amounts and the remaining balance that will go to carry-forward. Coordinator Gonzales reminded the Council of the intentional 2.4 million carry forward funding to offset the declining tobacco revenue and not knowing what the discretionary amount will be if any. The Council was requested to vote on and approve the carry-forward to the next Fiscal Year 2012.

Motion: Vice Chair James Washington moved to carry over from the Fiscal Years 2009/2010 five million two hundred seventy eight thousand dollars (\$5,278,000.00) second by Member Charles Newman. The motion was rescinded because the amount of carry-forward is unknown at this time. Vice Chair Washington moved to take any 2010 carry-forward funds to 2012, second by Member Sanchez, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

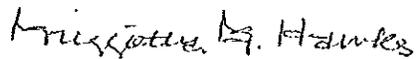
6. FUNDING PLAN DISCUSSION: Included in Council packets was a Crosswalk matrix that provided goal areas and will be used for future planning; end of the year expenditures by grantees, and a pyramid exercise. Coordinator Gonzales explained that these will be the tools used at any future strategic planning sessions. Member Ida Rose Florez expressed her concerns around the importance of evaluation data to make decisions; and how important it is to spend funds to get specific evaluation and quality first data. Member Florez would like to see evaluation funds put in the current budget that the Council will be planning for.

Coordinator Gonzales reminded the Council to do their homework, complete the crosswalk and think about the planning process for the next work-session which will include strategies and the unsuccessful Care Coordination strategy. The Council decided to hold a work-session on October 8, 2010 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. This work-session will be held in the Palo Verde Room at the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, 4341 East Broadway Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85040.

Chair Donofrio thanked Jonathon and Briggetta for all of their hard work.

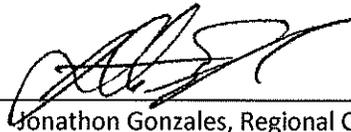
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chair James Washington moved to adjourn, second by Langley-Wells, all in favor, no discussion; Council adjourned at 6:56 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Coordinator

COUNCIL APPROVAL:



Robert Donofrio, Chair