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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on October 5, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at ABC Day Care, 422 S. 2nd Ave., Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at approximately 3:21 p.m.

Members Present:
C. Bradley Brock, Shine Burnette, Valerie Dehombreux, Laurel Endfield, Ranelda Hastings, and Kathy Wynn

Members Absent: Velma Kaytoggy and Dawnafe Whitesinger

Other Attendees: Rachel Daffara, Mona Eleando, Claude Endfield, Rhonda Etsitty, Rochelle Lacapa and Maureen Theobald

Discussion and Possible Approval of the September 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Chair Endfield asked the members to review the minutes of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council regular meeting held on September 14, 2010.

Member Burnette moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council accept the minutes of the September 14, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Member Brock seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Call to the Public

Ms. Mona Eleando, Apache Families First Project, shared that another course, ECD 185, was completed today on the Northland Pioneer College campus. Eleven students completed the course. Another course is in the planning stages and will begin next week in Cibecue.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Regional Governance Policy, Third Read

Coordinator Lacapa noted that the clarification regarding the Call to the Public has been given by the office of the Attorney General. The verbiage in section 1-105 Call to the Public Procedure cannot be changed in the last paragraph of that section because it must align with the statute for Open Meeting Law.

Member Brock moved to accept this revision of the Regional Governance Policy, as presented, with no further changes. Member Wynn seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of State Fiscal Year 2011 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Contract Renewal

Chair Endfield prepared a conflict of interest form because she is the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapter Advisor. With Chair Endfield's recusal, there was no longer a quorum to discuss this agenda item; it will be tabled until next month.

Review and Discussion of State Fiscal Year 2010 Quarter 4 Grantee Data Reports

Coordinator Lacapa shared that the fourth quarter data reports have been received for the Apache Families First Project and the Johns Hopkins Fathers' Project. Coordinator Lacapa noted that the Fathers' Project has 29 fathers enrolled and is on track to serve 75 fathers in the second year. Coordinator Lacapa also noted that the Apache Families First Project came very near its target for its first year and expects to meet the target for the second year.

Discussion and Possible Re-allotment of State Fiscal Year 2011 Strategy – Communications: Community Outreach Consultant
Coordinator Lacapa reminded the members that $10,000 was added to this strategy during last month's meeting. The applicant for this position has been interviewed and the contract is being finalized today by Moses Anshell. This contract will run from October 12, 2010 through December 31, 2010; renewal would run from January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011. Because this is a contract position, it can be terminated at any time.

Review of State Fiscal Year 2012 Regional Allocations and State Fiscal Year 2012 Strategic Planning Session
Coordinator Lacapa noted that it is time to begin thinking about the 2012 State Fiscal Year Funding Plan. All Regional Partnership Councils will present their funding plans to the State Board in January 2011. Coordinator Lacapa asked the members to review the State Fiscal Year Funding Plans from 2010 and 2011 to determine if these are still the priorities or if there are other needs in the community that are a higher priority. The regional allocation for State Fiscal Year 2012 was approved by the State Board in September 2010. This region's allocation is approximately $708,000. Due to the tobacco tax decline, the State Board has approved a step-down funding plan for the next decade. This may cause regional allocations to be level in the future, as opposed to increasing each year.

Discussion and Possible Approval of State Fiscal Year 2012 Strategic Planning Sessions
Coordinator Lacapa shared that the members can form a subcommittee to discuss the funding plan, which can be made up of members and outside representatives. The members reached consensus on this and decided to form a subcommittee; members who will represent this subcommittee include Chair Endfield and Member Wynn. A status of this subcommittee will be given at the November meeting so that the funding plan can be finalized between November and December 2010.

Coordinator's Report
Coordinator Lacapa reviewed the list of meetings in the community and the newspaper articles submitted to *The Apache Scout* during the month of September 2010. Coordinator Lacapa shared that the Women's Conference will take place next week; First Things First will provide the registration materials, as well as early literacy kits. Funding for these items is from the community events line item of the Communications budget. The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) group is planning a Holiday Carnival in December; early literacy kits will be handed out. Coordinator Lacapa noted that sign language books are being provided to Child Find for trainings with parents. Coordinator Lacapa shared that approximately 1500 books have been distributed in the community. Coordinator Lacapa will send 15 books to Indian Health Services for its Toy and Book Drive. Coordinator Lacapa plans to attend the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council meeting tomorrow and will hand out books there, as well. During the Tribal Council meeting, Coordinator Lacapa will give a quarterly update and discuss the barriers to establishing programs and grants. Coordinator Lacapa noted that the Early Literacy Program is moving forward; a meeting with Whiteriver Unified School District has taken place, so this program should be on track to begin on January 1, 2011. Reach Out and Read should also be ready to begin on January 1, 2011. Public Health Nursing will handle the Parent Coaching Program and should begin on January 1, 2011. The Regional "Big Check Event" for the funding for State Fiscal Year 2012 for this region will be held during the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council Meeting on November 3 or 4, 2010.

Items for the Good of the Order
None

Adjourn
Having no further business, Chair Endfield, adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:11 p.m.

Approved:

Laurel Endfield, Chair

Rochelle Lacapa, Regional Coordinator