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Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board

Coconino Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Welcome

The regular meeting of the First Things First Coconino Regional Partnership Council was held on September 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was located at the United Way of Northern Arizona conference room, 1515 E. Cedar Ave. Suite D-1, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Julianne Hartzell, the Chairwoman for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Chair Hartzell introduced the newest Council member, Debbie Winlock.

Members Present:

Noreen Sakiestewa, Josh Allen, Julianne Hartzell, Debbie Winlock, Barbara Worgess, Ken Edes

Tony Gonzales joined the meeting at 4:25pm

Agnes Chamberlain joined the meeting at 4:30pm

Members Absent:

Kerry Blume, Mary McLellan, Seobaghn Arambula

Staff Present:

Trudy Rogers (Coconino Regional Coordinator), Ellen Majure (Northeast Area Administrative Assistant)

Call to the Public

Dr. Pamela Powell, Associate Professor at Northern Arizona University (NAU) and First Things First Board Member, spoke to the Council. She reported that NAU was recently accredited by National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and has received national recognition from the National Council for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). She also shared that First Things First will be holding its state board meeting in Kingman next week and she invited everyone present to attend. Dr. Powell also spoke about the First Things First State Board meeting last month in Flagstaff. The Board meeting was short but productive. Dr. Powell invited everyone to attend the State Board meetings, which occur in Phoenix and other locations around the state.

Collette Cox, Education Director for the Kaibab Paiute tribe, spoke to the council about the tribe and her new job as the education director. She shared that the tribe is small. There are 325 members, 20 of whom live on the reservation (birth to five years old) and another 17 in that age group off reservation. The tribal land is located 15 miles from Fredonia. Many Tribal members work off reservation in Kanab. Most of the children go to Fredonia schools and some attend Colorado City schools. They have a great

need of First Things First in their area. The tribe does not have the early childhood piece in the community and there is a need for early childhood education, support services and child care on the reservation. Some of the children attend Head Start in Fredonia. The Tribe is starting a child care center in the fall of 2010. They have a building for the center. Ms. Cox would like to present more information about the Kaibab Paiute at a future Council meeting.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the August 24th, 2009 Coconino Regional Partnership Council Meeting*

Addition of Attendance Policy as Part of the Coconino Governance Policy*

A motion was made by Member Allen to approve the August 24th, 2009 meeting minutes and the Attendance Policy as part of the Coconino Governance Policy. Seconded by Member Edes. Motion Carried.

Kith and Kin Presentation

Sarah Okampo-Schlesinger, Arizona Kith and Kin Project and Injury Prevention Program Coordinator for the Association for Supportive Child Care, presented an overview of the Arizona Kith and Kin Project. They have an office in Flagstaff. This project, which began in 1999 is designed to improve and strengthen the quality and reliability of kith and kin (child, family, neighbor) child care in Arizona. They were the recipient of the First Things First statewide grant and they are bringing this program to the Flagstaff area.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Regional Mission Statement

Chair Hartzell asked for a motion to approve the Regional Mission Statement with the addition of Winslow in the mission statement. Member Allen motioned that we change the mission statement as recommended under tab 2. Motion seconded by member Worgess. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Next Steps on the Coordination and Collaboration Strategy

Chair Hartzell informed the Council that one of the bidders, Flagstaff Medical Center, filed a protest with First Things First. First Things First has answered the protest but they have not heard back from Flagstaff Medical Center. Chair Hartzell asked Ms. Rogers to address next steps for Coordination and Collaboration. Member Worgess then declared a conflict of interest because she was a partner in a bid that was submitted. Ms. Rogers informed the Council regarding funding options for this strategy, which include reposting the RFGA as is which would give it 4 to 6 months of work, reposting the RFGA with small or big revisions, having it as a government to government agreement, carrying over the funds to the next fiscal year or putting the funds into another strategy. Member Allen questioned why the funding would have to stop in June, 2010 and not continue as a funded program into the next fiscal year when there will be carryover funds for a 16 month program. Member Worgess questioned this also. The Council then discussed at length the possibilities for this strategy. Chair Hartzell then requested that the Council move ahead with deciding where they are with this strategy. Member Worgess requested to know the reasons none of the RFGA applicants were selected for this strategy. Ms. Rogers clarified that the reasons for the review committee's recommendations cannot be discussed until October 1st, when the information is available publically. Member Allen stated that this strategy was about creating hubs and synergy in communities and that ultimately it should be the work of the communities. He would like to see this strategy re-issued to see if this can be developed out in the communities. Member Sakiestewa expressed that since the Council now knows that a protest has been filed from one of the applicants that was not selected, she would like to have more information about the status of this strategy before looking at possibly modifying the strategy. Member Allen pointed out that the RFGA did not line up with what the Council intended and that it will require some level of tweaking to try to get more communities involved. Member Edes suggested that a modified RFGA could be brought back to the Council next month.

Update and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2010 Funding Plan and Presentation and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2011 Funding Plan

Ms. Rogers presented the attachments related to the FY 2010 and FY 2011 Funding Plan for discussion. The Council then discussed Funding plan strategies and funding options for both FY 2010 and FY 2011. Member Allen expressed that he does not feel any large changes to the funding plan are necessary for the FY 2011 funding plan.

Chair Hartzell proposed adding a new strategy for conducting a Kaibab Paiute study. She also expressed concern that \$125,000 may not be enough for the Oral Health Strategy. Chair Hartzell asked Member Worgess if she thinks based on her experience, \$125,000 is enough for the Oral Health Strategy in the Coconino region. Member Worgess stated that there are not enough funds in the entire allocation to cover the whole region. Member Worgess offered to have her staff work out a plan that would show what an oral health program costs.

The Council continued to discuss strategies for FY 2010 and for FY 2011. Several Council members expressed the opinion that the funding plan for 2011 should focus primarily on existing strategies. Chair Hartzell asked Member Allen if he would meet with her and Ms. Rogers to develop a budget that could be sent out to the Council before the next meeting and also get information on coordination and collaboration and send that to Council members as well. Member Allen agreed to meet with Chair Hartzell and Ms. Rogers. The Council then discussed the possibility of continuing to fund emergency response strategies.

8. Discussion and Possible Approval of Additional Funding for 2010 Needs and Assets Report

Chair Hartzell brought up funding for the Needs and Assets Report. There will be state First Things First funding for the Needs and Assets report, but the exact amount has not yet been determined. The Council has allocated \$10,000 for the Needs and Assets report. Chair Hartzell believes that more money will be required to adequately fund the report. The Council discussed appropriate funding amounts for this strategy. Member Allen offered that he believes it will cost approximately \$60,000 for the project.

Regional Coordinator Update

Ms. Rogers asked Member Sakiestewa to give an update on the Hopi Lavayi Assessment. Member Sakiestewa updated the Council on the tribal approval process. A resolution went to the Tribal Council and a motion was made to go to all 11 villages to present the Lavayi model. The Tribal Council approved that approach. Ms. Rogers, Ms, Khalsa and Member Sakiestewa came up with a strategy last week for going into the villages. They will be presenting to the villages in the near future and then the resolution will go back to the tribal council with the data from the villages meetings. Member Allen posed the idea of hiring someone using FTF funds to meet with the villages for this tribal process. Member Sakiestewa shared that the Tribal Council directed her to attend all of the village meetings. Ms. Rogers agreed to look into the possibilities for hiring someone to do this leg work.

Adjourn

SUBMITTED BY:

Ellen Majure, Admin Asst III

APPROVED BY:

Julianne Hartzell, Chair