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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Draft Minutes

Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the First Things First – White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on September 13, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

Vice Chair Whitesinger called the meeting to order at approximately 3:16 p.m.

Members Present:

C. Bradley Brock, Shine Burnette, Ranelda Hastings (arrived at 3:30 p.m.), Velma Kaytoggy, Maura Riesop, Dawnafe Whitesinger and Kathy Wynn

Members Absent: Laurel Endfield

Other Attendees: Cyndi Chism, Kate Dobler-Allen, Mona Eleando, Pam Flake, Michelle Katona, Glenda Lee, Karen Peifer, Maureen Theobald, Mary Tyler, Virginia Turner and Amy Zak-Urban

Call to the Public

Amy Zak-Urban of Southwest Human Development described the Smart Support program, which provides mental health consultation for early care and education programs and distributed literature related to the program.

Disclosure of Conflicts

None

Regional Director Search Update

Sr. Director Northeast Region, Virginia Turner stated that approximately 40 applications have been received. Phone screens are being done and in-person interviews are expected in October.

Needs and Assets Data Collection Update

Sr. Director Turner informed the members that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council approved the Data Collection Resolution. Once the approval document is received, the Needs and Assets vendor contract will be secured.

Consent Agenda

Member Brock moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, which includes the minutes of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Regular meeting held on July 26, 2011 and the Special meeting held on August 23, 2011. Member Wynn seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Reschedule and Approve the November 2011 Meeting Date

Since Chair Endfield will not be able to attend the scheduled meeting on November 1, 2011, and this meeting will cover the Funding Plan discussion, it has been requested that this meeting be rescheduled.

After discussion, Member Burnette moved that the November 2011 Regular meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council be rescheduled to November 10, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., at ABC Day Care in Whiteriver, Arizona. Member Riesop seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Member Hastings arrived at 3:30 p.m.

Presentation and Discussion of Strategic Planning Process and Timeline for State Fiscal Years 2013-2015

Regional Director, Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council, Kate Dobler-Allen reviewed the process for the strategic planning of the next three-year fiscal cycle and discussed the timeline for the process.

Program Reports, State Fiscal Year 2012

a. Nalwod Father's Project: Kirk Massey, Jr., Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health, was unable to be present at the meeting; however, Mr. Massey, Jr., prepared an update, which was distributed to members and attendees.

b. Parent Coaching: Cyndi Chism, Public Health Nurse, Indian Health Services – Whiteriver/Cibecue, shared areas of progress, such as, increased reading by the children, creation of song books in the Apache language, development of tools to measure progress and also reported that the Parent Kit distribution is going well.

c. Oral Health and Dental Varnish: Mary Tyler, Assistant Director from the Navajo County Public Health District Services gave an update on the dental screening and fluoride varnish and oral health education project progress to date.

d. Reach Out and Read Program: Pam Flake, Reach Out and Read, gave a program update outlining activity successes in Whiteriver and Cibecue. Ms. Flake distributed a job posting for a part-time Outreach Assistant to work in the region.

Presentation and Discussion of State Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 Year-End Data

Regional Director Dobler-Allen shared an overview of the State Fiscal Years 2010-2012 Funding Plan Summary and also shared the contract detail reports and funding plan summaries for both 2010 and 2011 State Fiscal Years.

Presentation and Discussion of State Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Reports

Regional Director Dobler-Allen reviewed the funding plan summary and the contract detail report for the current State Fiscal Year and also reviewed the narrative reports from the 4th quarter of State Fiscal Year 2011.

Presentation, Review and Discussion of First Things First Board-Approved Arizona School Readiness Indicators

Regional Director Dobler-Allen shared the notes from the Tribal Consultation session held on July 28, 2011 and reviewed the First Things First School Readiness Indicators. Regional Director Dobler-Allen then gave an overview of the First Things First system outcomes, goals and the details of the indicators and explained that Regional Councils are expected to align their funding plans with three of the indicators for State Fiscal Year 2013.

Presentation and Discussion of Quality First Model for State Fiscal Years 2013-2015

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the Quality First Model that will be applicable in State Fiscal Year 2013, should the Regional Council choose to allot funding to the strategy. Significant discussion followed with additional information requested related to Quality First Scholarships and whether they need to be included in the cost-model for this region.

Adjourn

Vice Chair Whitesinger noted that the First Things First Early Childhood Summit solidified the work that this Regional Council is doing but also brought about the realization of the work that still needs to be done. Vice Chair Whitesinger thanked the First Things First staff and the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council members for their contributions to this effort. The next meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council will be held at 3:00 p.m., on October 4, 2011, at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941. Having no further business, Vice Chair Whitesinger adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:49 p.m.

Approved:

Dawnafe Whitesinger, Vice Chair

Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director
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