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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

A Special Council Meeting open to the public, was held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 beginning at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

Welcome/Roll Call/Call to Order

Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at 12:41 p.m. and asked for a roll call of members and guests. Members present were Chair Endfield, Vice Chair Whitesinger, Shine Burnette, Michael Gaffney, Paula Hoyt, and Kathy Wynn. Members absent were Nikina Whitaker and Jandi Hernandez.

Disclosure of Conflicts

No Conflicts of Interest were disclosed at this time.

Ratification of vote on RFGA #FTF-RCO28-15-0490-00

(Parent Outreach and Awareness)

Chair Endfield tabled this item.

Presentation and Discussion of FTF State Board Approved Fiscal Policy

Regional Director Beazley provided the Regional Council with the State Board Approved Fiscal Policy for SFY2016 and beyond. She said that due to decrease in Tobacco Tax revenues in SFY2014, which the Budget for SFY2016 is based on, the State Board established a 126.6 million base budget for FTF Statewide, for each Fiscal Year beginning in SFY2016.

Presentation and Discussion of the Quality First Coaching And Incentives and Quality First Child Care Scholarships Strategy Changes

Regional Director Beazley explained the changes that will be effective for Quality First beginning in SFY2016. She said the Quality First Package will be separate from Quality First Scholarships. Regional Director Beazley said the main difference is that Regional Councils will have the option to fund Scholarships separately although the number of providers will remain the same. If there are no 3 star providers, the council will have the option to provide scholarships to 2 star providers.

SFY2016-2018 Strategic Planning, Discussion and Possible approval Of Retaining Current Prioritized Regional Needs

Regional Director Beazley told the Regional Council that as a result of the State Board Fiscal Policy, Councils are being asked to examine their prioritized Regional Needs to assure they are still in alignment with their school readiness indicators and local identified needs. She used a power point presentation to show the current prioritized regional needs along with current strategies and how they match each of these needs. After a lengthy discussion the Regional Council made some recommendations. Member Burnette moved to change the current prioritized regional needs to be as follows: Priority # 1: Need to increase access to affordable quality child care for children from birth to 5; Priority #2 Need to support parents with children who have a developmental delay but do not qualify for early intervention services; Priority # 3 Need for child wellness, including: Oral health, vision, hearing, nutrition, obesity, well child visits; Priority #4: Need support, information, and early literacy opportunities for families with children birth through 5 years old; Priority #5: Need for public awareness, support from public officials and collaborative community partnerships to strengthen the support of the early childhood development and healthy system.

Member Hoyt seconded. Motion passed.

Regional Director Beazley presented information on FTF funded and non-FTF funded strategies in the region. She showed the primary goal areas for funding along with FTF strategies that address these areas as well as community entities that provide service in these areas. After discussion, the Regional Council suggested several more entities that provide services in these goal areas.

Regional Director Beazley said that she will include non-funded strategies as part of her monthly report to reflect regional system building efforts.

Presentation and Discussion of SFY2016-2018 Strategic Plan

Regional Director Beazley presented an overview of strategies and funding levels over the last 3 Fiscal years, the current SFY2015 funding plan, and the proposed SFY16 budget allocations. She provided a visual of the funding as the first step in the Regional Strategic Planning. She provided scenarios that reflected the reality of the new Fiscal Policy as well as the changes to Quality First. Regional Director Beazley highlighted each of the current strategies, providing updates and discussing with the Regional Council their direction for the strategies for the SFY2016 Funding Plan as well as the SFY2016-2018 Strategic Plan. Regional Director Beazley told the Regional Council that the next step will be to present the SFY2016 funding plan and the SFY16-18 strategic plan with the changes as suggested by the Regional Council for their approval at the October 23, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Next Meeting October 23, 2014 at 3:00 pm ABC Day Care Center, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941

Adjourn

Chair Endfield adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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Laurel Endfield, Chair



Krista Beazley, Regional Director