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

Call to Order

A workgroup meeting of the First Things First Yavapai Regional Partnership Council was held on August 31, 2010 at the Mesa Marriott– Ballroom B, 200 North Centennial Way, Mesa, Arizona 85201.

Anne Babinsky Rawlings, Regional Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30PM.

Members Present: Anne Babinsky Rawlings, Julie Clark, Barbara Jorgensen, Kelly McCready, Becky Ruffner, Sara Lienau, Mica Williams, Sherry Birch, Heidi Atkinson, and Margie Beach.

Members Absent: Ophelia Tewawina.

Discussion of Carry Forward and Unspent FY2010 Funds

Council Chairperson Anne Babinsky Rawlings discussed the Yavapai Regional First Things First FY2010 unspent funds, including unawarded RFGAs for Parenting Education, Child Care Conferences, and Health Insurance Outreach. The possibility of reissuing unawarded RFGAs will be brought up at the September Regional Partnership Council regular meeting. Regional Manager Tracey Craig has secured a place on the September First Things First Board meeting agenda for Yavapai Regional RFGAs in case the Council decides to submit the reissuing of RFGAs for Board approval.

Yavapai Regional Strategies and State Priorities

The Council will compare the current strategies for the Yavapai Region to the statewide priorities presented at the First Things First Summit at the September regular meeting. Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch presented the opportunity for the Council to hire a facilitator for the FY2012 Strategic Planning session in October.

Council Member Heidi Atkinson stated that she believed the Yavapai Regional Strategies align with the Statewide priorities presented at the Summit.

Council Member Becky Ruffner noted the absence of an early literacy statewide strategy.

Strategy Planning and the 2010 Needs and Assets Report

The recently presented 2010 Needs and Assets Report for Yavapai Region was discussed for its consideration during Strategic Planning. Yavapai Regional Coordinator Lori Deutsch invited the Council to ask for more information pertaining to the Needs and Assets Report. Council Member Becky Ruffner proposed that strategies are developed around the striking indicators shown in the Needs and Assets report.

Unregulated vs. Regulated Child Care

Council Vice-Chairperson Mica Williams suggested the inclusion of unregulated Child Care in Strategic Planning. It was noted that Mental Health Consultants and Child Care Health Consultation are both First Things First funded strategies that are available for all Child Care Centers regardless of their regulation status.

Operational Plan Data

FY2010 data for each Yavapai Regional First Things First Grantee, including target numbers, actual service numbers, and dollars spent will be available at the September regular meeting for consideration for strategic planning.

Next Meeting Dates

Meeting dates, including the upcoming Chairs and Vice-chairs meeting, the First Things First State Board meeting, and dates for the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council's FY2012 Strategic Planning meeting were discussed. Solidification of the strategic planning meeting dates will occur at the September regular meeting.

Next Meeting

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

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM.



Lori Deutsch, Yavapai Regional Coordinator

Approved:

Anne Babinsky, Chair

September 22, 2010