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Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Welcome/Introduction of Guests

The regular meeting of the La Paz/ Mohave Regional Partnership Council was held on August 23, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at the Bullhead City Elementary School District Board Room located at 1004 Hancock Road, Bullhead City, Arizona 86442.

Chairman Frei called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Council members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

Members Present

Riley Frei, Nancy Mongeau, Lenore Knudtson, Alisa Burroughs, Jose Garcia, Betsy Lewis, Vijette Saari, Catie Sondrol, Howard Weiske, Debra Weger - telephonically

Members Absent

Terri Holloway

Call to the Public

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Sondrol made a motion to approve the June 28, 2012 meeting minutes. Member Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Needs and Assets Final Draft

Director Beckett reviewed the report and stated that by statute it must go to the State Board for approval by September 1st. Member Sondrol answered questions from a grantee regarding referrals to the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP). Chair Frei noted that as an educator, he wishes he would have had this report long ago. Vice Chair Mongeau agreed, and stated it is a valuable tool for grantees. Members of the University of Arizona team that wrote the report made positive comments about the approach taken by the La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council and thanked partners who helped by providing information through key informant interviews and focus groups. Member Knudtson requested typographical errors be fixed and Director Beckett assured they would be. Vice Chair Mongeau made a motion to approve the Needs and Assets Report with the requested minor changes. Member Saari seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Approval on Court Team Grant Agreement

Director Beckett requested approval to increase the Court Team grant agreement for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2013 by \$10,000. In SFY 2012, the Court Team grant budget had a \$10,000 line item for a database that was not completed. This amount remains in the region's carry forward balance and the database is still needed to support ongoing program monitoring and evaluation. The Court Team is able to complete the database quickly with approval. Vice Chair Mongeau made a motion to approve the additional \$10,000 for the Court Team grant agreement. Member Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Grantee Presentations on Family Support Strategies

Fort Mojave Indian Tribe – Home Visitation – Sandra Woods Bricker
Child and Family Resources, Inc. – Healthy Families – Jo Harper and Shelley Spencer
Child and Family Resources, Inc. – Children with Special Needs – Kandice Nichols
Arizona Children's Association – Parents as Teachers – Shelley Fischer
Child and Family Resources, Inc. – Building Bright Futures for Teen Parents – Vanessa Sandoval
The Learning Center for Families – Home-Based Early Head Start – Debbie Justice and Carol Lungrin

Intermission

Chair Frei adjourned the meeting for a short break at 10:52 a.m. Chair Frei called the meeting back to order at 11:00 a.m.

Grantee Presentations on Early Learning Strategies

Littlefield Unified School District – Prekindergarten Scholarships – Phyllis Leavitt
 Child and Family Resources, Inc. – Quality First – Andrea Dekker and Rozaland French (Laurie – Gingerbread House)
 Bullhead City Elementary School District – Prekindergarten Scholarships – Cindy Neuzil
 Lake Havasu City Unified School District – Prekindergarten Scholarships – Aggie Wolter
 Mohave Valley Elementary School District – Mandy Waxler

Director Beckett stated that three of the pre-K programs were unable to attend: Kingman, Bouse and Topock. Also, EQ Scholars in Quartzsite lost their charter on June 30, 2012. Director Beckett is working to initiate a new contract with the organization taking over that charter. Director Beckett did meet with the school administrator in Salome (George Dean), and is excited to establish an agreement with them to bring back to Council.

Grantee Presentations on Professional Development Strategies

Association for Supportive Child Care – Professional Development Program – Margaret Taylor
 Association for Supportive Child Care – Kith and Kin – Claudia Ortiz-Vazquez
 Association for Supportive Child Care – TEACH – Natasha Lopez

Grantee Presentations on Coordination Strategies

Mohave County Superior Court – Court Team – Tonya Ford

Director's Report and Possible Discussion

- A. Welcome New Regional Council Member – Chairman Frei welcomed Howard Weiske to the Council.
- B. SFY 2012 Financial Report – Director Beckett stated that SFY 2012 accounts are being reconciled and the final unexpended amounts for each contract and the region's carry forward amount for SFY 2013 should be final by mid-September.
- C. SFY 2013 Financial Report – Director Beckett stated that the limited reimbursement activity seen in the report is to be expected at the start of a new fiscal year.
- D. SFY 2014 Funding Plan Development – Director Beckett suggested using a work group to develop recommendations for the SFY 2014 funding plan, as in prior years, and asked that anyone interested in helping with the work group contact her. Recommendations need to be approved by the council at the October regional council meeting in order to prepare a draft for approval at the December 6th regional council meeting. By statute, the region must present a plan for approval by the state board in December of each year. Vice Chair Mongeau and Member Burroughs offered to serve on the work group, and Member Saari also volunteered, if needed.
- E. October 25, 2012 Regional Council Meeting – The annual Court Team Symposium is planned for the same date as the regular regional council meeting in October. Tonya Ford has offered to provide a room for the council meeting if the council decides to hold the meeting in conjunction with the Court Team Symposium. Member Knudtson suggested there may be a problem holding the meeting out of state. Director Beckett will check into this, but the Council agreed to meet in Nevada (if allowed) at 10:15 a.m. on October 25, 2012. Otherwise, the meeting will be moved to October 18, 2012.
- F. Grantee Orientation – This is scheduled on Monday, August 27, 2012 in Lake Havasu City. Members are welcome to join.

Next Meeting

Chair Frei thanked all the presenters. The next meeting is at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the Arizona Western College Quartzsite Learning Center located at 695 Kofa Avenue in Quartzsite, Arizona 85346.

Adjourn

Member Saari made a motion to adjourn at 12:46 p.m. Member Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes **NOT** approved.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Sandy Smith, Administrative Assistant

Riley Frei, Chair