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Arizona Early Child Development and Health Board Yavapai Regional Partnership Council **DRAFT** Minutes

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First Yavapai Regional Partnership Council was held on August 25th, 2010 at the Yavapai College, 1100 E. Sheldon Street, Building 1, Room 200, Prescott, AZ 86301.

Anne Babinsky, Regional Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Members Present: Anne Babinsky, Margie Beach, Barbara Jorgensen, Becky Ruffner, Mica LaBellarte-Williams, Sherry Birch, Julie Clark, and Sara Lienau, Ophelia Tewawina, and Heidi Atkinson.

Members Absent: Kelly McCready.

Review and Approval of the Regional Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Sherry Birch made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2010 regular meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mica Williams and passed unanimously.

Council Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No members of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council declared a conflict of interest with any of the items on the agenda.

Call to the Public

Community Member Ann Sult, of Prescott Unified School District informed the public to contact Kelly Paisley for information in regards to supporting the YES Campaign and availability of yard signs for the community.

Community Member Julie Meyers with Americorp VISTA member with Coalition for Compassion and Justice spoke about First Things First 2nd year of the weekend family food program. 150 plus healthy bags are given to children 0-5 targeting Head Start and DES. Julie Meyers informed the council that there is a need for designating food towards the children in Yavapai County. Statistics were provided in terms of children in poverty levels and families who are need of food. and asked the Regional Council to consider this challenge when determining future strategies.

Coordinator's Report and Update

Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch reported on a number of current events, including; a review of timelines designed to inform council the of future tasks including the availability of being available September 15, 2010; definitions were dicussed to inform the council about new language to be incorporated by First Things First; and task force updates. Outreach Coordinator Cindy Pemberton

provided information and reviewed travel and mileage procedures. Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch informed the council of business card availability for new council members and Conflict of Interest Training.

Review and Discuss 2010 Needs and Assets Report

Darcy Richardson, Representative for LeCroy and Milligan, presented the 2010 Needs and Assets Report. Discussing the final draft of the Needs and Assets Report, Darcy informed the Council about framework, feedback received, key findings of special requests, observations, and focus on identifying tasks specifically related to children and families. Council Member Becky Ruffner requested to ammend a future Needs and Assets report to include specific data about substance exposed newborns. Council Member Becky Ruffner acknowledged C.A.S.A. is an acronym, it is not a word as it remains in the report unidentified. Council Member Barbara Jorgensen made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council accept the Needs and Assets of 2010 as written by LeCroy and Milligan Associates once the word C.A.S.A. is changed to an acronym along with any other required corrections The motion was seconded by Council Member Margie Beach and passed unanimously.

Review 2010-2011 Implementation

Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch discussed the First Things First State Quarterly Board meetings as it pertains to the Yavapai Regional Council meeting, including information about a recent discussion by the State Board to authorize Executive Director, Rhian Evans Allvin to approve future needs and or changes pertaining to local Regional Partnership Council requests in the absence of the State Board approval. Coordinator Deutsch discussed the Operational Plan which feeds into the funding and the electronic portion to include financial figures and grantee data information. Updates were provided in terms of a new employee manual and grantee narrative reviews were also discussed.

Review and Discuss 2010-2011 Regional Partnership Meeting Schedule

Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch provided the 2010 and 2011 meeting schedule for review. It was requested for the council to review future dates and times to determine what was most suitable by the majority of the council in terms of convenient schedules. Council Member Becky Ruffner made a motion to maintain the timeframe of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council Meetings of 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month to hold the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Mica Williams and passed unanimously.

Council Member Reports and Updates

Council Member Sherry Birch shared with the council her appreciation for Claire Louge who will be attending an open house event at Sherry's center in Black Canyon City to promote awareness of First Things First. Council Member Margie Beach expressed her appreciation about the Verde Valley Little Kids Book and acknowledged the value for the Verde Valley area. Vice Chair Mica Williams announced that she will be disseminating the Verde Valley Little Kids Book to pediatrician offices. Council Member Ophelia Tewawina announced the books have been distributed in Camp Verde and at Yavapai Apache Nation locations. Chair Anne Babinsky requested that Leanne Lawhead receive each version of the Little Kids Book. Council Member Julie Clark thanked Lori Deutsch for the focus group meeting and for providing additional training and assistance for new council members.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Partnership Council is a workgroup meeting scheduled for August 31st, 2010 at 3:30pm in Mesa, AZ

The following meeting of the Regional Partnership Council is a regular meeting scheduled for September 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Prescott.

Adjourn

Regional Council Chair Anne Babinsky entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Barbara Jorgensen made a motion to adjourn the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ophelia Tewawina and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.



Lori Deutsch, Yavapai Regional Coordinator

Approved:

Anne Babinsky, Chair

September 22, 2010