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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 24, 2011 at the Yavapai College, Building 1, Room 200, 1100 E. Sheldon Street, Prescott, AZ 86301.

Sherry Birch, Regional Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Members Present: Sara Lienau, Ophelia Tewawina, Mica LaBellarte Williams, Barbara Jorgensen, Julie Hall Allison, and Juanita Setzer. Kathy Watson attended telephonically.

Members Absent: Anne Babinsky Rawlings and Julie Clark.

Vice Chair Sherry Birch introduced Jennifer Gosnell as the newest AmeriCorps VISTA member who has been contracted to work with the Yavapai Regional Office for one year. Kathy Watson discussed conflict of interest with all Regional Council Members and Community Partners.

Approve RPC Meeting Minutes

Council Member Barbara Jorgensen made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2011 regular meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mica LaBellarte Williams and passed unanimously.

Council Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Vice Chair Sherry Birch declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning agenda item #6 and #7 because she works for an organization that is a Quality First site and she as well as her staff members, are a recipient of TEACH scholarships, child care health consultation and mental health consultation.

Council Member Barbara Jorgensen declared a conflict of interest with regard to deliberations concerning agenda item #6 and #7 because she is a contractor for child care health consultation and nurse home visitation and works for an organization that receives funding for these services.

Presentation and Discussion on the 2011 Strategies (Grantees)

Grantee Melanie Jacobson provided a presentation about Community Impact, a program through the United Way of Yavapai County.

Presentation and Discussion on Regional Needs and Assets

Needs and Assets Vendor, Michele Walsh PhD of The University of Arizona Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences provided an overview of the 2012 Needs and Assets Project report. Michele Walsh provided an introduction and summarized the scope of work for the First Things First Needs and Assets Assessment for Yavapai County as well as a review of the draft community indicators, geographic areas for additional work products, and timelines.

Review and Discuss Financial Report

Regional Director Lori Deutsch provided updates pertaining to the Financial Report including financial highlights; this report will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Review and Discussion of SFY2011 Funding Plan Allocations

Regional Director Lori Deutsch discussed the SFY 2011-2012 Funding Plan Allocations. It was identified there were existing strategies that were stagnant within the funding plan. Recommendations were discussed to address the funding.

Council Member Mica LaBellarte Williams made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council reduce the allotment for the Food Security Strategy from \$100,000.00 to \$45,000.00 for fiscal year 2011-2012 and move the \$55,000.00 to carry forward. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barbara Jorgensen and passed with a majority of votes. Council Member Juanita Setzer abstained.

Council Member Barbara Jorgensen made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council reduce the allotment for the Prenatal Outreach Strategy from \$380,000.00 to \$300,000.00 for fiscal year 2011-2012 and move the \$80,000.00 to carry forward. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sara Lienau and passed unanimously.

Council Member Ophelia Tewawina made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council reduce the allotment for the Community Partnerships Strategy from \$60,000.00 to \$30,000.00 for fiscal year 2011-2012 and move the \$30,000.00 to carry forward. The motion was seconded by Council Member Juanita Setzer and passed unanimously.

Review and Discuss Communications Outreach

Community Outreach Coordinator Claire Louge provided detailed information in regard to the Community Outreach Plan. A workgroup was formed to identify goals and targets along with media allocations. The Community Outreach Workgroup recommended a designated funding plan to the Regional Council members. Council Member Mica LaBellarte Williams made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council adopt the Community Outreach Plan as presented with an effective date of August 24, 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Juanita Setzer and passed unanimously.

Director's Report

Regional Director Lori Deutsch reported on a number of updates and current events including: Congressman Gosar was at the Prescott Area Womens Shelter and Director Deutsch attended on behalf of First Things First; emails were sent out regarding the Summit and location for the workgroup meeting; reading materials have been submitted to council members; conflict of interest was approached regarding mannerisms; the September meeting will include introductions of the newest grantees and their presentations; new meeting schedules for the funding plan may be addressed in September; the Beaver Creek Health Start project will be placed on the September agenda for review; the Child Care Study has been moved from September to October; the draft worksheet for the Native Language and Enrichment strategy has been completed and meetings will be held to finalize the worksheet; please rsvp to Cindy Pemberton for all council meetings; Americorps VISTA member Hillary Goldstein has completed her contract with First Things First and will be leaving Friday August 26, 2011.

Call to the Public

AmeriCorps VISTA Member Hillary Goldstein spoke to the Council Members regarding the Diaper Drive, Family Support through coalition building, Facebook and the VISTA year wrap up.

Council Member Reports and Updates

Council Member Julie Hall Allison announced that she will begin a project with Harvey Grady on a Child Hunger telephone survey which will look at all child care centers and public schools to identify food insecurity, malnutrition, obesity and diabetes. Council Member Barbara Jorgensen advised the council that the latest version of the Child Care Health Consultation Newsletter is available at the sign in table. Council Member Mica LaBellarte Williams announced that she is resigning as she has accepted a position in Tucson with the Knowledge Learning Kinder Care Center. Vice Chair Sherry Birch attended the Arizona Rural Development Grant Forum. The conference provided networks and direct links with companies for grant funding opportunities in rural areas; Sherry highly suggests anyone interested in attending the conference to contact her for more information.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Partnership Council is a regular meeting scheduled for September 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Prescott.

Adjourn

Council Member Barbara Jorgensen made a motion to adjourn the Yavapai Regional Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Julie Hall Allison and passed unanimously. Vice Chair Sherry Birch adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.



Lori Deutsch, Yavapai Regional Director

Approved:

Sherry Birch, Vice Chair

September 28, 2011